



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - May 2024

Mon., May 13

10:00 am

Dr. Jim Willwerth

Climate Change
and our
Wine Industry

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President's Message

This will be my last Hi-Lites message from Palm Desert, CA. We have spent a busy and enjoyable winter here including playing golf regularly at our Avondale Golf Club with fellow Probus member Wally Rosinski and attending the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament finals in Indian Wells.

We leave here on April 29th for our drive home with an extra night stop in Bentonville, AR to visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. I am deeply indebted to Vice President Mike Flintoff for chairing the membership meetings in my absence.

With many snowbirds away, attendance was lower at the March meeting with 76 attendees, including two guests, and six participants on Zoom. The good news is the guests will be joining our ranks. Our "Be a friend, bring a friend" approach continues to pay dividends!

At the time of writing, there were 39 views of the meeting on YouTube. For those who have not heard John Boyko's fascinating presentation on Canada's role in the American Civil War, it is still available on YouTube. It is well worth the watch. Who knew that Montreal was used as the secret base for a team of Confederates attempting to launch covert and intelligence operations against the United States? Or that Montreal's St. Lawrence Hall was the Confederate Junta's headquarters. Just six months before the event, John Wilkes Booth spent 10 days there when Abraham Lincoln's assassination was probably planned.

On behalf of all our members, I extend a big thank you to Dave McKenzie for updating our Club's website.

I'm sad to report that one of our club's founding members, Ken Gibson, passed away on April 15th.

Our External Publicity Chair, Lawson Hunter, arranged a communications meeting on April 16th with representatives of five of the six other Probus Clubs in Burlington to discuss communicating information on all the clubs to the public, the media, and each other. There is a desire to have another meeting with other Management Committee members to discuss their roles.

As mentioned in my March Hi-Lites remarks, your Management Committee reviewed proposed PROBUS Canada's Constitution and Bylaws amendments and responded with recommendations for changes. When the PROBUS Canada Board reviewed the results of the responses of member clubs at its April 12th meeting, two-thirds of the Board members

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President's Message Continued

concluded that the proposed amendment to the Constitution Section III.1 should be withdrawn and considered in future revisions of the bylaws.

The other proposed revisions will be presented for acceptance at the 2024 PROBUS Canada Annual General Meeting on Friday, April 26th. Our outgoing District Director, Bill Willson, has the proxy to vote for our club. I hope to attend the meeting on Zoom as an observer. Following the AGM, see the PROBUS Canada constitution at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/our-team/constitution> and the bylaws at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/our-team/bylaws>.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on May 13th

John C. McArthur

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Willwerth

Dr. Jim Willwerth is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and a Researcher in the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute at Brock University. The major component of his research program is focused on grapevine cold hardiness physiology. This includes research to maximize cold hardiness in *V. vinifera* and to further understand cold hardiness physiology and plant responses to environmental conditions during dormancy. He has an extensive research program on evaluating different grapevine material and how genotypes can impact cold hardiness, vine performance, and wine quality. He has over a decade of experience with effective technology transfer to the grape grower community. He is currently Past Chair of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture – Eastern Section and sits on several Ontario grape and wine industry committees including the VQA-O Standard Development Committee.

Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers Committee



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Greetings from the House

Another busy month at Probus lakeshore.

Our team of Gene, John, Guido , Grant and Bob continue to provide excellent customer service and promote the popular 50 50 sales. The only complaint I have is that they haven't sold me a winner...YET!

Our coffee sponsorship program continues to not only provide free coffee and tea for you, but most importantly offers you the opportunity to access invaluable, no pressure information about any of your retirement needs. Please take a moment at your next meeting to thank the reps for their support.

We have negotiated a major change with our parking.

Starting with our May meeting, there will be no need to stand outside fighting with the machine, simply park and proceed into the comfort of the gallery and pay inside...cash, debit and credit are welcomed!

We also exhibited and spoke at several retirement events in our ongoing efforts to secure new members, support the work of our sponsors and spread the word about Probus and the fellowship we provide.

