



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi- Hi-Lites – May 2017

**Monday, May 8
10:00 AM**

**Speaker:
Michael McAllister**

**“1812 Warships
Lost and Found”**

April 30th Tax Time

Our speaker, Linda Bramble, was well received at the April meeting and gave an interesting talk on the history of wine making industry in Ontario Niagara region. We have a connection through Lou Pennachetti and Cave Springs was clearly mentioned.

Congratulations to the Burlington Probus mens club who are celebrating their 30th anniversary. They will be suitably recognized by Probus Canada at the April 27th event at the Grand Valley Golf & Country Club in Canada's 150th year. The Probus Premier event is celebrating 30th anniversary in Canada recognizing the founding clubs Cambridge, Collingwood, and Burlington.

Our own 25th anniversary committee held their first meeting and plans are under way for celebration in 2018.

Vice president, Farhad Gharavy, will be producing a budget for the Christmas event with my assistance. The event has been set for Dec. 11th at the Legion. Farhad needs volunteers for this committee including the 2nd vice president. Please consider this. At first glance the ticket prices will be the same as last year.

I will be forming a nominating committee consisting of myself the 1st vice president and the two immediate past presidents. I hope I can count on assistance from past presidents. Please consider how you can serve the club by joining a committee. If you aspire to become part of the management committee, contact one of us. This is how you can use those talents, meet other members and have a more enjoyable and rewarding club experience.

Anne and I will be returning from Mexico, hopefully with lower golf handicaps, April 28th. Happiness is letting the accountant prepare the tax return.

Mother's Day is May 14th. Enjoy the May flowers.

Ronald Luxon, President

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Guest Speaker – Michael McAllister

Our May meeting speaker is Michael McAllister, who is the Coordinator of the Hamilton & Scourge National Historic Site of Canada. He will be telling us the fascinating story of the Hamilton and Scourge - two 1812 warships that were lost during a storm on Lake Ontario in 1813. The Hamilton and Scourge were merchant schooners pressed into service by the United States Navy. The armed schooners came to rest upright and remarkably intact—masts and all—about 1,500 feet apart and 300 feet deep.



The figurehead on the bow of the schooner Hamilton, which sank in Lake Ontario in 1813. (Courtesy City of Hamilton)

The wrecks, discovered in 1973, are the best-preserved examples of their kind, says Parks Canada. Michael McAllister will be describing the wartime history of these vessels and the continuing research that has been that has been conducted on these vessels since their discovery Michael McAllister is currently the Curatorial Assistant at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology.

Ken Davey, Speakers Committee

Special Events

Special Events Committee May Report

Distribution of the tickets will take place at the May 8th meeting for the upcoming Shaw Festival performance of **“Me and My Girl”**, **Tuesday, May 30, 2017** at 2:00 pm. If you are not attending the May 8th meeting, please arrange with a friend to pick up your tickets. Or you can pick the tickets up at my home. Please call ahead and arrange a time (905 634-3525). My home address is: 377 Bluebird Court, Burlington.

IMPORTANT BULLETIN

Two tickets to the Shaw play have just come available (April 24). If you would like to attend, please contact me directly.

Don't miss out on a chance to enjoy the Foster play, **“Old Love”** at the new First Ontario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines. Only **ten (10)** tickets remain for the **Wednesday, July 19th 2:00 pm** performance. Our hope is to sell out soon after the May meeting, allowing us to distribute the tickets at future meetings. The attractive price of **\$30.00 pp** should lead you to consider a pair of tickets. It promises to be a great afternoon's entertainment in a very beautiful facility. Seats in the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre - Cairns Theatre are now “assigned seating”. Parking and nearby restaurant availability can be found on the First Ontario website.

The sign-up sheet for **“Old Love”** will be available at the May meeting with cheques being accepted for the event. As a reminder to members, all the events we are currently offering are open to family and friends – subject to ticket availability.

The Events Committee is looking for interested members to assist in planning and organizing future events. Please contact me, or any executive

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member, and we can connect.

Bob Moulton, Events Chair

Spring Golf Tournament

I hope that all golfers are now signed up for our spring tournament on Friday, May 26 at the Cambridge Golf Club.



The cost for this year is \$65 all in. That includes golf, power cart, hot lunch and prizes!

If you are golfing and you have not paid, please do so at the May meeting. If you are not planning to be at the meeting, send your cheque payable to "The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore" to me at my home address:

4505 Concord Place, Burlington, ON, L7L 1J5
Call me at 905-639-7921

Dennis Colameco, Golf Coordinator

Computer Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on May 11th at 10 am at Appleby Place.

Remember to send Robert your questions via email to Robert.lalonde@me.com.



Cheer Committee

John Pegg and John Hughes are sharing as Coordinators of the "Cheer Committee".

Club members are asked to advise either of them or a member of the management committee when they learn of a serious illness or death of a fellow member or spouse.



In turn, arrangement will be made to contact or visit the member and follow up on developments. Our Management Committee will be informed and "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards sent to the member on behalf of the Club.

You can reach either John by phone or e-mail.

- John Pegg (905) 637-9980
jt.pegg@sympatico.ca or
- John Hughes (905) 333-4910
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John Pegg, Cheer Committee

House Committee

Greeters and 50/50 Ticket Sellers

We need members who would be willing to act as Greeters and/or 50/50 Draw ticket sellers at our monthly meetings. It's an easy way to help the club and a great way to meet members and make connections. Once the meeting has started, your job is over and you can sit, relax and enjoy the meeting. If you're willing to help, please speak to me at the May meeting or contact me by email or phone. Thanks, in advance.

Jim Gilleland, House Chair
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Next Meeting Date: June 12

