



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites – June 2017

**Monday, June 12
10:00 AM**

**Speaker:
Dennis DesRosiers**

**“Disruptors –
Fact or Fiction?”**

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Message from the President

Like the rest of you, I thoroughly enjoyed our speaker, Michael McAllister, last month. The story of the two 1812 warships, the Hamilton and the Scourge, lost in an 1813 storm on Lake Ontario was most interesting. I want to complement our Speakers Committee and its Chairman Rodney Devitt for doing such a great job.

Congratulations to Probud Canada and the executive for the successful April 27th Event celebrating 30th Anniversary in Canada including Canada's 150th. I received a letter from Bob Boone Director of Ontario District 3 with the high-lights. The annual meeting was held in Toronto April 28th. There were changes to allow for a new District including clubs in Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, North Bay, Bracebridge, Huntsville, Gravenhurst, Midland and Parry Sound. The executive of Probud Canada is: Richard Furlong, Past President; Bill Sexsmith, from Vancouver, is now President, and Bob Boone is the next Vice President. Bob will also handle the marketing initiative. Bob mentioned the formation of the Mixed Burlington Club which now has over 200 members I am told.

Anne and I came back from Florida in time for me to participate in the Golf tournament held at the Cambridge Golf Club on Clyde Road May 26th. I want to thank Dennis Colameco, our Golf Coordinator, and all those who contributed as helpers and sponsors for this successful event. I can report that our golfers were successful in capturing The Probud Club of Burlington Invitational Challenge Trophy. We have now captured this trophy 8 times to the Burlington Clubs 4. Very satisfying is the fact that they had it last year.

I want to again thank Bob Moulton for arranging the wonderful outing to the Shaw Festival May 30th to see the play “Me And My Gal”. Some of us enjoyed the informal discussion on the member's terrace (free) after the play. The Artistic Director was in attendance. The discussion was directed by a volunteer.

Please complete the survey to assist the 25th Anniversary Committee when you get it.

Farhad Gharavy has requested that his name not be submitted for president on the nomination form for next year. He has agreed to continue as the chairman of the Dec. 11th Christmas Luncheon. Please volunteer to help him on the committee for this event. A budget was passed last month and ticket prices will be the same at \$30 per person.

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I want to thank Hal Kemp who has prepared the work sheets for the nominating committee to use in telephoning all members. The committee is made up of the two vice presidents, the president, and the two past presidents. I request that all members consider how they can assist the club to be successful next year. Positions to be filled are: President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer. Bob Moulton has agreed to continue until the end of Dec. as the Chairman of Events. He has suggested that the club consider having an event coordinator to Management Board with others arranging to coordinate individual events.

Come and join us Monday June 12th to hear another good speaker.

Don't forget to submit suggestions to those who will be wondering what to get you for Father's Day on June 18th - maybe a boat if Lake Ontario continues to rise.

Ronald Luxon. President

Guest Speaker – Dennis DesRosiers

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With the onset of autonomous and electric vehicles coupled with the Uber's of the world, some pundits are predicting that there might not be an automotive industry within a decade or two. Our guest speaker is Canada's leading automotive sector analyst and will shed some light on the future of transportation in Canadian Society.

Rodney Devitt, Speakers' Committee

Special Survey – 25th Anniversary

The committee charged with creating a memorable event for our 25th Anniversary have decided to invite your points of view. By clicking on the following link, you will be directed to an on-line survey – should only take a few minutes to complete. Your opinions are valued and greatly appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7TF33B>

Bob Millar, 25th Anniversary Committee

Membership

We are stuck in the mid 140's range, currently at 144. We are looking to increase our membership and have 4 or 5 interested parties, however I am still waiting for their completed applications and waiting and waiting. All in good time I suppose. I thank the membership, as recent interested parties have been attending at the behest of a member. Keep up the good work and why don't we all get in on the exercise. Friends, relatives, work (remember when we did that) colleagues, recent acquaintances - virtually any male with a pulse - more or less!

