



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - July 2026

Monday, July 13

10:00 am

Keith Green

Dundas Historian

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President's Message

Sometimes the work that goes into making our monthly meetings happen is invisible—until something unexpected occurs.

When we signed our agreement with Port Nelson United Church in October 2025, it was unfortunately overlooked that the church had already scheduled one of its own programs for the same date as one of our meetings. The conflict only came to light in late May, and we were asked to move our meeting to another day.

While changing a date may sound straightforward, it creates a significant amount of work behind the scenes. Our speakers are booked months in advance, so a new date meant finding a speaker who was available. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our Speakers Committee, led by Pat Lennon, the speaker originally scheduled for September has been rescheduled to our August 5 meeting. The Committee now needs to find a speaker for September. I know this required a great deal of flexibility and coordination, and I extend my sincere thanks to Pat and his team of Danny Kraftcheck and Dan Lawrie.

The change also affected our meeting sponsor. Ken Medland had to rearrange the retirement home that generously provides our coffee each month. Thank you, Ken, for handling those arrangements so smoothly.

Also, as a reminder, at our last meeting, Brian Harrison launched our Membership Drive. I encourage everyone to help by sharing our club brochure with friends, neighbours, and acquaintances who may be interested in joining Probud. Personal invitations remain the most effective way to introduce new members to the friendships, activities, and opportunities that make our club such a rewarding organization.

— Keith Weaver,
President



**Don't
Miss it!**

Probus Meeting in August will be
Wednesday, August 5th !

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Guest Speaker - Keith Green

Keith started in the family business, Dundas Lock & Key, in 1974, and then formed DLK Security Systems in 1979. He sold the company in 1986.

In 1986, he invented a thermostatic control system for commercial enterprises and started Temtronic Designs Inc., which monitored the heating and cooling systems of very large buildings every 14.2 seconds. Keith sold the company to his partner in 1992.



One of his passions was graphic arts, and he started LT Designs in 1992 and had a thriving Newsletter and magazine publishing business until email and the internet changed the way we communicated. He founded Mastermind Data Corporation in 2002 and created custom business software solutions.

Starting in 2008, during the last recession, he had to diversify his product offering, so he created Mastermind Backup Solutions.

Keith was a volunteer Firefighter in Dundas from 1980 to 1995.

Keith has been married to his wife Christine for 48 years.

Keith joined the Rotary Club of Hamilton downtown in 1983 and was awarded a Paul Harris fellowship twice. He transferred to the Dundas Noon Club in 2012 and served as its president in 2017.

In 2007, Keith joined the board of directors at the Dundas Museum and Archives and is now President and Board Chair. He is also a member of the Dundas Historical Society.

In his spare time, Keith volunteers at the museum and works on the original four Dundas Fire Trucks.

Pat Lennon, Speakers Committee

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Membership

Membership Growth Goal We announced our goal of increasing our membership to **175 members**. A strong and growing membership helps us attract excellent speakers and offer even better outings for everyone.

Bring a Guest Please consider **bringing a guest** to our next few meetings. Personal invitations remain our most effective way to grow.



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Be a Friend, Bring a Friend

If you are up for it, we suggest :

**Identify a friend, neighbour, colleague
who is retired and might enjoy Probus**

**Forward them Hi-Lites
Forward them our YouTube video
Give them our brochure**

Membership Update So far this year, we have welcomed 26 new members, a very encouraging sign for the vitality of our club. Currently we have 159 members. As we approach October, we typically lose around 20 members due to age, health, relocation, or simply deciding the club is no longer the right fit.

Member Introduction: Mike Walsh, one of our newer members, introduced himself at the last meeting. Mike modestly mentioned only that he had a career in Marketing. What he didn't say is that he brings an impressive background, including roles as Professor at Sheridan College, Manager USA for Molson Breweries, Product Manager for several major companies, and Assistant Manager for Tourism Canada in Ottawa. My two-minute warning may have kept him from sharing the full story.

Let's continue to welcome new members warmly and help them feel part of our Probus community.

Gary Kirkwood Membership 905-577-5475

Sponsorship

A busy time of the year with lots of activity from us at Probus Lakeshore!

For starters, We will be attending the 50+Lifestyle Expo on Sunday June 28. It's at the Burlington Seniors Centre from 10 - 2 pm and it's sponsored by the Burlington CARP Association. It's **free** and several of our coffee sponsors will be there as exhibitors. I'll be visiting the show to thank them for their support.

Speaking of coffee sponsors, I will be contacting our present and future sponsors regarding signing up for 2027 and want to know if you have any specific questions or suggestions? To date they have been pleased with your participation and support and I thank you!!

Watch for a survey from our club to gauge your satisfaction level with what your club is doing. This is all part of a Big push to increase our membership base and I would urge you all to complete the survey.

Why is this important for our Sponsor program? The larger our member base, the more opportunities it presents for our sponsor members to educate our members in the areas of successful senior living.

I recently read a great quote " The two most important requirements for major success are first being in the right place at the right time, and secondly, doing something about it" I strongly feel that too often, we fail to complete the second part.

If you feel like reading, I recommend a thought provoking book, It's titled "1929" and is written

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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 will be available for collection at our July 9th meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting, tickets can be picked up from Colin Lindsay at the theatre on the day of the show until 10 minutes before the show begins. Any remaining will be left for pickup at the box office.

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. Last opportunity to book, and pay, will be the August meeting

The Events Committee has begun the planning of next year’s program. If you have any ideas for that you would like us to consider, be they new events or repeats of previous ones, please let us know at ccl2341@gmail.com

Colin Lindsay, Events Committee

Cheer Committee

This month’s report is not so positive.

A donation was made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Pancreatic Cancer Research, in memory of Reg Richard. The family sent a nice thank-you note to say:

“Thank you very much for your kind donation. Dad so enjoyed meeting with your Club every month and the friendships he made with you all.

Debbie, Linda & Tim & families”

Paul Lonergan had an adverse reaction to his last chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma and is in the Joseph Brant Hospital with a severe case of pneumonia. He hopes to be released later this week.

Larry Beaty recently underwent open-heart surgery for a quintuple bypass at the Hamilton General Hospital. His recovery has been retarded due to a reaction to Heparin, a blood thinner, which caused blood clotting in his legs and lungs, and platelets to drop. He was treated with blood transfusions and is now able to breathe easier. Visitors are not encouraged. He hopes that with a few more days of progress, he will be able to start walking again.

Derek Short has been in and out of the hospital recently because he is suffering from congestive heart failure. He is on heavy medication to rebalance his heartbeat. He will shortly be celebrating his 89th birthday.

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,

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Probus Golf



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

Walter Rosinski

walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca

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



Next Month
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

John Arnone
The Beatles

Membership Drive

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

At the June meeting, an updated brochure was distributed to everyone.

More brochures will be available if you need them.

Please consider passing one 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, Bring a Friend"

2026 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Location: Port Nelson United Church

- **Monday, July 13**
- **Wednesday, August 5**
- **Monday, September 14**
- **Monday, October 19**
- **Monday, November 9**

★ 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.