



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - June 2024

Mon., June 10

10:00 am

Terry Fallis

Best Laid Plans

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President's Message

On Friday, April 26th I attended the PROBUS Canada Annual General Meeting as an observer on Zoom. Our outgoing Probus Canada District Director and Treasurer, Bill Willson, held the proxy to vote for our club. There were 72 attendees representing 60 clubs across Canada plus the incoming and outgoing executives.

There are 23 clubs in our Ontario District Three and 250 clubs in Canada, from British Columbia to Newfoundland, with 3500 members nationwide. Knowing we are part of such an active, vibrant organization is inspiring.

The members of the newly elected Probus Canada board are:

- President, Inga Thomson Hilton, Director BC District Three;
- Vice President, Martin Buscher, Director Ontario District Seven;
- Past President, Martin Capper, Director Ontario District Four;
- Secretary, Craig Greenwood, Director Ontario District One;
- Treasurer, Mary Campbell, Director Atlantic District.

The new Director for our Ontario District Three is Allan Evans. He has been invited and plans on attending one of our upcoming monthly membership meetings.

You can view the revised PROBUS Canada constitution at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/our-team/constitution>. The bylaws at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/our-team/bylaws>.

At our May meeting, attendance was up to 85, including seven guests, with five on Zoom. At the time of writing, 22 had already viewed the YouTube recording. The 50/50 prize, won by John Bar was an all-time high of \$172.00. It was very encouraging to see so many guests, three of whom have already joined with more pending. The Be a Friend by Bringing a Friend program is working. Guests are still our best source of new members!

On May 15th, Beverley and I, along with 22 others, shared a very interesting tour of the Welland Canal Museum. The event was well organized by Past President Malcolm Ramsay. The current canal is the fourth iteration. Construction on the current canal began in 1913, but work was put on hold from 1916 to 1919 due to a shortage of men and workers during World War I (1914–18) and was completed and officially opened on August 6th, 1932. During the construction, 138 workers lost their lives. There are eight locks, and it takes freighters eight hours to navigate through the canal.

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President's Message Continued

The result from our annual golf competition with the Probus Men's Club of Burlington was better this year with our club reclaiming the trophy after many years. Bill O'Brien's fine organizational skills made the event a success. There were 62 golfers, 46 from our club and 17 from the other club. Our sponsor, Heritage Place, provided a sleeve of balls and bottled water for all. Rainfall just before the last groups finished, did not spoil the event. It was a very enjoyable day of great fellowship and an excellent lunch!

The top three teams were all from our club. The overall winning foursome was Dennis Colameco, Bill O'Brien, Dave Little, and John Barr. They will be suitably recognized at our June 10th meeting.

On Sunday, May 26th Past President, Ken Medland, arranged a booth for the Retirement Show at the Burlington Expo Centre. George Caughill and I assisted him in explaining Probus to those who stopped to visit. As a result, we have at least two prospective members who plan on attending our next meeting.

John C. McArthur

Membership

Another awesome meeting with a great presenter. Once again thank you for bringing guests out. This meeting we had 5 guests and two new member applications.

We started the meeting presenting 20-year pins to Derek Short and Paul Lonergan. Derek was quick to remind us that he is close to receiving his 25-year pin. Great long-time members.

Our current membership is at 162 as we welcomed Jim Guild, Jim Buckrell and Colin Lindsay to the club. I have five more that I am working on and trust they will join the fellowship offered by Probus.

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

Gary Kirkwood, Membership

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Guest Speaker - Terry Fallis

A two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, Terry Fallis is the award-winning author of nine national bestsellers, including his most recent, *A New Season* (2023).

Terry has written for many publications including Maclean's, Canadian Geographic, Reader's Digest, Toronto Life, the Globe and Mail, the National Post, and the Toronto Star.

Terry Fallis earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree from McMaster University (1983) where he became engulfed in university politics and somehow persuaded the undergraduates to elect him President of the Students Union.



After graduation, he turned his back on engineering and joined future Prime Minister Jean Chretien's full-time staff for the 1984 federal Liberal Leadership campaign. He served on the political staff of the Liberal Minister of State for Youth, the Honourable Jean Lapierre, in the short-lived cabinet of Prime Minister John Turner. He stayed with Lapierre as his Legislative Assistant in opposition (1984-85) following the landslide victory of Brian Mulroney and the Progressive Conservative Party.

Terry returned to Toronto in 1985 as Legislative Assistant to the Honourable Robert Nixon, Treasurer (now called Finance Minister) in the newly elected Liberal Ontario government led by Premier David Peterson.

