



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - September 2022

Mon., Sep. 12
10:00 am

At the AGB

Tim Speed
Battle of Britain

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

How many times have you heard the question, "What is Probus." As your level of anxiety rises and you search desperately for an intelligent answer, salvation is at hand. At our August meeting we were delighted to welcome a very special guest, Brenda Andrews, President of Probus Canada. Brenda brought greetings from the "Head Office" and in closing she relayed the story of her, then seven-year-old, granddaughter who responded to the question "What is Probus" by saying that 'It's a club for old people without jobs" Out of the mouth of babes!

Brenda Andrews certainly does not fit her granddaughter's description of a Probus member. We were astonished to learn that, in addition to her national responsibilities, she also retains her role as Director of District #2 in Ontario, a district that contains 33 Probus Clubs. We were fortunate indeed that she accepted our invitation to attend our meeting and offered to do so in person. We must thank Ken Medland and Bill Willson who were instrumental in having her make the journey to Burlington from the Barrie area.

That August meeting was outstanding. We had over seventy in attendance. There were eight guests, three Jose Ibanez, Bob Silcox, and Eugene Kavanagh took applications to join that morning. We have welcomed ten new members so far this year. Remember "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend." We had an excellent speaker In James Stewart who spoke on "Being Prime Minister" with informative and humorous anecdotes about many of those who occupied that esteemed office.

Mr. Stewart when asking the question which Prime Ministers have you known? was amazed to discover that one of our members Ken Davy, had visited William Lyon Mackenzie King at Kingsmere Estate. Not only that but Ken, who is now 96 years young, remembers R.B.Bennett! Ken Davy was among twenty-four members who were recognized that morning for their twent plus years, as members. They were presented with 20-year pins from Probud Canada and Certificates, celebrating their contribution to the club, from our local MP and Minister, Karina Gould. To "put the icing on the cake" five of the founding members of the club Rod McGrath, Stephen Pustai, Len Kay, Ken Gibson and our first president, Ed Taylor, received special certificates acknowledging their service.

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... Malcolm Continued

This special celebration was the brainchild of our Membership Chair, Ken Medland. Ken worked tirelessly to make the arrangements with the recipients, obtain the pins and certificates and through Bill Willson, invite Brenda Andrews to attend the presentation. Many thanks Ken.

By now you will have received a notice from Ken Medland, our Membership Chair and Dave Little our Treasurer concerning 'THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN' i.e., membership for the October 1/22 – September 30/23 year, in The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore.

The Notice said it best:

By renewing your membership, you will continue to enjoy many benefits such as -

- Monthly meetings with in-person, Zoom and You Tube participation options.
- Highly educational and informative, top-quality speakers.
- Access to special events (plays, tours) at reduced group prices.
- Fun and fellowship with your co-members.

At a cost per meeting of \$ 4.16, we feel your \$ 50 renewal fee represents exceptional value. We hope you agree and that you will express your agreement by renewing at your earliest convenience. Payment details are provided elsewhere here in Hi Lites.

Guest Speaker - Tim Speed

Tim comes by his interest in aviation honestly despite the fact that he is not a pilot and has no military experience. His father was a Navigator in WWII flying Special Operations in a Handley - Page Halifax. Tim first became involved with aviation as an



Air Scout while still wearing short pants! He obtained a Business Degree in the United Kingdom and joined British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) after graduating from University. He served as a Station Operations Officer in Dubai, Tokyo and Beirut. He returned to the UK and worked in BOAC's Air Cargo Division before becoming General Manager of an All-Cargo Airline based at East Midlands Airport.

Later Tim began working for an air freight forwarder. He immigrated to Canada, with his family in 1980. Before retiring he was the CEO of a large air freight and logistics company.

He has been a volunteer Tour Guide, Speaker and Educator at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum since retiring in late 2010.

Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers' Committee

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE TO BE HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 2022 AT 10.00 AM.

Note: This meeting will be a part of our regular membership meeting which is one week later than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

President, Malcolm Ramsay, Vice President, Ken Medland,
Member-at-large: Paul Crittenden and Jim Thurston, Past President (Chair)

Proposed slate of candidates for Management Committee to date:

POSITION	MEMBER
President	Ken Medland
Past President	Malcolm Ramsay
Vice President	John McArthur
Secretary	Al Ayre
Treasurer	Dave Little
Membership	Gary Kirkwood
Speakers	Brian Duncombe
Special Events	George Caughell
Internal Communications	Ken Clarke
House	Doug Woodward
Cheers	Jim Thurston
External Publicity	Ken Medland
Golf	Bill O'Brien
Curling	Jim Barnett

Terms of office commence after confirmation at the AGM on October 17, 2022.

**Nominations for the Management Committee will remain open until
September 26, 2022.**

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Membership

Monday, July 11 was a very special day for Probus Burlington Lakeshore!!

We had the honour of recognizing 21 of our Twenty Year members and the very special honour of having 5 of our FOUNGING MEMBERS present. They started our great club in 1993 and we continue to thrive!

The 5 founders are Ed Taylor, our first President, Rod McGrath, Stephen Pustai, Len Kay and Ken Gibson who had the best line of the day “when do I get my 50-year pin?”

Our special guests who participated in the recognition included Brenda Andrews President PROBUS Canada, Bill Willson Area Director PROBUS Canada and our beloved President Malcolm Ramsay.

It was a busy meeting as we also recognized our new 20-year members with a lovely pin and a certificate of honour from The Honourable Karina Gould MP.



We continued to grow our club with several new guests and the addition of Gene Kavanagh, Bob Silcox, Jose Ibanez, Bryan Clarke and Bob Elliot. Welcome!

