



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites – August 2017

**Monday, August 14
10:00 AM**

**Speaker:
Loretta Penny**

“In My Shoes”

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Civic holiday and back to school sales

At our July meeting we had the pleasure of listening to David Moore, who spoke to us about the Fenian Raids. Like most, I had briefly heard about these raids while in school. He informed us that the Irish hoped to use successful raids as a bargaining chip to win independence from Britain for Ireland. Mr. Moore was very entertaining and informative.

July 19th (40 ticket sales), a group of Probus Lakeshore travelled to the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre (opened in 2016) in St. Catharines. The Norm Foster play “Old Love” was entertaining at this beautiful place (there are 4 theaters). I personally thought the play was light entertainment – enjoyable but not Foster’s best. Perhaps because there were only two people acting (albeit well) there was not a lot of action. Also, I thought that the set was rather sparse, but did allow focus on the individuals.

After a very wet beginning (except on Tuesday golf days), summer weather arrived July 28th. Anne and I stayed in Burlington for the weekend and looked after our granddaughters, taking a stroll to RBG. Sunday allowed me to take a scythe to the lawns while periodically watching the Canadian Open, after which we enjoyed a drink on our deck for the first time this year. Hopefully, you and your family have enjoyed the August 7th Civic Holiday.

The Nominating Committee consisting of president, the two vice presidents, and the two past presidents assisted by Hal Kemp (data) have been busy. Many phone calls have been made, as well as two meetings and phone conversations. Things are progressing nicely, and I thank everyone for your participation. You can still join a committee by contacting one of us. We will be presenting a slate of nominees at the September meeting.

The following was mentioned last year and is worth mentioning again: For Probus Club members only, the Art Gallery of Burlington offers 50% discount on new annual basic senior and family AGB memberships, and 15% discount on renewals. Membership in AGB includes free reciprocal visitation privileges at many other galleries in Ontario. Other member benefits are available through the Probus Canada web site.

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... President's Message Continued

Notice of the Annual General meeting Our Club's AGM will take place Monday October 16th, immediately following the regular meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the August 14th meeting to hear Loretta Penny speak on "In My Shoes".

Enjoy the rest of August summer and be aware of back to school preparations (sales) by students – drive safely.

Ronald Luxon, President

Guest Speaker – Loretta Penny



Loretta Penny is an award-winning guest speaker with 30 years of experience in the education sector. Founder of Down to Earth Conservation Education, Loretta has given over 4,000 lectures in Canada, United States and Brazil.

In 1993, she received the coveted OPSTF'S "Meritorious Award" - given for outstanding achievement to education in Ontario. In addition to performances for businesses (Lunch 'n Learn) and schools, Loretta is a distributor of global gifts from around the world.

Rodney Devitt, Speakers' Committee

25th Anniversary Survey Results

32 paper survey forms were handed in, and 21 were recorded on-line for a total of 53 which represents 38 % of our membership.

	Yes	No	No Answer
Special Anniversary Event?	79 %	6 %	15 %
Luncheon?	70 %	13 %	17 %
Dinner?	34 %	38 %	28 %
Invite Spouse?	70 %	21 %	9 %
Invite Guests?	40 %	38 %	22 %
V.I.P. Speaker?	74 %	24 %	2 %
Commemorative Souvenir?	38 %	51 %	11 %
Date Preference? May 2018	53 %		
June 2018	34 %		
No Answer	13 %		
On a regular meeting Monday	43 %		

It was intended to be a simple "Yes or No" survey. Your guess on what "No Answer" means is as good as ours. So, we will do our best to plan a great event to celebrate this milestone occasion for our Club.

Planning Committee Members:

Jim Gilleland, Rod McGrath, Bob Miller, Stan Orr, Harold Sawadsky, Mike Wain, John Wishart

Membership

Very little to report. Interest being shown, however numbers are dropping, we are now in the low 140's as we have unfortunately lost a couple of members in the recent past, John Garner and Claire Mullett. We pass on our condolences.

We are looking for ideas to build up our numbers and solicit the all members' assistance with your thoughts. As well, we constantly appreciate the membership's help with any friend, family member or anyone they encounter who might enjoy being involved and becoming a member - bring them out

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to a meeting and, as you wish, have me send out information on Probus and our club (not our roster of course) by mail or email.

Peter Hughes, Membership Chair

Special Events Committee August Report

The sign-up sheets will be available again at the August meeting for the Brantford Air Show, the Skyway Water Treatment Facility, and the Tour of the new Joseph Brant Patient Tour. Response for all three events has been promising.

The first event on the upcoming calendar is the Air Show on Wednesday, August 30. Eight individuals have signed up to date and a number have indicated a willingness to drive. Malcolm Ramsay will be contacting those who have signed up (or will sign up at the August meeting) with details on ride arrangements and departure location. A reminder funds raised benefit local charities including the Rotary Club of Brantford and the Canadian Warplane Museum. While admission is free, parking is \$20.00 per car.

John Wishart has noted interest in the tour of our new Joseph Brant Patient Tower has been outstanding. If you have not signed up please do so at the August meeting as this will assist us in our planning. Final details for the tour are still being arranged. The tour will likely take place during the last two weeks of September. Details will be emailed to those who have signed up. In appreciation of this tour, a donation of \$10.00 or more to the Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation would be welcome. To respect privacy, donation forms and envelopes will be made available. Donations of \$20.00 or more will be recognized with a tax receipt.

According to John, the tour of the Skyway Water Treatment Facility can be set once we determine

the interest. More details will be provided following the August meeting.

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 coordinate 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

After two consecutive rain outs, we will again be setting out on Thursday, August 17 for Lowville, with that ominous caveat "weather permitting". Fingers crossed!

Please advise me if you are interested and able to join us. I do send out reminders in advance of the hike, which will be on the Thursday after our monthly meeting and two Thursdays after that - 2 hikes a month, which hasn't often happened this year.

Peter Hughes, Hiking Coordinator

Computer Interest Group

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



September 18
November 13

October 16
December 11

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
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- John Hughes (905) 333-4910
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John Pegg, Cheer Committee

Editor's Note

I'm not sure if it was the summer heat or just general inattention that I am week late in preparing Hi-Lites.
Apologies to all

Meeting Schedule for 2017



Please note that the next regular monthly meeting of our Probus Club will be on

Monday, September 18, 2017

**Speaker: John Elliot
Different Drummer**

