



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi- Hi-Lites – July 2017

**Monday, July 10
10:00 AM**

**Speaker:
David Moore**

“The Fenian Raids”

Management Committee 2016-2017

Ron Luxon, President
(905) 634-8310
Farhad Gharavy, Vice President
(905) 332-8929
Rodney Devitt, Vice President
(289) 313-0593
Malcolm Ramsay, Secretary
(905) 681-8109
Bill Willson, Treasurer
(905) 332-7652
Bob Miller, Past-President
(905) 634-1268
John Wishart, Past-President
(905) 319-6317
Rodney Devitt, Speakers
(289) 313-0593
Peter Hughes, Membership
(905) 332-0078
Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites
(905) 639-7529
Bob Moulton, Events
(905) 634-3525
Jim Gilleland, House
(905) 634-6490
John Pegg, Cheer
(905) 637-9980

Happy 150th Birthday, Canada

Continuing my golf updates, Anne and I enjoyed the recent Scottish Rite Classic Golf Tournament and banquet held at SouthBrook south of Binbrook.

Also on the home front, besides the new peregrine falcons atop the Lift bridge, we are enjoying the three newly hatched robins being fed by the mother beneath our upper level deck. We are getting prepared to celebrate the 150th – Anne bought a FLAG - I have something else to do.

The enjoyment of spring gives way to summer with the end of school and the many program activities and vacations. Please watch out for the children and keep them safe.

Those who attended our June meeting listened to the speaker Dennis DesRosiers, “Canada’s leading automotive sector analyst”. He gave us data-based reasons to consider why the internal combustion engines will still be with us for some time. He questioned why the electric vehicles will suddenly be so successful, when the hybrids gained such a small percentage of the market. The electric vehicles also continue to be high priced and a low number of sales.

I received the newsletter from Probud Canada. President Bill Sexsmith in his message included the following: “Our **national mission** is to enhance the Probud member experience and develop new clubs. There are 240 clubs with 34,300 members with an overall growing rate of 2.7% annually.” He continues indicating that Probud Canada is currently conducting elections for two Board member vacancies in Ontario. He informs us that the most prestigious Probud honour for outstanding contributions to the organization is the **John R Morris Award**, named after the founder of Probud Canada. This year’s winner is **Maureen Huisman**, first female President of Probud Canada. President Sexsmith also mentioned the following program priorities: Increase female membership on the Board of Directors, increase membership utilization of the national website, continue national marketing recruitment, continue national Probud month celebrations, re-examine a national rendezvous convention program, encourage development of district meetings on a biannual basis, and increase communications and contacts with individual clubs.

Elsewhere in the National Probud Canada Newsletter was A special notice regarding extended Health Care and Travel Insurance i.e. notice of open enrolment for Probud Extended Health Care with “Prestige” Travel Plan:

Hi-Lites – July 2017

Sept. 1st, 2017 – Oct. 31st, 2017, Probus members can apply for EHC (out of province/out of country emergency medical travel and trip cancellation insurance), without providing evidence of good health. See www.johnson.ca/probus for more information.

Locally, our own club's Nominating Committee is in the process of phoning members. Please accept their calls and consider helping us fill the following positions: President or co-Presidents, second Vice President, Treasurer, Event Coordinator. I ask the committee members to complete their phoning by Wed. July 5th, 2017 when I will call a short meeting.

Visit www.burlington.ca or www.hamilton.ca/canada150day to learn about Canada 150 community events and activities.

Have a good and safe summer and include celebrating Canada's 150th birthday in your plans.

See you at the July 10th meeting to hear David Moore speak about "The Finian Raids".

President Ronald Luxon

Guest Speaker – Captain David G. Moore, UE

David Moore was born in Toronto and educated at York University where he earned Honours degrees in History, Political Science and Education. He has



taught at a variety of schools in the greater Toronto area, as well as Appleby College in Oakville from 1987-2010 and is now retired.

Outside of school Mr. Moore has worked with the Museum of Applied Military History since 1979. Mr. Moore is the recipient of several distinguished awards for his accomplishments regarding historical preservation. In 1990, he commanded the Canadian contingent in the "Operation Desert Storm" victory parade in New York City.

