



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - April 2026

**Monday, April 15**  
**10:00 am**

**Dr. David Novog**

**McMaster Nuclear  
Reactor**

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### **President's Message**

As I write this message, I am enjoying some time with family on a ski trip in northern Italy—grateful for the opportunity to recharge and spend time together. I look forward to being back with you all very soon.

A quick but important reminder that our April meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 15th**, rather than our usual second Monday. This change is due to scheduling constraints at our meeting venue, and we appreciate your flexibility.

We have an especially interesting program lined up. Our speaker will be Dr. Novog, who will be speaking about the McMaster Nuclear Reactor. This topic has already generated strong interest within our club—recently, 30 of our members participated in a guided tour of the facility, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. I expect this presentation will be both fascinating and informative.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we will also take time to recognize a number of our long-serving members, presenting 20- and 25-year pins. These milestones represent a remarkable level of commitment to our club and are well worth celebrating. To help celebrate, we will have some additional refreshments (cookies, brownies, etc.) available.

I look forward to seeing you on April 15th for what promises to be an engaging and meaningful meeting.

— Keith Weaver, President



**Don't  
Miss it!**

Probus meeting in April will be:

**Wednesday, April 15th!**

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### Guest Speaker - Dr. David Novog



Dr. David Novog is an expert in nuclear safety, emergency preparedness and advanced reactor designs with almost 30 years in the nuclear sector.

Prior to joining as a faculty member, he has worked for Ontario Hydro, AECL, OPG, and various successor companies as a technical lead, consultant, or manager on dozens of nuclear projects.

He currently holds a UNENE Research Chair in Nuclear Safety, providing independent expertise to industry, government, regulators and media.

His love of the McMaster Nuclear Reactor dates back to the early 1990s where he used the reactor extensively as part of his PhD research on radiation imaging, and has been a tour guide at the MNR since 1992.

Danny Kraftcheck - Speakers'

### Membership

At our April meeting, we will be recognizing members who have reached 20 and 25 years with Probud. Lapel pins will be presented after the guest speaker, followed by group photos.



At the March meeting, we were pleased to welcome four new members:

- Robert Dufour — Independent Insurance Adjuster; active in wine clubs.
- John Sullivan — Former President of Carlton Cards; enjoys golf and travel.
- Jim Willis — Career in reinsurance; now plays saxophone with the New Horizons Concert Band.
- Rob Cross — Retired banker with a passion for photography.

We expect to welcome another group of new members in the coming months as our club continues to grow.

Thank you to everyone who brings guests—your efforts make a real difference.

A new promotional brochure has been developed to help all of us spread the word about Probud. Copies will be available at the next meeting.

Our current membership stands at 156.

Please remember to let me know if any of your contact information changes so we can keep the membership roster up to date.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership, [gmgak@outlook.com](mailto:gmgak@outlook.com)

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### Special Events

#### Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 \$26 per person. Numbers need to be confirmed by April 6<sup>th</sup> – please contact Colin Lindsay at [ccl2341@gmail.com](mailto:ccl2341@gmail.com) if you have not already registered, also if you have already registered but have to withdraw.

#### Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Charitable donations have been made in memory of:

- Dennis Colemenco, to Joseph Brant Hospital
- Larry McMann to The Canadian Cancer Society
- Benjamin Simmons to Determination Martial Arts

Long-time member, Art Klippenstein, who fell at home in early March and broke a hip requiring surgery, will be released to go home from the Joseph Brant Hospital on April 1st.

Our former vice president, Dave Little, left us on the afternoon of March 31st with the assistance of MAID. The last five months have been challenging for him. He was a consummate volunteer and will be missed.

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](mailto:john@mcArthurconsultants.com).

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### Probus Golf

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



Probus members who have not signed up at the March meeting are invited to sign-up for this event at the April meeting. If you are not able to attend the April meeting and want to participate, you can email me at the address below.

The total cost including green fee, cart rental, the lunch meal including HST is \$100.00. Payment is to be made by E-transfer. Payable to:  
**paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com**

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

Walter Rosinski

[walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com)



**Next Month**  
**Monday, May 11, 2026**

**Prof. Mark Rector**  
**Oh Canada - Our Home and Inventive Land**

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### 2026 PROBUS GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings begin at **10:00 a.m.**

**Location:** Port Nelson United Church

- **Wednesday, April 15** (*note change from usual Monday*)
- **Monday, May 11**
- **Monday, June 8**
- **Monday, July 13**
- **Monday, August 10**



#### Looking Ahead

We are currently confirming meeting dates with the church for the next program year (**September 2026 – August 2027**). The full schedule will be shared once finalized.



#### About Our Schedule

General Meetings are typically held on the **second Monday of each month**. If that day falls on a public holiday, the meeting moves to the **following Monday**.

In **December**, a **Holiday Celebration Luncheon** is held in place of the regular General Meeting.