



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - March 2026

Monday, March 9
10:00 am

**Chief Stephen
Tanner**

**Crime and The Justice
System**

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President's Message

One of the strengths of our Probus Club is the friendships that grow from shared interests, good conversation, and engaging programs. As we look ahead to the coming months, I encourage each of you to help keep our club vibrant by embracing our simple message: **Be a Friend, Bring a Friend**. We depend on our members to introduce friends, neighbours, and colleagues who may be looking for connection, learning, and fellowship in retirement. Your personal invitation truly makes a difference.

I am very much looking forward to our March 9th meeting, when we will welcome **Stephen Tanner**, the longest-serving Chief of Police in Canada with the **Halton Regional Police Service**. Chief Tanner brings a unique combination of experience and insight, supported by a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the **University of Guelph** and a Master of Public Administration from the **University of Western Ontario**.

This promises to be a fascinating presentation and a great meeting to share with a guest. I hope you'll consider bringing a friend along and introducing them to all that Probus has to offer.

I look forward to seeing you there.

— Keith Weaver, President



**Mark Your
Calendar**

Probus meeting in April will be:

Wednesday, April 15th!

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Guest Speaker - Stephen Tanner

Stephen J. Tanner, OOM is the Chief of Police of the Halton Regional Police Service. He began his term on September 1, 2012, and was sworn in on September 4, 2012, succeeding retired Chief of Police Gary Crowell. Tanner is currently the longest-serving active police chief in Canada, having served in that role for 20 years.



Chief Tanner commenced his policing career on September 13, 1982 with the Halton Regional Police Service. He worked in a variety of areas including uniform patrol, criminal investigations, tactical rescue, training, intelligence, polygraph and major crime. In 1998, he was appointed as Deputy Chief of Operations with the Guelph Police Service where he served until relocating to the Belleville Police Service as Deputy Chief in 2000. In 2002, Tanner was appointed as Belleville's Chief of Police. In 2008, Tanner was appointed as Chief of Police of the Kingston Police Force where he served until 2012.

Tanner currently serves as chair of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario and is Co-chair of the National Police Services National Advisory Committee (NPS NAC) which oversees a variety of policing functions for Canada.

In January 2012, Tanner was appointed by the Governor General of Canada as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces

Danny Kraftcheck - Speakers' Committee

Membership

We were pleased to have a well-attended meeting this month, highlighted by the introduction of three new members.

- Brad Butcher, whose career as a chartered accountant is complemented by his hobbies of golf, reading, and bowling.
- Joel Carey, who brings extensive experience in the insurance industry and opened a risk-management insurance firm with a partner.
- Lawrence Stasiuk, a landscape architect and former President of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects. He continues to mentor young landscape architects and brings with him interests in military history and metal collecting.

They are truly wonderful additions to our club.

The updated Membership Roster has now been emailed to all active members. Please take a moment to review your information and advise of any corrections.

A special thank-you to the members who brought guests to our meeting. Their visitors enjoyed the fellowship and the speaker, and two of the three have already submitted their names for membership consideration.

Be a Friend — Bring a Friend remains our most effective path to welcoming new members.

If you need more information, please feel free to reach out.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership, gmgak@outlook.com

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Special Events

Wednesday March 18th

Tour of the Rockwool plant in Milton at 10:30 am. Rockwool makes insulation materials produced from mineral wool. The visit will include a tour of the plant, lunch and a presentation on the company and its products. Please note that this involves one flight of stairs.

Wednesday April 22nd (TBC)

Self-guided tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School with an Audio Wand, together with a video presentation and self-guided tour of the Woodland Cultural Centre. Starting 10:00 am. The tour will take 2-3 hours. Cost \$30 per person.

Thursday July 16th

Norm Foster play "The Long Weekend" – 2:00 pm at the Mandeville Theatre, St Catharines. Tickets \$25 per person. Three tickets remaining – standby list will be prepared.

Friday October 2nd

Shaw Festival – "Funny Girl" at 1:00 pm. Tickets \$105 per person

The following events are still in the planning stage:

- May – Niagara Power Station
- June – Toyota Plant in Cambridge
- August – Sleeman Spring Mill Distillery in Guelph
- September – Grand River lunch cruise with Blazing Fiddles

Colin Lindsay, Events Committee

Cheer Committee

On February 9th, longtime member Dennis Colemenco passed. He was a great golfer, competitive curler, and humorous storyteller. His foursome consistently won our Probus Golf tournaments. A donation will be made in his memory to the Joseph Brant Hospital.

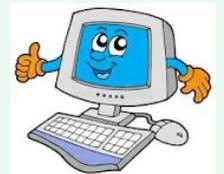
Dave Little, our former vice president, is at home under the care of family with PSW assistance. Dave remains very positive and welcomes visits from his Probus friends at his residence, 2071 Wellington Ave.

Your Cheer Committee contacts or visits members who are ill. In the event of a member's or his spouse's death, a condolence card is sent to the family. A memorial donation is made to an appropriate charity upon a member's passing. Please contact me or any member of the Management Committee if you are aware of an illness or bereavement.

Your Probus Cheer Leader, John McArthur,
905-630-2271, john@mcArthurconsultants.com.

Technology Interest Group (TIG)

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 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.



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Probus Golf

The Southbrook Golf Club is reserved for the Probus Annual Competitive Golf Tournament. The date is Thursday, May 28th, 2026. Last year our competitors edged us out of a victory.



Sign-ups for this event will commence in our March 2026 meeting. Bill O'Brien will be manning the sign-up desk while I'm away on vacation.

The total cost including green fee, cart rental, the lunch meal including HST should be finalized by the March meeting.

Heritage Place has agreed to be our sponsor for this tournament.

Walter Rosinski
walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca

Sponsorship

HELP WANTED!!!

We are seeking a member to step up and volunteer to assist Ken Medland in the fun filled role of **SPONSORSHIP**

The role entails working directly with senior management from the various retirement communities

WARNING!!!

The majority of the contacts are attractive, knowledgeable females who have a ton of knowledge about creating a positive retirement environment for our members. Guaranteed, you will learn a lot and have a positive and fun 🥰 filled experience.

This role will provide a unique opportunity to prepare for a future role on the Management Committee , if you desire....another great bunch of people!

Any questions?, please contact me at 905-818-2902
Ken Medland , Sponsor Chair



Next Month
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Dr. David Novog
McMaster Nuclear Reactor