



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - June 2025

Monday, June 7

10:00 am

Tim Burrows

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Vehicle Society**

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President's Message

Greetings to all. I hope that you are showing great patience as you wait for spring to finally arrive as we dreamed it would all winter. This month I have been thinking about leadership and the qualities that make a good leader. It seems that the news these days is filled with information about world leaders and the decisions they are making that effect the shape of the world in which we live. Last fall we saw the rise of Donald Trump and his domination of the election in the USA. Now we are observing his style of dominating leadership on the world stage. In our own country the Conservatives seemed to be dominating the Canadian political scene early in the year. However, that all changed seemingly overnight with the emergence of Mark Carney as the new Liberal leader. What was it that made such a difference so quickly? We are only too aware of how choices of those in leadership can affect so many people. I am thinking of the Russia- Ukraine conflict, the strife in the middle east and the economic struggles between the USA and China, India and the EU.

Do you consider yourself as a leader in your world? Most of us would probably say no, but I am suggesting that you are a leader in many ways in your family, community and social environment. I would suggest that those of us who are members of Probud are leaders by virtue of our age, experience and career history. I would also suggest that if you look over your shoulder you will be surprised to find who and how many are following your example. Let's consider some of the qualities of leadership that we should be cultivating so we do not let them down.

Vision and Purpose

Even in our retirement years we should have an understanding of what we want to accomplish in the remainder of our lives. Our vision and purpose may include goals for our families, friends and associates.

Integrity and Transparency

Integrity is the foundation of trust in leadership. A leader's words and actions must align with ethical principles. Transparency—being open about challenges, decisions, and intentions—fosters respect and accountability. People naturally follow those they trust, making integrity a non-negotiable quality for sustainable leadership.

Effective Communication

Leadership, at its core, is about how we influence those around us. Others not only watch our actions but listen to what we say and influence is achieved through clear and compelling communication

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President's Message - continued

Decisiveness and Problem-Solving

Leaders often face complex challenges that require quick yet thoughtful decision-making. Decisiveness is about evaluating options, taking responsibility for choices, and committing to a course of action. Strong leaders also excel at problem-solving, turning obstacles into opportunities and maintaining composure under pressure.

Accountability and Empowerment

Leadership is not about control—it's about empowerment. A great leader delegates responsibilities, trusts their team, and fosters independence. Equally, they hold themselves accountable for successes and failures, demonstrating ownership and resilience. When leaders take responsibility, they set a powerful example for others to follow.

These are just a few of the qualities that make a good leader. Let's try to incorporate these into our everyday lives as much as we can. Don't forget to look behind from time to time to see who is following your example.

Tom Williams

Guest Speaker - Tim Burrows



Tim is a retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distillery and a graduate of the University of Toronto where he earned an honours degree in psychology.

Tim has owned and driven battery- electric cars for more than 12 years and has logged over 350,000 kilometres without the need for gasoline or diesel fuel. He now enjoys sharing his EV experience with others and breaks down many myths and misconceptions about electric vehicle ownership.

His talk is entitled "Should Your Next Car be Electric?" and in it, he explains why we've reached a 'tipping point' where electric cars are replacing those powered by gasoline. Tim also touches on the state of self driving technology and what autonomous cars could mean for the future.

Tim is a board member of Electric Vehicle Society, a not-for-profit organization which works to promote the understanding and adoption of electric mobility in Canada. In his role there, he produces a monthly webinar called "Canada Talks Electric Cars".

Pat Lennon,
Speakers' Committee

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Membership

We had one guest at our May meeting.

The great news is we attracted, Garry Dool, a new member who handed in his Membership Application.

This brings our membership to 157 having added 29 new members this year.

Brian Hall introduced himself with an interesting work history and now in retirement enjoys Music, Photography, Travel and Puzzles.

This month I attended the Summit Dairy Farm tour. Awesome educational tour that was enjoyed by many members. Pampered cows giving milk three times a day.

Updated Membership Rosters are available. Simply ask at a meeting or email me.

Contact me with any questions and keep promoting our awesome group.

gmgak@outlook.com

Gary Kirkwood

Membership

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Nominating Committee

One of my remaining duties as past president is to chair a nominating committee that will present a slate of officers for our 2025/2026 Management Committee during our September Members Meeting.

These are all enjoyable and rewarding portfolios.

While I'm hopeful some members of the current Management Committee will continue in their roles, we are always looking for volunteers.

Please inform me if you are interested in joining our leadership team.

John C. McArthur

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Cheer Committee

John Lindsay - I am happy to report that John is making good recovery after spending 6 weeks in hospital and 10 of those days on life support. He has been at home now for 2 weeks and while having to learn to walk all over again, is getting around without the aid of a walker. He is working hard for full recovery and he has our full support. Keep it up John.

Charles Hailes – We are saddened to report the passing of Charles Hailes on May 12th. He was an active member of Probus for a number of years (not sure how many) but dropped out when his health declined.

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.

Rod McGrath, Chairman, Cheer Committee
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Probus Golf News

The Probus Annual Competitive Golf Tournament was held at Flamborough Hills GC on Friday May 16th, 2025. Our club was represented by 35 keen golfers, who all endeavoured to retain the bragging rights and trophy which we won last year. Unfortunately, we ended up in second place to the Probus Club of Burlington.

A thank you to Astra Belisario of Heritage Place, our sponsor for this golf tournament, who provided all golfers with a sleeve of golf balls and a bottle of water.

The Probus Lakeshore Club will be holding our golf tournament at the Rockway Vineyards Golf Club on Friday, September 19th, 2025. We have reserved tee time slots for 36 to 40 golfers. The cost will be \$70.00, which includes green fees, golf cart rental and HST.

Signing up for the tournament will take place in July and August.

So, please reserve this date in your calendar.

Long range planning is in progress. We have reserved Flamborough Hills GC for the Probus Annual Competitive Golf Tournament. The date is Friday, May 5th, 2026. I know this is in early May, but this was the only date available, all the other Thursdays and Fridays were booked.

Walter Rosinski

Golf Committee



Next Month
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Special Events 2025

A. 13th Street Winery

10am, Wednesday, June 18th, Cost: \$51.00

- 1776 Fourth Avenue, St. Catharines
- Winery tour and wine tasting (5 wines) during the tour.
- The winery has a bistro style food service under a marquee plus casual outdoor seating. There is also a shop selling baked goods, and a wine store, together with an art gallery plus several sculptures around the property. Max. 25 persons
- Last chance to sign up and to pay is at the June 9th Probus Meeting
- For information contact Colin Lindsay (ccl2341@gmail.com)

B. Norm Foster Play “On a First Name Basis”

2pm, Thursday, July 17th, Cost: \$40

- Mandeville Theatre, Ridley College, St. Catherines
- Last chance to sign up and to pay is at the June 9th Probus Meeting
- For information contact Malcolm Ramsay (mrmsay3@cogeco.ca)

C. Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum Tour

9:30am, Wednesday, August 13th, Cost: \$12

- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, 9280 Airport Rd, Mount Hope (near the John C Munro Hamilton International Airport)
- For information contact Colin Lindsay (ccl2341@gmail.com)

D. Shaw Festival Play “Anything Goes”

1:00pm, Friday, September 26th, Cost: \$105

- Niagara on the Lake
- For information contact Malcolm Ramsay (mrmsay3@cogeco.ca)

Keith Weaver,
Events Committee