We can, and should, tout our lively meetings, promoting great discussions and fellowship, good-to-great speakers, excursions to the theatre, golf, curling, hiking, etc.

We seem to oscillate between 145 to 160 members, a few drop off and a similar number join during the year, often after escaping from a winter down south. Thanks and all the best.

Peter Hughes, Membership Chair

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Special Events Committee June Report

Distribution of the tickets for the Foster play performance of “Old Love” on Wednesday, July 19th 2:00 pm at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines will take place at the June meeting. If you are not attending the June meeting, it is recommended you arrange for a friend to pick up your tickets or you can pickup the tickets at my home (377 Bluebird Court, Burlington). Please call ahead and arrange a time (905 634-3525). We will be accepting the additional charges for the “OLD LOVE” tickets when we distribute the tickets.

Parking and nearby restaurant availability for the St. Catharines event can be found on the First Ontario website <https://firstontariopac.ca> Click on “Contact” for information

On August 30, there is the community charity Air Show at the Brantford Airport. Funds raised benefit local charities including the Rotary Club of Brantford and the Canadian Warplane Museum. There will be a sheet available at the Events desk at the June and July meetings for you to indicate: (i) your interest in attending; and (ii) if you are willing to drive. While admission is free, parking is \$20.00 per car. Additional details are available at the events desk or contact Malcolm Ramsay.

Also, John Wishart is exploring the opportunity for a tour of the new JBH Patient Tower in the Fall. John is also looking into a Tour of the Skyway Water Treatment Facility. Watch future Hi-Lites for more information.

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

Bob Moulton, Events Chair

Spring Golf Tournament

Despite the wet weather and threat of more rain on tournament day, we managed to get a full 18 holes of golf at the Cambridge Golf Club. The course was in much better shape than we expected considering Thursday's all day rain.



The president's Cup was won by the Burlington Lakeshore Probus Club and is now with our president, Ron Luxon. The winning team from our club was Stan Pearce, Gary Barker, Harold Sawdasky and Brian Coscove with a score of 65.

Special thanks to all that contributed to our prize table and those exceptional golfers that won the President's Trophy for our Lakeshore Club. We now will be the defending champions.

Next year we are responsible for booking the tournament and I would welcome any suggestions you may have regarding the location, meal, pricing and prize table.

Dennis Colameco, Golf Coordinator

Activities Hiking Club

For some strange reason, the management of our Probus feel that as I have been unspectacular in the Membership Chair role, they should add another mandate – hiking. Well, as I do hike or at least amble along local paths, I am pleased to be of assistance.

This year may be a tough one for hiking on the

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better paths, such as the Bruce Trail and the like. I have been out a few times and it has always been wet somewhere along the path, and wet is a generous description often - a quagmire is at times a more apt word. For this reason, I suggested a paved path for the first hike, which only attracted 7 hikers, with Mike Hoshooey bringing 3 plus himself (can he be counted as 2?), from the new mixed Probus club. The long-range weather forecasts seem to indicate a wetter than usual summer, to add to high water levels and ground saturation that is the current situation.

I think we may be better served by trying to offer 2 hikes monthly, one the Thursday after our meeting as we have done before, and a second hike 2 weeks later. I investigated the Lions Valley Park Road in Oakville, off Dundas (Hwy5) about 4 km's east of Bronte and have scheduled a hike for June 1. So far, we are a gang of 2, so I shall report further when next Hi-Lites reports.

Peter Hughes, Hiking Coordinator

Computer Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on June 8 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 of behalf of the Club.

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

- John Pegg (905) 637-9980
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- John Hughes (905) 333-4910
johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com



John Pegg, Cheer Committee

House Committee Greeters and 50/50 Ticket Sellers

Thanks to those members who have contacted me offering their help with greeting and/or selling 50/50 draw tickets. I can always use more help for these important jobs. It's a perfect way for new members to ease their way into getting involved in the operation of our club. If you're willing to pitch in, please speak to me at the June meeting or contact me and I'll add your name to my list. Thanks in advance.

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair

Next Meeting: July 10

Speaker: David Moore – "the Fenian Raids"

