



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - April 2024

Mon., April 8

10:00 am

John Boyko

How Canada fought
the American Civil
War

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President's Message

There were ninety-four in attendance at the February 12th membership meeting, including two guests. Two of us attended the meeting via Zoom. Vice President Mike Flintoff did a great job chairing the meeting in my stead.

Len Kay, Steven Pustai, Ed Taylor (our club's first president), and Rod McGrath were recognized as 30-year members, and John Marshall, Jack Litton, and John Pegg as 25-year or plus members.

Based on the number of questions following the presentation on "How Seniors Can Prevent Being Scammed," by Constable Allison Theriault and her associate from the Halton Regional Police Service, it was very timely and well appreciated.

We will have John Boyko back again as our speaker at our upcoming April 8th membership meeting. He last presented to us in July 2022 when he spoke about Canada's role in the Vietnam war which was very well received. This time, we will learn about Canada's role in the American civil war. It promises to be an interesting subject.

On March 4th, a long-time former member, Ken Davey, passed away in his 98th year. He was a very talented individual with an interesting career. Our condolences have been expressed to his family.

During the month, the Management Committee reviewed proposed amendments to Probud Canada's Constitution and Bylaws and submitted its response with recommendations for changes.

The Board of Directors of Probud Canada has announced the election of Allan Evans, a past president of the Cooksville Probud Club, to the position of District Director for Ontario District Three to replace Bill Willson. Thanks again Bill for all your hard work on behalf of our club and district over the last three years!

Allan's term of office begins after the 2024 PROBUS Canada AGM to be held on April 26th. The other candidate was Tara Seon from the Streetsville Club. Both were professionally qualified. However, your Management Committee voted for Allan Evans as his club is within our district.

Probus Global operates in twenty-three countries around the world. <https://probusglobal.org>. Probus provides fellowship, friendship, and fun for men and women in their retirement and semi-retirement years. It is a

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President's Message Continued

volunteer-based, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian fellowship organization with over 4,000 clubs worldwide, some 250 being Canadian clubs made up of over 35,000 members. The clubs are all about encouraging healthy minds and bodies and socializing with other retirees in the community.

Probus Canada, with a Board of 12 Directors, provides national stewardship and overall support for each Canadian club. There are twelve districts across Canada, each led by a District Director, who liaises regularly with the clubs within her or his district. www.probuscanada.ca.

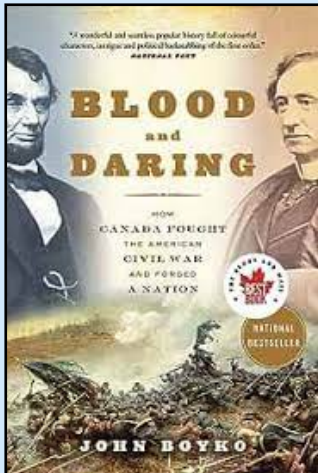
Our club's membership continues to grow. Please help us on our way to achieving our goal of two hundred members by being a friend and bringing a friend to our meetings. It is our best source of recruits!

John C. McArthur

Guest Speaker: John Boyko

John Boyko has written eight books addressing History and Politics including the book that he will present today, the national bestseller *Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation*. It earned a spot on the *The Globe and Mail's* book of the year list and was shortlisted for a Governor General's award for its French translation. John's articles and editorials have appeared in newspapers across the country, and he writes for the *Canadian Encyclopedia*.

John was born in Hamilton, grew up in Peterborough, and has earned degrees from Trent, Queen's, and McMaster Universities. He has served on and chaired many boards and is now Chair of the nationally respected Lakefield Literary Festival. Two years ago, he was elected Lakefield Ward Councillor in Selwyn Township. John lives in the Village of Lakefield.



About *Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation*.

Blood and Daring tells the story of Canada's engagement in the American Civil War through the lens of six fascinating characters. It produces a fresh understanding of the founding of one nation and the redemption and revival of another in an era that defines them both.

Brian Duncombe,
Speakers Committee

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Greetings from the House

I thought I would depart today from my normal format and take a few moments to talk about being a retired senior and PROBUS.

