



The Probud Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites – October 2017

**Monday,
October 16
10:00 AM**

**Speaker:
Ralph Blauel
“Emergency
Management”**

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Giving Thanks

This time of year, it should be turkey but maybe it will be a swan (song) – I will have to wait for your decision at the AGM October 16th.

What a wonderful summer we have had this fall. Anne and I have enjoyed a granddaughter’s 3rd birthday, a reunion of Grand Lodge officers 2005-6 opposite Brock University including watching a ship pass through the Welland Canal, Welland Canal museum, Laura Secord House, Wine making Institute, Brock Monument, and Niagara on the Lake shopping and lunch. This past Sunday – Monday we enjoyed our place in Huntsville and arranged for the boat to be picked up and stored for winter.

Once again at the Annual General Meeting, to be held after the general meeting Oct. 16th, the new Management committee will be introduced. You are again asked to prepare by reading the Minutes of AGM 2016 found under the history tab on the Club website www.burlingtonlakeshoreprobud.org, as well as the preliminary year-end Financial Statements, also on the website.

I want to thank Dennis Colameco for arranging a golf outing at Hidden Lake and for being the golf coordinator this year. Due to our stellar play at the spring golf tournament at the Cambridge Golf Club, our club holds the Burlington Probud Club Invitational Trophy. Good for us!

I want to thank Mike Hoshoooley and others who helped our club sponsor the new Mixed (Women and Men) Probud Club, thereby achieving one of our Club’s goals. Many thanks to Dave McKenzie our Hi-Lites editor. I also want to thank the Secretary Malcolm Ramsay and Treasurer Bill Willson for their work. Peter Hughes and Bob Moulton, Membership and Events respectively did outstanding work. We are still hopeful that one of our members will volunteer to accept the event chair at the end of the year (Dec.) reporting to the Management committee monthly what events others are running.

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... President's Message Continued

Please take the time with me to thank all the committees, chairmen and members of the Management committee including Farhad Gharavy, Rodney Devitt, John Pegg, Jim Gilleland for all they have done to make the year a success. Let me not forget the past Presidents whose advice and assistance are invaluable. I also thank Bob Miller for chairing the 25th anniversary committee.

Don't forget to get your tickets to the **Christmas Luncheon to be held Dec. 11th** – they should be available at the Oct. meeting.

Please bring a cheque payable to the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore in the amount of \$35 as the membership renewal is now due.

I have enjoyed being president of this Club and want to thank all of you for your support.

Ronald Luxon, President

Membership

Please note that annual dues are now due and payable. These fees have been maintained, once again, at \$35.00. We request that you bring a cheque as soon as possible in order that we don't need to bother you in the future. I plan to be at the next Probus meeting, being Monday October 16 in the usual desk at the rear of the room, breathlessly awaiting your cheque. Note, cheque please, cash is much more cumbersome and problematic. Thanks.

Peter Hughes, Membership Chair

Guest Speaker – Ralph Blauel

Emergency Preparedness & Adapting To Climate Change in Halton Region

Remember tropical storm Harvey, August 2017? How about your memories of the Burlington flooding of 2014? And the ice storm of 2013? While we're asking questions, care to guess the number of tornadoes and earthquakes recorded annually in Canada? Hint: 50 and 5,000 respectively!

Whatever your answers, these events certainly beg the question, "Are you prepared?". Unfortunately, if you're like most of us, I suspect not. For this reason alone, I strongly urge our membership to attend our October 16th meeting where Ralph Blauel, Chief of Emergency Management for Halton



will walk us through different types of emergencies (eg. winter storms, power outages, hazardous spills, etc.) and help us better understand what's going on with Mother Nature.

Be There, Be Informed, Be Prepared & Be Safe

Rodney Devitt, Speakers' Committee

Special Events Committee October Report

Joseph Brant Hospital Tour

The Club tour of the Michael Lee-Chin Patient Tower at the Joseph Brant Hospital was a great

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success thanks to all who attended. The Foundation representative, Kathy Prpic, welcomed us. The knowledge our tour guides shared with us was impressive and left us with a very positive feeling about our new hospital. Thank you all.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Our next tour will be through the SKYWAY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. The tour is scheduled for Tuesday OCTOBER 24, 2017 at 1:00 pm. This is a two-hour tour and it is recommended that participants wear casual clothes and comfortable shoes or boots. This is an opportunity to witness the magic used to ensure that the converted wastewater that is finally discharged into the lake is as good as or better (cleaner and safer) than the water in the lake. The last date for signing-up is October 16th. Instructions will be emailed to all participants. Parking is available on the premises at 1125 Lakeshore Rd.

STRATFORD FESTIVAL – SPRING TRIP PLANNED

We have preliminary information on a possible trip to the Stratford Festival in the Spring of 2018. "The Music Man" is the musical being performed in the Festival Theatre and is a performance many will enjoy in 2018. The per-person cost for the trip is estimated at \$150.00 - \$165.00 and includes travel by coach, complete lunch, and festival ticket. Please add your name to the sign-up forms available at the October and future meetings so we can gauge the interest and commitment. It is important we see a level of interest that makes the use of a highway coach feasible.

