



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - June 2023

Mon., June 12
10:00 am

Dr. Amy Barron

**Digger, Teacher,
Soldier, Spy**

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Ken Medland's Presidential Message

It's been a relatively quiet month with some Probus Positives and the forecast calling for a great summer. A large part of your summer can be spent enjoying the weather and the many club activity the Events Committee have lined up!

Speaking of nice weather, our annual inter-club golf event was held at the beautiful Flamborough Hills golf club. We had a strong turnout and please see Bill O'Brien's report for the results. Bill did an amazing job organizing the event, including great weather 😊

I had the pleasure of welcoming Astra Belisario from Heritage Place. Astra generally donated a sleeve of balls and water to all attendees. Thanks to Heritage and Astra for helping make the day a huge success! I will be having further discussions with Astra about ongoing sponsorship.....keep tuned.

Sponsorship of events and coffee has proven to be a timely source of financial assistance for our club, but even more importantly have provided our members an easy source of professional retirement advice with what can be a complex issue in life.

We have added Pearl & Pine to our list of active sponsors. We feel we now have the most knowledgeable group of retirement sources available for you to access.

One of our most important committees headed by Malcolm Ramsay has been working diligently behind the scenes. This committee is charged with securing interested members to serve on our Management Committee (MC) which effectively organizes and runs the day-to-day functions of our club. The results of their findings will be announced at the September meeting. Great work Malcolm!

Our slogan "BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND" continues to work thanks to all of you! Gary Kirkwood expects to add 3 more members this meeting, bringing our total to 163, AMAZING!

That's all for now folks, see you at our next meeting and our next event!!

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Amy Barron



Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology, specializing on the military history of Iron Age Assyria. She has excavated predominantly in the Middle East but has

travelled widely studying the archaeology of various remote parts of the world from Peru to China. Amy has taught archaeology, ancient history and classics at the universities of Toronto and Guelph and presently teaches museum studies in Fleming College's post-graduate program. She has worked in the museum world for over 30 years and loves sharing her passion for the past.

What do archaeologists do when the world is at war? Surprisingly, many of them turn spy. During wartime, archaeologists on all sides have become involved with military intelligence, turning their in-depth knowledge of the land and the peoples they studied to support their countries at war. This was no more apparent than in the Middle East where prominent archaeologists played a very political game during the First World War. Some of these names, such as T.E. Lawrence, also known as Lawrence of Arabia, would become legendary. Others, when the war was over, simply went back to their museums and their excavation.

See page 5 for a preview of Amy's talk.

Brian Duncombe, Speakers' Committee

2023 Probus Golf

We held our annual inter-club golf tournament on Friday, May 26th at Flamborough Hills GC. The day was great with sunny, moderate temperature weather. The event started with our sponsor, Astra Belasario of Heritage Place, on hand to give each golfer a sleeve of new golf balls and a bottle of water. Club President, Ken Medland was also there to wish us luck and to offer his insightful advice on how we might defeat the Burlington Probus Club in the scramble event.

We had 45 golfers from our Lakeshore Club stacked up against 17 golfers from the Burlington Probus Club. It was all good fun and the lunch afterwards was enjoyable. However, even with all these advantages, the Burlington Probus Club won the event with a three team score of 213 against our best three team score of 220. The winning team from our Lakeshore Probus Club was Bill O'Brien, Lee Burtenshaw, Ric Robertshaw and Jerry Bruce with a score of 72 over the 18 holes.

Our next golf event will be our planned trip to Rockway Vineyards GC on Wednesday September 20th. This will be for our club only and you may enter as a group or individually. We will plan to start signing up golfers to this event in July. In the meantime, enjoy the pending summer weather and be sure to work on your putting skills.

Bill O'Brien, Golf Committee

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Membership

Once again, a great meeting well attended and informative guest speaker.

We welcomed two new members at the podium Ross Mackenzie and Ben Simmons.

Three applications were submitted for membership and two guests are pending. Keep up the good work. Your assistance is appreciated.