The months ahead promise to be full of interesting events, great speakers, new members and FUN & FELLOWSHIP for all!

See you at our meeting.

Ken Medland
House Committee Chair

Membership

Another interesting meeting in April.

We honoured (left to right) Dave McKenzie, Mitch Banks, Graham Richards, Mike Wain and Ron Savoline for 20 years of membership.



This was followed by a very informative and interesting guest speaker John Boyko on Canada's part in the civil war.

Our current membership is 159 with three new members, Terry Ball, Bill Wilson and Terry Ball joining our group.

Keep bringing guests out they will thank you for it.

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

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Special Events for 2024

Events for the next few months

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

For those who have not picked up their tickets for "The Sting" please see Ken Snider at the May meeting

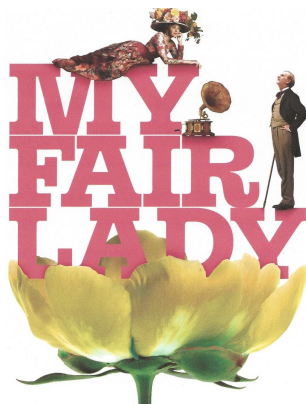
June 29th- Stories in the Stones, 11AM.
No Charge
Hamilton Cemetery

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

George Caughell, Events

October 2nd - My Fair Lady

We have secured 24 of the best seats for the most beloved musical to every hit the stage. Shaw Festival Theatre, Wednesday, October 2, at 2:30 pm, \$100.00.



Don't be disappointed, purchase your tickets at the next meeting.

Probus Golf News:

Hello Probus Golfers – we hope you are all out on the local golf courses, getting your game tuned up for the upcoming tournament at which our Burlington Lakeshore Probus Club takes on the Burlington Probus Club for golf bragging rights. Let's hope that this year we emerge victorious!



This event is on May 17th at Flamborough Hills Golf Club, starting at 9:00 AM and it will follow a "scramble" format. We have 43 members signed up and paid from our club and it looks like the other club will have about 18 to 20 golfers. So, we should have over 60 golfers playing. We have made up our teams and due to the odd numbers, there will be a few "threesomes" assigned but we hope this is not a problem. At our May 13 Probus meeting, we will have tee time sheets but if you are unable to attend, you may send an e-mail to Bill O'Brien at nancybill60@gmail.com and we will send you a copy of the tee time sheet. Lunch in the FHGC conference room will follow golf, starting around 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM.

Looking ahead, we have booked a block of tee times at Rockway Vineyards GC on Friday September 20th for our members and their guests. We have played at Rockway the past couple of years in September and everybody has enjoyed it. The price of \$65 including taxes for green fees and cart is certainly a bargain. So, please check your calendars and we will start booking for this event at our meeting in July.

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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**Next Month -
Monday, June 10, 2024**

Ty Shattuck

McMaster Innovation Park

FREE!

Halton Retirement Expo Sunday, May 26th 11am-3pm

Burlington Senior's Centre | 2285 New Street, Burlington

Dozens of vendors including Halton Retirement Residences, Downsizers, Transitions Specialists, Local Senior Organizations and More!



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COFFEE SPONSORS AND PROBUS LAKESHORE

Our coffee sponsorship program has proven to be a huge success, not only for our valued sponsors, but most importantly for our members in providing valuable information on the various options available in our community.

Our newest sponsor Chartwell, represented by Sadie and Nicola did an outstanding job and even provided a few draws to the delight of several lucky winners! Here is a recap of what Chartwell retirement residence offers.

At Chartwell, we're all about people. For us **Making People's Lives BETTER** is more than a vision, it's our purpose. We offer:

Care & Support

You're empowered to design what the right level of support looks like for you. Our retirement residences offer flexible care and support options. Let us partner with you to build a personalized plan that will give you the comfort and peace of mind you deserve.

Life Enrichment

What makes senior living at Chartwell a lifestyle that stands out from the rest? It's thriving in a welcoming community of people with shared experiences who you can count as new friends --- as well as having optional activity offerings that can enrich your life!

The best part? The choice of how you spend your day with us is entirely your own.

