



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - June 2026

Monday, June 8

10:00 am

**Prof. Stephen
Hawthorn**

**“Unhooding the Hangman -
applicants to an odious
job”**

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President's Message

One of the great pleasures of belonging to our Probus Club is the opportunity to meet new people and build friendships through shared experiences. That was certainly highlighted for me during our recent tour of the Niagara Parks Power Station on May 20.

The tour itself was fascinating, but what made the day especially enjoyable was sharing the experience with 23 fellow Probus members, most of whom I have come to know since joining the club only a few years ago. A few of us also travelled together by car, beginning the day with breakfast and lively conversation on a wide range of topics. Even the \$40 parking charge in Niagara became part of the adventure, with everyone cheerfully contributing to the costs of the trip.

What struck me most was how naturally friendships develop through activities such as these. Spending time together, learning together, and simply enjoying each other's company are among the most valuable benefits of being part of Probus.

As we look ahead, our club will be organizing a Membership Drive over the coming months to encourage others to discover the same sense of connection, friendship, and involvement that we enjoy. I hope each of you will help us share the story of what makes our club so special.

Keith Weaver, President

Guest Speaker - Professor Stephen Hawthorn

Stephen Hawthorn is a cultural historian, particularly interested in the way the past has been represented and used by individuals and societies in the past. His main focus has been on Britain and its imperial reach since the 18th Century. He has published five books and more than 120 academic articles, chapters, and reviews, and given more than 70 research presentations around the world. He received his PhD from the University of Toronto in 1996 and his first fulltime faculty position was at Indiana University in Indianapolis in 1997. He joined the McMaster Department of History in 2001, was its Chair between 2018 and 2023, and then served as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at McMaster in 2024 and 2025. He was elected a Fellow of The Royal Historical Society in 2013.



Danny Kraftcheck - Speakers' Committee

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Membership

If you weren't already a proud Canadian when you arrived at our May meeting, you most certainly left as one.

Professor **Mark Rector** delivered an engaging and entertaining presentation on **Canadian inventions**, reminding us of our nation's remarkable history of firsts in medicine, technology, and industry. Many of us learned just how often Canada has shaped the everyday items we rely on — and our contributions to aviation are truly second to none.

We also welcomed **Tim Smith**, who introduced himself as our newest member. Tim holds a degree in Civil Engineering and retired as Executive Vice President with **EllisDon Construction**. He and his family have lived in several countries and now call Burlington home. Tim enjoys time at his cottage in Muskoka, traveling, skiing, golf, and pickleball — keeping the whole family active.

A special milestone was celebrated as **Mitch Banks** his **25-year pin**. Mitch is member #165 and joined in 2001. Congratulations, Mitch.



membership currently stands at **158**, with a few more expected shortly.

new Probus brochure is now available. You can pick one up at the membership table during any meeting — it's an excellent tool when introducing prospective members to our club.

The **updated membership roster** has also been sent out. Please take a moment to confirm that your contact information is current and let me know if anything needs updating.

Gary Kirkwood Membership

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Gary Kirkwood Membership Chairman

Membership Drive - 2026

We will be organizing a Membership Drive that runs from **June to September**, and every member can help.

At the June 8 meeting, you'll receive our updated brochure—please consider passing it along to a friend or neighbour who might enjoy our speakers and fellowship. Also, consider forwarding the monthly Hi-Lites to your friends, inviting them to come to a meeting.

Guests are welcome at every meeting, and bringing someone along is one of the best ways to introduce them to Probus. We'll wrap up the drive at our **September meeting** with a light lunch and recognition of all new members.

Let's work together to grow our Burlington Lakeshore Probus community.

Be a Friend - - - -



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Special Events

Thursday June 18th – Toyota Assembly Plant tour in Cambridge at 12:15 pm. Final list of names to be provided 7 days prior – if you are bringing a significant other, please make sure you let us know their names.

Photo ID required. No cellphones allowed on tram tour.

Thursday July 16th – Norm Foster play “The Long Weekend” – 2:00 pm at the Mandeville Theatre, St Catharines. Tickets \$25 per person. Last opportunity for sign up and pay at the June 8th meeting. Only 5 tickets remaining. No refunds after June 8th

Wednesday August 19th – Sleeman Distillery Tour and Tasting – 10:00 am at distillery in Guelph. Cost \$29/person tax included. Approximately 1.5 hours. Tasting 3 products.

Thursday September 17th – Blazing Fiddles show and Grand River Lunch Cruise – Caledonia 10:45 am-3:45 pm. Tickets \$80/person tax included. Maximum 48

Friday October 2nd – Shaw Festival – “Funny Girl” at 1:00 pm. Tickets \$105 per person.

Colin Lindsay, Events Committee

Cheer Committee

A more positive report this month!

Everything is going well with Art Klippenstein as he continues to recover from hip surgery. He is now mobile and was able to get out for dinner at BGCC on May 22nd.

Paul Lonergan had a third chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma on May 22nd at the Joseph Brant Hospital. He is in good spirits and optimistic about a favourable outcome.

Unfortunately, just before going to press, I learned of Reg Richard's passing on May 25th. There will be a private funeral, and details for a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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.

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Next Month
Monday, July 13, 2026

Keith Greene

Dundas Historian

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Probus Golf



The September golf tournament is in the early planning stage and signing up will be at the July and August general meetings.

Walter Rosinski

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2026 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Location: Port Nelson United Church

- **Monday, June 8**
- **Monday, July 13**
- **Monday, August 10** To be rescheduled! Due to a conflict with programs at Port Nelson United Church

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.

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