This growth is due to members promoting our group and bringing guests to the meetings.

A little Probus Trivia:

The most common given names are **Bob** and **John**

The most common family name starts with **M**
And we need some members with last name starting with ---**Q, U, X, Y** as we don't have any.
There is a bottle of wine to first member that sponsors one to the club.

Please contact me if you have any changes for your contact information. If you would like an up-to-date membership list, please contact me at gmgak@outlook.com

Gary Kirkwood, Membership Chair

Be a Friend



Special Events

Hamilton School Archives Tour: A Lesson in History

Wednesday, June 28th

Still spots available

1 hour tour of Artifacts and Memorabilia from more than 175 years

Located at the former Hill Park Secondary School on East 16th Street

NO Charge

The Grand River Cruise

2 1/2 HR Cruise including Lunch and a Blazing Fiddles Show (11:30 Start)

Located : 36 Brant County Rd 22, Caledonia Ontario (30 minutes south of Hamilton)

\$ 80 / person, Capacity (30-45)

Probus members only

Norm Foster Play

Wednesday, August 16th 2pm

"Jenny's House of Joy" \$40/person

St.Catharines Ontario - Limited seating left

Shaw Festival

Tuesday, October 3rd

"Blyth Spirit" \$80/person

Don't miss out by waiting till it's booked !!

Upcoming

Car Rally (date to be determined)

Hagerty Car Club Tour (investigating tour possibilities)

George Caughell
Events Committee

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Notes from the House

May 8 continued the record setting 50/50 pot receipts and ticket award. Thanks to all who contribute keeping our finances in good shape. 75 were in attendance on May 8. Thanks also to our Greeters, Guido Steinnagel and Grant Baxter, and our super ticket salesman, Gene Cavanaugh. Jim Gilleland, past House Committee Chair will be filling in for me in June, along with May Greeters & Ticket Salesman, who are doing a, "double", in June as well!

Doug Woodward
Committee Chair

Computer Interest Group

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. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 15 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.



June will be our last get together before a summer break. The following meeting will be on September 21.

Bob Dickinson



Next Month

Rob Godwin

Canadian Aerospace "Firsts"

Monday, July 10, 2023

Cheer Committee

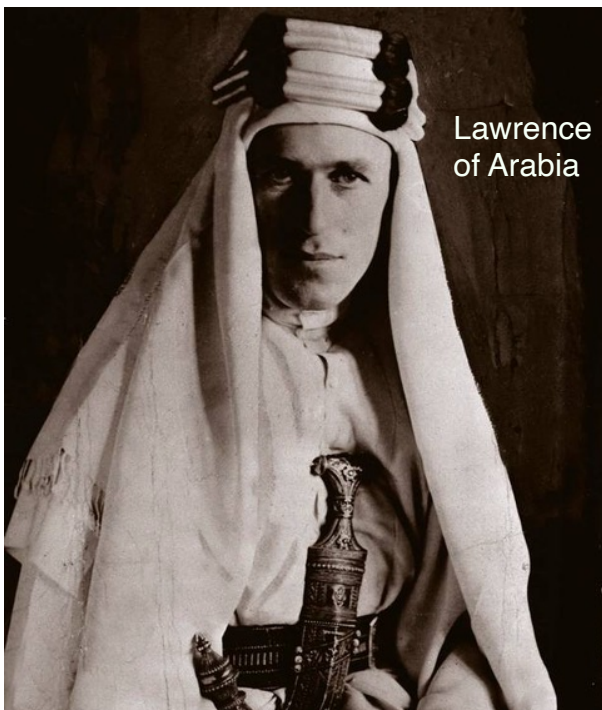
The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members who are ill. In the event of a death of a member, or his spouse, a card of condolences is sent to the family. A memorial donation is made to an appropriate charity on the passing of a member. Please contact me, or any member of the Management Committee, if you are aware of an illness or bereavement.

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King Faisal of Iraq on the steps of Versailles at the Paris Conference at the end of the war (Lawrence is in the background)

