



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - July 2021

Monday, July 12
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

**Dr. Charles Ian G.
Greene**

Canadian Whistleblowers

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Jim Thurston's Presidential Message

We held our spring golf tournament at Carlisle Golf Club in June. I think everyone enjoyed seeing familiar faces again. The weather was idyllic, and my playing partners had such a great attitude towards golf that it made the day very enjoyable. Thanks to Dennis Colameco and his committee for planning and arranging this event.

Last month Karen Davidson Taylor gave us the history of the **Amazing Monarch Butterfly**. Who knew about their ultra long journey to Mexico to reproduce and then the return trip that may include up to four generations to complete? Now I understand the word "Amazing". My first reaction to the title for our speaker's topic "Amazing Monarchs" turned out to be close to the truth as the butterfly was named after the "Monarchs".

The dog days of summer are now upon us. I mean that figuratively and literally. Our family acquired a puppy and we now have a male Aussiedoodle named "Ozzy" to remind us what it was like bringing up our children. He is so sweet and lovable but requires a lot of attention. Lucky for Margaret and I, he is our "grand-dog" so we get to play with him, with no other duties. We look forward to being able to take him on our walks and hikes. I am sure you will hear more about this in future messages.

Have you thought about traveling this summer now that most of us have received two shots of vaccine? We have accepted an invitation to a cottage for a week at Southampton and are very much looking forward to it. By the time we leave, the restaurants should be serving and all the little shops in Southampton and Port Elgin are hopefully back in business. I just love my day in town shopping so that I can justify my days golfing up there. Somehow the ice cream tastes better in cottage country watching the sun set over Lake Huron. I can taste it now.

"Canadian Whistleblowers" is the topic our July speaker, Professor Charles Ian G Greene, will be addressing. This should be very interesting and something we know little about.

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Guest Speaker - Dr. Charles Ian G. Greene – Canadian Whistleblowers



Ian Greene is the Master of McLaughlin College. He is also the Coordinator of the Graduate Diploma in Justice System Administration, and the Graduate Diploma in Democratic Administration. He teaches courses in Canadian public law, the Charter of Rights, judicial

administration, program evaluation, political ethics, Canadian government, and public administration. He has been coordinator of York's undergraduate program in public policy and administration, as well as the undergraduate director in the political science department. He was an associate dean in the Faculty of Arts from 1997 to 2000. He is associate director of York's MPA Programme, and co-director of the professional development LLM programme in administrative law. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Practical Ethics, and the Centre for Public Law and Public Policy. From 2003 to 2004, he was Chair of the York University Senate.

On the research front, Ian's most recent book is The Courts, part of the Canadian Democratic Audit series. He was the principal author of Final Appeal, which was published in 1998 and co-authored with Carl Baar, Peter McCormick, George Szablowski and Martin Thomas. The book analyses decision-making in Canadian appeal courts, and is based on interviews with 101 of Canada's appellate court judges,

His other books are The Charter of Rights (1989), and Judges and Judging (1990), with Peter McCormick. His publisher is James Lorimer & Co. As well, he was a member of the research team, led by Prof. Maureen Mancuso at the University of Guelph, which published A Question of Ethics (Oxford) in 1998. He is currently doing research into the impact of social science and historical evidence on the Supreme Court of Canada. He hopes to complete a new edition of The Charter of Rights soon.

Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers Committee

Membership

We have decided, in order to keep boosting the membership in the "Best Men's Club in Burlington", to add some sizzle for our current members!

We have been rewarding our present members with a single entry in our Deluxe Dinner Package for 2 at your choice for any of the great restaurants in the area! We will draw the winning ticket at the end of the year.

BUT WAIT, there's MORE!!! Until August 31, we will award each member who brings a new member in, not 1 or 2 or even 3 or 4 chances BUT AN AMAZING 5 chances....AND we will grandfather this offer to all members who have sponsored a new member since January 1 😊

With the current heat wave we wanted to do something "COOL" and say "Thanks" to all our present members.

So, when you're talking to your friends, neighbours and family spread the word and enjoy a great dinner on us!!

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ZOOM Meeting for July

I will be our meeting host and will email you the link for the ZOOM meeting on Friday, July 9, so that it will be reasonably fresh in your inbox.

As has become our normal practice, we will again be setting up breakout rooms at the start of the July meeting. When you join the meeting, you will be assigned to a small breakout room of 6-8 fellow members. Enjoy some fellowship time in a small group before the meeting starts. The rooms will be open for you beginning at 9:30 am, so come early.

Our ZOOM meetings will be recorded and posted to our private YouTube channel. Recordings will be available for one month for the convenience of members who may have missed the live virtual meeting. To view the June meeting featuring Karin Davidson-Taylor's talk on those Amazing Monarchs, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/7iZ4iee-LF8>

Should the link not connect properly, copy and paste the link into your browser.

Future Hybrid Meetings

Thank you to the 68 members who responded to the Hybrid Meeting Survey. Not surprisingly, 89% of you are looking forward to being back to in-person meetings. 29% are OK with continuing with Zoom. Bottom line - there is a need for both forms of meeting and the Management Committee will continue to work on providing a Hybrid solution as soon as September.

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

I am still waiting to hear from you!!

Do you have a Zoom Pro licence and looking for a way to help the club? Being the sole host for Zoom meetings, I am concerned that our club meetings are vulnerable. We need to build up our Zoom capability to provide backup and support.

If you are even a bit tech savvy and would like to lend a hand, please contact me.

You can give me a call at **(905) 639-7529** or send an email to: **dave.mckenzie484@gmail.com**

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PICK ME!
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Cheer Committee

The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members or spouses who are ill. In the event of bereavement, a card of condolence will be sent to the family and, for a member, a memorial donation made to a charity of their choice. Also that when and only a member passes away the membership will be advised via email and a notice be placed in the (Cheers) section of HiLites. The notification will only note the passing and that further details can be found by consulting local newspapers or Funeral Home obits.

Please inform John Hughes if you are aware of anyone, who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action.

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Events Committee

Car Rally Update

The events committee is still waiting for Ontario to move to the point where we feel that it is appropriate to re-start events. We have one event planned and ready to go once we get to that point. We will announce it as soon as we can.

Stay well everyone and keep your chins up!

Mike Hill
Events Committee

Golf

Probus Inter-Club Golf Tournament

Things are changing quickly.

Century Pines, like all the other clubs, will not allow a shotgun start so we will be starting our group at 7:30 am every 10 minutes on Friday September 24. We must commit to a minimum of 60 golfers in total and pay the club by August 25th. This is non-refundable.

The cost for this year is \$88.00 all in. If you must cancel, I will try to get a replacement and refund your money. THIS IS NOT GUARANTEED!

A patio lunch of Hamburger/fries/salad and soft drink will be served following your round. Prizes should be something we can mail if necessary like gift certificates. Keep it simple this year.

Things could change again. I'll keep you posted.

Dennis Colameco. Golf Co-ordinator

Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will on September 16th after taking a break for the summer. Watch future issues of Hi-Lites to see if the group will meet in person or via Zoom.



Next Month's Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2021

Sue and David Williams

**Topic: An Adventure on the High Seas
and the Journey Within**

