



The Probud Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - August 2026

Wednesday, August 5

10:00 am

John Arnone

**The Beatles Great
Canadian Adventure**

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President's Message

My wife and I recently returned from a terrific vacation, and while it was wonderful to get away, it was equally reassuring to know that our Probud Club continued to operate so effectively in our absence.

One of the strengths of our club is that it is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who willingly step forward whenever needed. During the past couple of months, Mike Flintoff has been graciously covering for Larry Beatty as House Committee Chair, ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Brian Harrison also did an outstanding job, both in chairing the July Management Committee meeting and in presiding over the July General Meeting. I should add that Brian is leading our membership drive. My sincere thanks to both Mike and Brian for their leadership and willingness to help.

Although I was away, I was able to watch the July meeting on YouTube when I returned home. Keith Green's presentation about his mother's experiences during the Second World War was fascinating and a wonderful reminder of the personal stories that help bring history to life.

We are fortunate that our monthly presentations are recorded and made available for members who cannot attend in person. I would like to express my appreciation to Dave McKenzie and Ron Shermet for the time and expertise they devote to recording and producing these videos. Their work allows our members to stay connected and enjoy our excellent speaker program wherever they may be.

— Keith Weaver, President



**Don't
Miss it!**

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

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Guest Speaker - John Arnone

John Arnone is an Ontario author who wants the world to know the story of The Beatles is the story of Canada and Canadians. Our country and our people were front and centre in The Beatles' history, affecting their lives, music and art as a band and as solo artists.

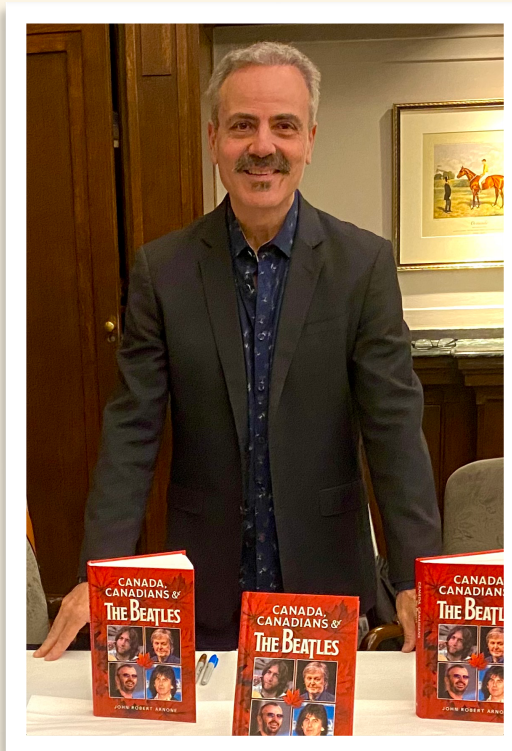
Who knew?

Be prepared to be blown away by his Canada Proud findings and compelling research...you may never again listen to The Beatles quite the same way!

Don't miss *The Beatles Great Canadian Adventure*. It's a truly Canadian experience that creates a new and interesting ripple in the history of The Beatles, with connections from every province in our Dominion.

And, where applicable, there will be an opportunity to purchase beautifully illustrated, hardcover copies of his acclaimed new book *Canada, Canadians & The Beatles* at a discount. John will sign copies for you, a friend or a loved one.

Pat Lennon, Speakers Committee



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Membership

Our July meeting was well attended, and we were pleased to welcome three guests. Inviting a guest remains the best way to maintain and grow our membership—thank you to everyone who continues to support this effort.

To help us strengthen member engagement, we will be handing out a brief **Member Survey** at our September meeting. Surveys will be provided at the door as you arrive. Please take a few minutes to complete it during the meeting and hand it back before you leave. Your feedback will help the Executive plan for the year ahead.

Our membership remains strong at **159**.

If you would like an updated members list, just let me know and I'll forward one to you. And as always, please advise me of any changes to your contact information.

Gary Kirkwood Membership 905-577-5475
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Be a Friend - - - -



Sponsorship

I am putting the final touches on my report and want to include items of interest for YOU !!

We have compiled a library of experts in the retirement field.

What are the items YOU want more information on?

Enjoy retirement to the fullest...you worked hard to get there !!

Ken Medland

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"

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Special Events

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. Need to confirm signup and payment at the August meeting.

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. Need to confirm signup and payment at the August meeting.

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Friday October 2nd – Shaw Festival – “Funny Girl” at 1:00 pm. Tickets \$105 per person. Need to confirm signup and payment at 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

Several of our members are experiencing medical challenges.

John Sullivan suffered a heart attack on July 22. He was transferred from Joseph Brant Hospital to Hamilton General Hospital on July 27 for assessment.

Larry Beatty was transferred from Hamilton General Hospital to Joseph Brant Hospital on July 19. His condition is improving, and his breathing is better. He is now walking with a walker and started full-time physio rehab on July 27. Larry is on the sixth floor of the North Tower in room 516 and looks forward to visits from his Probus friends. He is very optimistic and hopes to be released from hospital the week after next.

Derek Short is at home. He is taking a pile of prescribed drugs for his heart condition. He describes his condition as neither any better nor any worse. He has difficulty walking but is going for basic exercise classes to keep his legs and feet moving.

Unfortunately, Paul Lonergan is still in Joseph Brant Hospital recovering from a severe case of pneumonia resulting from an adverse reaction to his last chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma. Recently, he had fluid drained from his lungs, which was quite painful. Paul is in room 103 on the seventh floor in the South Tower and would appreciate visits from fellow Probus members.

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 get in touch with 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.

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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

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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. We are taking the summer off - see you in September.

2026 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Location: Port Nelson United Church

- **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.



Next Month
Monday, September 14

Marvin Ryder

Canada's Political and Economic Scene