Our present members continue to be our best source of bringing new members to PROBUS Lakeshore and we thank you!!

You will also notice that we have adopted a new theme...BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND. He will thank you!

Ken Medland, Membership Chair

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Be a Friend



Notes from the House

Due to the age of our members, we will continue to encourage you to mask up for our in person meetings.

Thanks to Guido Steinnagel and Colton Roberts for acting as Greeters at our August meeting. Thanks as well to Jim Dyer for selling 50/50 tickets. We're always looking for members to assist with these important jobs. It's an excellent way for newer members to get their feet wet in helping with the running of the club. It takes 30 minutes of your time and you're done. Please consider helping out. Speak to me at our meeting and I'll explain what to do. Thank you.

Jim Gilleland House
Committee Chair
jgilleland@cogeco.ca

Events Committee

Damn Yankees - Thursday, September 8 2022 at 2:00 pm. Tickets have been delivered or arrangements made to deliver them.

Power House Tour - We have 40 registered for this on Thursday, September 15th. We may be able to squeeze in a couple more so send e-mail to Bob Miller at rmiller@cogeco.ca or let us know you are interested at the Events table at our September meeting.
Tickets are \$41.00 per person.

Car Rally - Please see the full notice on the following page 6.

Probus Month Flag Raising – Put Oct 3rd at 9:30 am in your calendar to attend the raising of our Probus flag at City Hall. Invitations to the other Burlington clubs went out the first week of June and response has been very positive.

Holiday Lunch – Planning for this year's special lunch has begun and details will be released as our plans progress.

Mike Hill, Events Committee

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Car Rally It's On for October 5

We are happy to confirm that the long-promised Car Rally will take place on October 5th 2022. The rally will start at 10:00 am and the course will take approximately 1 ½ hours to complete. The rally is limited to 20 vehicles with two occupants per vehicle, one of whom must be a Probus member. At the end of the course, participants will gather at Brant Hills Community Centre for compilation of results and awarding of prizes. A room has been rented at the Community Centre so weather will not be a factor. This is a bring your own lunch event, which can be eaten while we compile the results.



Like last year, the course will be on the back roads of Burlington, Halton Hills and Oakville. This year's course and clues are entirely new and unique to our Burlington Lakeshore club. It will hopefully introduce you to some back roads you've never been on. The natural beauty of the region is a key component of the tour. Hopefully the Fall colours will be at their height.

Registration is \$24. per vehicle. Basics required:

Bring your own picnic lunch

Bring two chairs (if the weather is nice, we may want to eat outside).

Bring a mask each (to be on the safe side)

Bring a map of Burlington (for those who take a wrong turn)

Time is short so register by emailing (mhill2@cogeco.ca) or calling (905-467-2223) Mike Hill.

Or register at the September in person meeting. Payments by e-transfer, credit card or cheque.

Cheques should be made out to Burlington Lakeshore Probus.

Interac e-transfer to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com.

Send your cheque to: Dave Little, 2071 Wellington Ave, Burlington, ON L7R 1P4

Mike Hill, Events Committee

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2022/23 Dues Renewal

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the best men's club in Burlington.

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year (Sept. 30/22) so it is time to renew your membership for the October 1/22 – September 30/23 membership year.

Your Management Committee has set the renewal fee at \$ 50. This is the first increase in several years and is necessary to cover the increased cost of operations – e.g. room and equipment rentals, speaker's fees.

By renewing your membership you will continue to enjoy many benefits such as -

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At a cost per meeting of \$ 4.16, we feel your \$ 50 renewal fee represents exceptional value. We hope you agree and that you will express your agreement by renewing at your earliest convenience.

Payment can be made in one of three ways –

1. \$ 50 Interac e-transfer through your online banking system; Recipient Name is Probus Burlington Lakeshore; Recipient email is paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com
OR
2. By \$ 50 cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore; mail cheque to our Treasurer, Dave Little at 2071 Wellington Ave. Burlington, ON L7R 1P4
OR
3. In person at the September 12 meeting, by cheque, Credit Card or Debit Card. Debit is preferred as the cost is significantly less for the club

Many thanks for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your renewal in our Probus Club.

Ken Medland, Membership Director; Dave Little, Treasurer

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Fall 2022 Golf Tournament:

Good News Probus Members! We still have some spots available for our Fall golf tournament on Wednesday, September 21st at Rockway Vineyards Golf Club. Rockway is a delightful 18 hole course set among the vineyards at the foot of the Niagara Escarpment, west of St Catharines. It is perhaps 45 to 50 minutes from Burlington via QEW, exiting at the Seventh St Interchange and driving south to Regional Rd 81 where you turn right, over to Ninth Street, turn left and continue south to the golf course.

As a reminder, the round of 18 holes with a cart will cost \$55.00 per person, payable at the Pro Shop when you check in. Our tee times will start at 11:33 PM and we will make up foursomes starting after that time. If you wish to golf with others, just let us know. Otherwise we will make up foursomes as best as we can.

There are currently 12 spots left and if you would like one of these spots, send an e-mail to Bill O'Brien at nancybill60@gmail.com. If we have extra golfers we will try to make more tee times available. We will also be at the September Probus meeting to take sign-ups if there are any spots left. Also, for any golfers who had signed up earlier and now have a change of plans, please advise us at this e-mail address to help avoid empty spots.

We look forward to a fun day for all participants.

Bill O'Brien for the Golf Committee
Cell phone 905 577 7846

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 will be made to a charity of their choice.

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

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

John Hughes, Cheer Committee

Computer Interest Group



It's September and we are back!

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each other's computer related issues. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 am. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us, please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.

Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2022

Speaker: Dr. Mark Dockstator

Topic: Understanding the Canadian
Indigenous Landscape