He is a Captain in the army reserve. He speaks widely on Canadian History at conferences and historical societies. His lecturing has taken him to Russia, the Bahamas, Germany, Britain and the United States. He spoke at the White House and the Smithsonian. He has published several articles and was a contributor to the Encyclopedia of the American Revolution.

Rodney Devitt, Speakers' Committee

Special Survey – 25th Anniversary – Second Request

Your Management Committee has appointed us to plan and execute a 25th Anniversary Celebration for 2018. It is important that you tell us what you would like for this event. The easy way is to fill out this short survey either on line or hard copy at the July 10th meeting. So far, the response rate is a disappointing 15%. So, we are again asking for your help and co-operation please.

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

Hi-Lites – July 2017

Membership

Still hovering in the mid 140's. Your Management Committee would like to see the numbers move up towards the 180's and more. I and the Committee encourage you to mention Probus to your friends, neighbours and family; perhaps stressing how much you enjoy Probus and what most stirs your crank - be it the meetings, speakers, golf, curling, hiking and, likely, the friendship. All the best and thank you.

Peter Hughes, Membership Chair

Special Events Committee July Report

The sign-up sheets for the Brantford Air Show, the Skyway Water Treatment Facility, and the Tour of the new Joseph Brant Patient Tour will be available at the July and August meetings. The level of interest in each of these events will dictate our future actions. Arn Folliott, Guido Steinnagel and Malcolm Ramsay will be available to field your questions at the meetings.

To recap, on August 30th 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. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet: (i) your interest in attending; and (ii) if you are willing to drive. While admission is free, parking is \$20.00 per car.

John Wishart has advised that the tour of the new JBH Patient Tower will likely be set for late September or early October. Interest in this event has been high. If you have not signed up please do so at the July meeting as this will assist us in our planning.

According to John, the tour of the Skyway Water

Treatment Facility can be set once we determine the interest. More details will be provided at the August meeting.

All 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 have been distributed. We are looking forward to an entertaining afternoon at the theatre. A reminder that 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.

The Events’ Committee is looking for interested members to assist in planning and organizing future events. We are seeking a person who will work with the individual events planners to co-ordinate all the future events of the club. Please contact me, or any executive member, and we can provide further details.

Bob Moulton, Events Chair

Activities Hiking Club

We reached 7 hardy souls for our last hike, which was in the wilds of Hamilton. Parking at the Chedoke Golf Club we hiked the Chedoke Trail, which follows the bed of the old Hamilton radial railway, a long-gone part of Hamilton's path. The hike was approximately 90 minutes, west along the trail toward Ancaster, then cutting up the escarpment and following Scenic Drive east to the Dundurn stairs. Half way down we escaped onto the Bruce Trail and ended up at the Chedoke Golf Club parking.

The next hike on June 29th, will be old Waterdown Rd. which leads NW from the North Service Road

Hi-Lites – July 2017

just before the Service Road intersects with the Waterdown Road. The first part, that which we will hike, is unpaved and connects to the existing paved Old Waterdown Road. We will part from the trail and reconnect later to make the hike a bit longer and more interesting.

The hike on July 13th will be sans yours truly - family issues prevail. Bob Miller will take the lead and take the crew to Lowville park and hike in that area.

Both hikes will start at the Milestones parking lot at 9:30 am.

Peter Hughes, Hiking Coordinator

Computer Interest Group

The group is taking a break for the summer. Our next meeting will be on September 14 at 10 am at Appleby Place.



Memorial

It is with sadness that we communicate to you the passing of one of our own members, John Garner on June 26. There will be no visitation or memorial service for John. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's wife, Joyce, and his family.

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
jt.pegg@sympatico.ca or
- John Hughes (905) 333-4910
johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com



John Pegg, Cheer Committee

House Committee

Greeters and 50/50 Ticket Sellers

The club wishes to thank the following members who have kindly agreed to act as Greeters and/or 50/50 draw ticket salesmen for March through June.

George Simpson
Guido Steinnagel
Ed Shaw
Frank Kovacs
Rod McGrath

Derek Short
David Woodward
Jerry Jenkins
Nash Hamidbasha

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair

Next Meeting: August 14

Speaker: Loretta Penny – "In My Shoes"