Retirement presents several options in life. Working has occupied a minimum of 30 to 40% of our waking hours and when you remove that time, you realize how it had become a huge part of your daily life.

The key now begins to determine how to create positive activities to fill that void with activities that YOU WANT TO DO!

A case in point is Clint Eastwood, who at 93 years young recently completed his newest film entitled "The Mule". Clint was the lead actor and producer. He was asked how he stayed so active at his age? His response." Don't let the old man in!"

I didn't understand this until I watched the movie and more importantly, read the lyrics of the song on Google.

So how does all this relate to us at PROBUS? I have found that being active and involved at PROBUS has give me the chance to meet many positive, creative men who share a joy for life! A recent study stated that men who retired with no hobbies or interests live an average of 2.5 years, those who kept active lived a good life well into their 80s.

We are surrounded by successful people and also have the opportunity to source expert guidance from our qualified sponsors each meeting to help plan our future desires. Don't hesitate to meet them and solicit advice.

Lastly, if you have ever been curious as to how to "Give Back" and help us at PROBUS, please ask any of the Management Committee how to get involved with sharing your expertise, you'll be glad you did!

Thanks for reading and being part of our great club.

Ken Medland

Membership

Another great meeting

Six members were presented with years of membership pins. Our thanks and appreciation go out to these individuals.

We were honoured by having Bill Wilson our Ontario District Director hand out the pins.

- Len Kay 30-year
- Steven Pustai 30 years
- Ed Taylor 30-year
- Rod McGrath 30-year
- John Marshall 25-year
- Jack Litton 25-year
- John Pegg 25-Year

We also have several members with 20 years and we will present their pins in the near future.

We have four prospects that I have reached out to and believe we will be adding them to our group shortly.

Let me know if you have any change to your contact information or require a membership roster.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership

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Special Events for 2024

Events for the next few months

Apr 17th- Hamilton Steam Museum \$8.50/
person

Free Parking
Still spots available

ADDED EVENT

Apr 20th- Harbour Town Festival \$30/person
Port Nelson United Church, 2pm
3132 South Drive, Burlington
Celebrating 20 years of harmony
** If you missed them at the Holiday
Lunch, No is you chance

May 15th-Welland Canal Museum \$ 6 / person
10:30 AM
St.Catharines Ontario

June 1st-- The Sting, Reenactment of the Movie
\$70 / person 1PM
Theatre Aquarius
Hamilton Ontario

June 29th- Stories in the Stones, 11AM.
No Charge
Hamilton Cemetery

NOTE: Details of all events will be forwarded to
participants a few days prior to Date

George Caughell, Events

Probus Golf News:

Hello Probus Golfers - it is almost time to hit the links! Our annual Spring tournament in which our Club faces off against the Burlington Probus Club for bragging rights is scheduled for May 17. While we have been well represented in the past events, our record has not been great. So, let's get everybody out for the May 17 event planned for Flamborough Hills Golf Club. This will be a scramble event with a light hamburger lunch included. Our sponsor, Heritage Place, will be out to give everybody a sleeve of golf balls and bottle of water for your round. Tee times will start at 9:00 AM.

The cost to participate is \$100 to be paid in advance. We have 40 places available and at this time, only 31 Probus members have signed up. If you wish to play with others, just let us know and we will try to accommodate you. We will be at the April Probus meeting to sign up golfers but that will be your last chance to get into this fun event.

Now - you must pay in advance to get into the event. You may pay by e-transfer to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com or you may pay by cheque at the April meeting. If you have any questions or can't make it to the April meeting, you may contact Golf Coordinator Bill O'Brien at nancybill60@gmail.com We look forward to seeing everybody at the golf course on May 17.

Bill O'Brien,
Golf Committee



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Technology Interest Group

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in technology including but not limited to computers. We help solve each others technology and computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting) at the Burlington East Presbyterian Church on Walkers Line and have an option to join via Zoom. The cost is \$5 per meeting. If you would like to join us please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.



Cheer Committee

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.

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Members Honoured at February Meeting



**Next Month -
Monday, May 13, 2024**

Dr. Jim Willwerth

**Climate Change and our
Wine Industry**