



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - May 2026

Monday, May 11

10:00 am

Prof. Mark Rector

**OH CANADA! Our Home
and Inventive Land**

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President's Message

As we move into the spring season, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to the members of our Management Committee. The ongoing success of our Probus Club depends on their dedication, energy, and willingness to serve. Many of these individuals have contributed their time and talents over several years, and their commitment is truly valued.

Each month in *Hi-Lites*, you will see the names of the 14 members of the Management Committee (in addition to myself). What may be less visible is that several of these members also lead teams of volunteers who help organize and deliver the many activities and events our club enjoys. Together, this broader group plays an essential role in keeping our club running smoothly.

Our club has also benefited greatly from the contributions of many members over the years—whether through formal roles or by helping in smaller but equally important ways. This spirit of participation is what keeps our club vibrant and engaging.

If you have ever considered becoming more involved, I would encourage you to take that step. Please feel free to speak with any member of the Management Committee, or connect with Tom Williams, our Past President, who will soon be convening the Nominating Committee for next year.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. — Keith Weaver, President

Guest Speaker - Professor Mark Rector

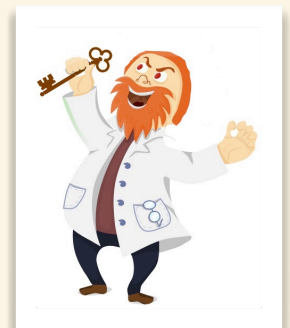
Professor Rector is a published author, public speaker, and retired Professor of Engineering from Simcoe... and he's now a popular Podcaster with his new show!

He has written numerous articles, textbooks, and has just released his first book in August, 2018, now in its 7th printing! With over 6,500 copies sold!!!

"OH CANADA! Our Home and Inventive Land", a smash bestseller is available in bookstores across the country and on his website.

He has been awarded and honoured as an educator across the country, and on Parliament Hill! Today he has a fun and engaging presentation for you about the history of Canadian inventors, inventions and firsts!

Danny Kraftcheck - Speakers' Committee



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Membership

Dr. **David Novog** delivered a fascinating presentation on the **McMaster Nuclear Reactor**, and I don't think any of us were prepared for just how engaging it would be. His stories about the reactor's history and its role in Canadian innovation kept the audience fully absorbed. It is truly something Canadians can be proud of.

We were also pleased to welcome **four new members**, each of whom introduced themselves:

- **Eric Johnston** — A career in education and a lifelong passion for canoeing.
- **Barry Woods** — An electrical contractor and an avid golfer.
- **Chris Costanza** — With a background in accounting and education, Chris served as Director of Finance for both the Alzheimer Society of Ontario and the Kidney Foundation of Canada. In retirement, he volunteers as a starter at a local golf club.
- **Martin Powell** — A civil engineer who consulted with the City of Mississauga on major Metrolinx projects. He has held volunteer positions with St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton on the Board of Governors. In retirement, he enjoys hiking, theatre, travel, and cards.

It's clear our club continues to attract a diverse and talented group of men.

We concluded the meeting with the presentation of **Probus pins** recognizing **25** and **20 years** of membership.

25-Year Pins

- Richard Moskal
- Gerald Park

20-Year Pins

- Ed Kerns
- John Sterling
- Stan Pearce
- Grant Baxter
- Guido Steinnagel
- Bob Miller

This year, in addition to the pins, we also provided **new name badges** showing each member's join date and years of membership. This will help fellow members recognize and celebrate these milestones. If you previously received a pin and would like your badge updated, please turn it in to me and I will have the dates added.

Another excellent meeting overall, with **four guests in attendance**, resulting in **one new member** so far.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gary Kirkwood Membership Chairman

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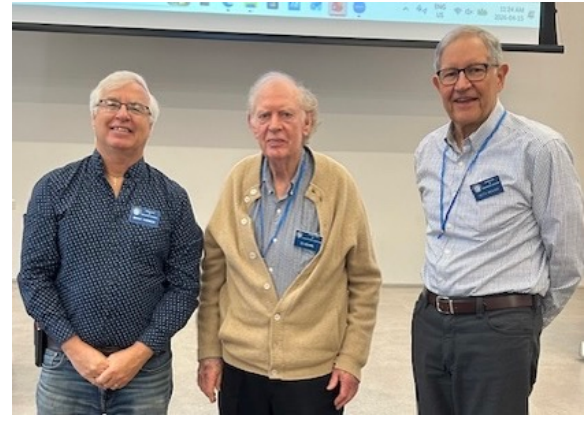
Congratulations to our 25 and 20 Year Pin Recipients