For nearly eight years (1988-95) after leaving politics, he was a government affairs and communications consultant with the international PR firm, Hill and Knowlton, including stints as Vice President running the Ontario government affairs group and finally President of Berger & Associates, a Hill and Knowlton subsidiary.

In 1995, he co-founded Thornley Fallis with Joe Thornley, a full-service communications consulting agency with offices in Ottawa and Toronto. Terry also created and co-hosted more than 200 episodes of the popular business podcast, Inside PR. Though the agency he cofounded lives on, Terry retired in 2022 to write full-time.

Pat Lennon,
Speakers' Committee

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Probus Lakeshore Needs You!!

The success of our amazing club is due not only to you for constantly talking up what Probus is all about but just as important stepping up to be part of our Management Committee to put all the pieces in place.

One of my roles is heading up the Nomination Committee where we identify interested members who want to "GIVE BACK" and devote a few hours each month in ensuring our ongoing success!



Due to recent changes, we have the following positions open, and I know with the proven ability of our present and new members somebody in the crowd will step up. We can't offer you a big dollar incentive but can guarantee you the opportunity to be with an amazing group and have some fun!

The open positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Golf Chair

For details as to how YOU can help your club, please drop me a line at kenmed1620@gmail.com

Thank you,

Ken Medland

Special Events for 2024

Events for the next few months

June 1st Theatre Aquarius- The Sting (Charity Event by Hamilton layers) Saturday, 1:30 BUT come early to receive your free cocktail, compliments of Ken MedlandJ

June 29th- Stories in the Stones, 11AM. A Narrated trip through the events of the War of 1812, and the impact on Canada Hamilton Cemetery

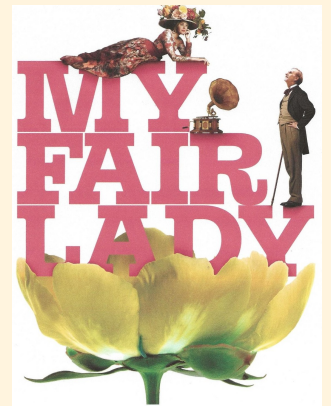
July 17th/24th ?
1 1/2 hour tour of the Oakville Sewage Treatment plant and the impact on Lake Ontario
Date to be confirmed

August 15th
Norm Foster Play, St Catharines Ontario
The Melville boys (one of his most famous works)
Tickets going FAST

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.

George Caughell, Events



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THANK YOU FROM THE HOUSE

There are 2 words that are never used enough, "Thank You"

In my current role as Chair for the House, I've had the privilege of not only having a great support team, but also the chance to meet many of you in person.

My **THANKS** starts with my team of Guido and Grant who are our Greeters and set the positive tone for our meetings with a big smile and a cheerful greeting.

Inside, we have Gene, John and Bob who do an amazing job with our very successful 50 – 50 sales.

THANK YOU ALL!

I would be remiss if I neglected to **THANK**, our monthly sponsors who provide not only your free coffee, but also dispense professional guidance. Each facility has different options and I would encourage you to say hi to them and discover what they offer.

On that note we had an exhibit at the Halton Retirement Expo. The crowd was smaller than normal, but we managed to add several new members and also support our Retirement Home attendees who were there. **THANKS** to George and President John for helping promote Probus Lakeshore.

And lastly, my sincere **THANKS** to all of you for making us the best club in Burlington!

Ken Medland
House Committee Chair

Free Parking for the June Meeting



We had arranged to have parking paid inside the AGB for our May meeting.

Due to several administration snags, this did not go as smoothly as promised.

The AGB has offered FREE parking for our June 10 meeting for all members and guests.

We are working to streamline the parking process and will keep you advise.

Thanks for your patience.

Ken Medland

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Probus Golf News:

Hello Golfers and all Burlington Lakeshore Probus Members. We held our annual golf tournament on May 17th where we competed against the Burlington Probus Club for bragging rights as the best senior golfers in Burlington. This year we have captured those bragging rights by have the three best team scores in a golf scramble event. The team led by Dennis Colameco had the overall low score of 72. More importantly, we all enjoyed a fun day of golf and lunch at Flamborough Hills GC.



Our next golfing event will be on September 20 at Rockway Vineyards GC near St Catharines. We have booked a block of tee times for 40 golfers for that outing and you may enter as a foursome or by yourself. We will be signing up golfers at our July and August meetings for the event.

Bill O'Brien, Golf Committee

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.

Jim Thurston, Chairman, Cheer 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.



**Next Month -
Monday, July 8, 2024**

Dean Baker

Golf Club Practices and Climate Change