



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - February 2024

Mon., February 12

10:00 am

Dr. John Moore

AI - Promise or Peril

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President's Message

Greetings from Palm Desert, CA.

I was unable to attend the January 8th meeting in person and appreciated past president, Ken Medland, pinch-hitting for me. There were 78 in person at the meeting more in line with last year's average of 82. This was down from 100 and 101 at the previous two meetings, which were the highest numbers for the year. Five people also attended on Zoom.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching Jeff Manisem's presentation on Zoom. The feedback was fantastic. There were excellent audience questions and later at least ten people lined up to ask questions and compliment him. Jeff is acting in the lawyer production of *The Sting* at Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton, from May 30th to June 1st. Proceeds go to charity.

Dr. John Moore will be our presenter on "Artificial Intelligence - Promise or Peril" at our upcoming meeting on February 12th - a very controversial issue of high interest to our members.

For those of you who may be interested, The Burlington Mixed Probud Club has organized a custom tour of Ireland from September 22nd to October 6th, 2024. They require support from additional Probud members to make the tour viable. For information contact Deb Sperling at 905-689-6073.

I am privileged to be supported by such a dedicated and proactive management committee. Our "Be a friend, bring a friend" approach continues to pay dividends. Since our last meeting, we have added a new member and have pending applications. Our membership chair, Gary Kirkwood, is adept at converting guests to membership, which now stands at 156. If each of us brings a friend to one of our upcoming meetings we will be well on our way to our goal of two hundred members!

Thanks to Ken Medland's initiative, we have coffee sponsors committed to our November 11th meeting.

Our speaker's committee chair, Pat Lemon, and his associates have an outstanding roster of speakers on deck until this fall.

George Caughell, our events chair, has lined up nine events for the rest of the year starting with a February 28th tour of the Howard Iron Works Printing Museum in Oakville.

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President's Message Continued

Our club will participate in a Seniors Active Living Fair at the YMCA on Feb. 14th. Our external publicity chair, Lawson Hunter, is seeking volunteers to manage our table.

As I will still be in the Desert, our February meeting will be chaired by Vice President Mike Flintoff. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting at Zoom.

John C. McArthur

Membership

At January's meeting 4 members introduced themselves to the membership.

Larry McMann, Larry Beatty, Tony Laframboise and Paul Lakin. Truly great additions to our group.

Our guest speaker Jeff Manishen was informative and entertaining.

All this makes our meetings worth attending and asking others to come as your guests.

Current membership is currently at 156 with a hopeful target of 175 for the year.

Let me know if you have any changes to your information or want a current roster of members.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership

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Guest Speaker: John B. Moore

John graduated from Engineering at the University of Toronto in 1964. He obtained his Ph.D. in Management Sciences at the University of Waterloo in 1971. His career includes being a:



- secondary school teacher in London, Ont.
- computer systems engineer with IBM
- software developer and database consultant
- President of 3 small businesses
- author of 5 textbooks on computer programming
- lecturer on Artificial Intelligence at Wilfrid Laurier
- Professor Emeritus at the University of Waterloo
- Past President of KW Toastmasters, Waterloo Federal Liberal Association, KW Chapter of Canadian Association of Retired Persons, and the Rotary Club of Kitchener.

John has many varied interests that involve technology, politics, sports, bridge and community service. Currently, he spends his time expanding his personal knowledge base in anticipation of completing a book titled "I Figured It Out". He will soon release a new web application for recreational Bridge player groups.

He has been married (same wife) for 58 years and has 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Brian Duncombe,

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Greetings from the House



As you are reading this, Charlene and I are relaxing on the beach in Vera Cruz, Mexico. This is our 30-plus trip to Mexico and we have always had great weather, great people, and amazing food. Yes, over the years the risk level has risen, but if you conduct yourself wisely and stay away from the tequila, you'll be okay. I think I've discovered my dream job down here...a Mexican weatherman! Every day is 32 C, it rains only at night and it also gets dark at night, I think I can report that daily!

Now an update on Probus Lakeshore. We have added 3 new members to the House Team in addition to our current "veterans" and I thank them all.

Our sponsor program, bringing you not only expert retirement advice and FREE coffee continues to be a popular topic! Be sure to welcome the retirement reps and say hello.

I have been asked "Ken, what can I do with the Money I'm saving by not having to pay for my coffee? My advice... buy a 50-50 ticket. The last meeting draw put \$ 152.00 in the winner's pocket. Not a bad return!!

We have had positive comments about our new Probus banner, thanks, it looks great!

Under the expert guidance of Gary Kirkwood, our

members last meeting, well done Gary!

Pat and his committee continue to produce outstanding speakers. A recent poll indicated that our speaker quality was the number one attraction for our members 😊

I'm excited by the events that George has lined up. Support his efforts by signing up. You'll have a great time! As always spouses and friends are normally welcome to join in the fun.

That's all for now, thanks to all for your support and I'll see you on February 12th.

Ken Medland, House Committee Chair

Cheer Committee

Sadly, our former Treasurer and long-standing member, Jim Dyer, passed away on January 16, 2024. A card was sent to his widow, Madeline Dyer, and a donation was made to Carpenter Hospice in his memory.

Wayne Zarankin, a former member, passed away on January 12, 2024. A card was sent to his family.

Your Cheer Committee contacts or visits members who are ill. In the event of a death of a member, or his spouse, a card of condolence 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.

Jim Thurston, Chairman, Cheer Committee

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Special Events for 2024

Feb 28th- Howard Iron Works Printing Museum
800 Westgate Road , Oakville
10:30 AM

March 20th-Shawn & Ed Brewery
66 Hatt Street, Dundas
12 Noon, tour followed by Beer Flight,
and Lunch
\$18 / person

April (TBA)- Hamilton Steam Museum
900 Woodward Av, Hamilton
\$ 8 / person

May 15th - Welland Canal Museum
1932 Welland canal Parkway
No Fee, Donations accepted

June 1st- Theatre Aquarius
STING, 1;30 PM

July (TBA)- Stories in the Stones-Hamilton
Cemetery
- Burlington Sewage Treatment Plant

August 15th- Norm Foster Theatre- St Catharines
Melville boys
\$ 40 / person

Sept (TBA)- 40 Creek Whisky tour

Oct 2nd - SHAW Festival
My Fair Lady, 2pm

Oct (TBA)- Car Rally - Presently on life
support as knowledgeable volunteers are
required. Please save the rally and volunteer.

George Caughell, Events

Probus Golf News:

Hello Probus golfers. It is a bit early to get the clubs out but we are working at plans for the joint golf tournament with the Burlington Probus Club. We were trying to get the event arranged for May 24 but that date is no longer available. We are now negotiating to find a date in May and we hope to advise everybody by next month. In the meantime, enjoy the mild winter weather and perhaps work on your putting game.

Bill O'Brien,
Golf Committee



Next Month - Monday, March 11, 2024

**Allison Thierault, Halton Police
Cyber Security for Seniors**

Don't Forget

Valentine's Day

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