FLASH ANNOUNCEMENT: FOSTER FESTIVAL 2018 SUMMER LINE-UP ANNOUNCED

The line-up of three shows being presented at the First Ontario Centre for the Performing Arts in St. Catharines is just out and is very appealing. We expect to be speaking with the Group Sales Manager in the next two weeks. More details will

be in the November Hi-Lites and interest/sign-up sheets will appear at the January meeting if not before.

We have had volunteers step up to assist with individual events but we would welcome more help, in particular, from our newer members. We are looking for a member who will co-ordinate the events, working with the members planning specific events, and report to the Management Committee. There is no better way to get to know other members of your club.

Your Events Committee
Bob Moulton, Events Chair

An Invitation
It's that time of year again!
**The Burlington Lakeshore Probus
CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFET**
Monday, December 11th at 12:30 p.m.
Come early & mingle from 11:30 A.M.
Where?...The Canadian Legion
Decked out for Christmas.
The Menu: *Salad
*Fresh Roasted Turkey *All the Trimmings
*Dessert(Cheese Cake) * Coffee or Tea
Seating is 8 per table ,so make up your table.
The Cost...Just \$30.00 per person.
Tickets will be available at our Oct.& Nov. meetings
Wine or Beer at the Barjust \$4.50 each

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Activities Hiking Club

Notwithstanding the poor record of our hiking program this year, we still plan on trying, at least while decent weather permits, to hike. Rather than ask for names of those wishing to attend, I will be at the usual point of departure, Milestones parking lot, Brant and North Service Road - south side, at 9:30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of October (being 12th and 26th of October). If not at the rendezvous point by 9:40, hasta la vista.

I will wait a bit to see how the year proceeds and if November weather looks good, perhaps a jaunt then would also be in the cards.

Peter Hughes, Hiking Coordinator

Computer Interest Group



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

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

From the House

Parking Passes for 2018

Parking passes for 2018 will be on sale at the October meeting. If you'd like to buy one, please pay by cheque in the amount of \$33.00, made out to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore. I'll have the passes with me at the meeting.



Name Tags

Please remember to bring your name tags with you to the meetings. If you weren't at the September meeting, members are being asked to take

responsibility for their own name tags from now on. Please see Jim Gilleland, House Chair, if you have any questions.

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair

Cheer Committee



Address Change: Member, Frank Buchanan is now residing at The West Oak Village, a long-term care facility in Oakville. Hi phone number is (289) 837-4376. Frank would appreciate hearing from his friends at Probus.

John Pegg and John Hughes are sharing as Coordinators of the "Cheer Committee". Club members are asked to advise either, 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
johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com

John Pegg, Cheer Committee

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PROBUS MEMBERS RE EXTENDED HEALTH CARE AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

RE: NOTICE OF OPEN ENROLMENT FOR PROBUS
EXPENDED HEALTH CARE WITH “PRESTIGE” TRAVEL
PLAN: SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 – OCTOBER 31, 2017

For PROBUS Canada members in good standing, there is an OPEN ENROLMENT PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 TO OCTOBER 31, 2017 for Extended Health (EHC) with Prestige Travel Plan (out-of-province/out-of-country emergency medical travel and trip cancellation insurance). During the open enrolment period, PROBUS members can apply for EHC with Prestige Travel Plan coverage without providing evidence of good health.

Following the open enrolment period after October 31, PROBUS members can still apply for coverage, but only members leaving an existing group health insurance plan can enroll with providing evidence of insurability within 60 days of losing coverage.

Additional information is available on Johnson Inc.'s website at www.Johnston.ca/probus.

For answers to further questions, please contact PROBUS Canada's Plan Administrator, Johnson Inc., toll free at 1-877-989-2600 or email pbservicewest@johnson.ca.

Our next regular monthly meeting:
Monday, November 13, 2017
Speaker: Susan Goetz
“Habitat for Humanity”

Thanksgiving Divorce

A father, in Vancouver, calls his son, Eddie, in Toronto just before Thanksgiving and tells him, 'I am sorry to tell you but your mother and I are divorcing. I just cannot take any more of her moaning. We can't stand the sight of each other anymore.' I am telling you first, Eddie, because you are the eldest, please tell your sister.

When Eddie calls his sister, Julie, she says, 'No way are they getting divorced, I will go out and see them for Thanksgiving.' Julie phones her parents and tells them both, 'You must NOT get divorced. Promise me you won't do anything until I get there. I'm calling Eddie, and we'll both be there with you tomorrow. Until then, don't take any action, please listen to me', and hangs up the phone.

The father puts down the phone and turns to his wife and says, 'Good News', he says, 'Eddie and Julie will be here for Thanksgiving and they are paying their own way'.