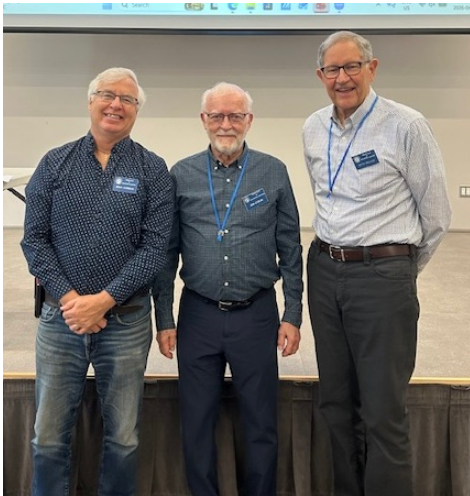
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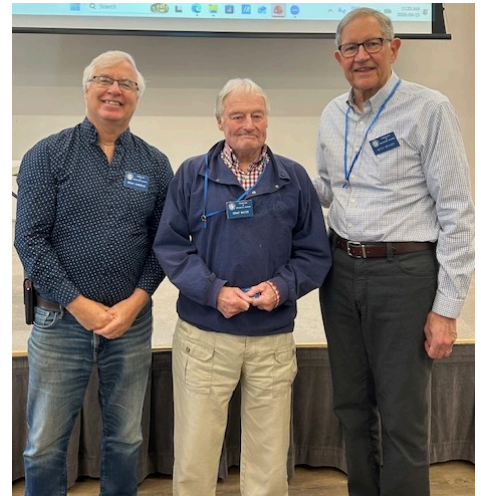
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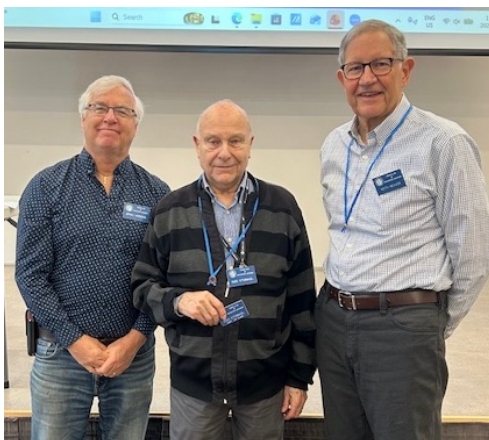
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Special Events

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

A charitable donation was made to the Carpenter Hospice in memory of our former vice president, Dave Little,.

Art Klippenstein continues to recover at home from hip surgery, with care from a home care provider. He welcomes calls from his Probus friends.

Another longtime member, Paul Lonergan, is undergoing chemotherapy at the Joseph Brant Hospital for lymphoma.

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.

2026 REMAINING GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Location: Port Nelson United Church

- **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.



Next Month

Monday, June 8, 2026

Prof. Stephen Hawthorne

**"Unhooding the Hangman -
applicants to an odious job"**

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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.



Probus members who have not signed up at the April meeting are invited to sign-up for this event at the May meeting. Bill O'Brien will be manning the sign-up desk while I'm away on vacation. If you are unable to attend the May meeting and want to participate, you can email me at the address below. The cut-off date for signing up is Wednesday, May 20th.

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

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

Sponsorship

I recently attended the Expo with firm objectives in mind!

First, I wanted to acknowledge and thank our wonderful existing coffee sponsors and secondly secure new sponsors for our upcoming year. Both goals were achieved!

The present sponsors were very complimentary as to the response that they had received from our members and regard our program is focused and professional.

To quote them..." Probus Lakeshore knows what they are doing, and they do it well!

I also canvassed a number of potential vendors with the intent of them becoming future sponsors and the responses were very positive. Most were very disappointed that they were unable to secure bookings for this year. I assured them that I would place them on a follow up list and contact them prior to their budget time.

In closing, I want to thank all of our members for welcoming our sponsors. They have added an amazing level of retirement

knowledge and support...An additional PLUS to being a member of PROBUS LAKESHORE!

Ken Medland ,
Sponsor Chair



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Our Coffee Sponsors at the recent Burlington Retirement Expo



Amanda and Pryah from Burlington Gardens



Claire from Pearl & Pine



Marie from Downsizing Solutions