



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - September 2026

Monday, September 14

10:00 am

Marvin Ryder

**Canada's Political and
Economic Scene**

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President's Message

I hope you will make a point of joining us for our September 14 meeting. We have planned something a little different that I believe will make it an especially enjoyable morning.

Following the meeting, we invite everyone to stay for a complimentary light lunch. The idea behind the lunch is simple. One of the greatest benefits of belonging to Probus is the opportunity to build friendships and enjoy the fellowship of others. Too often, our meetings end and everyone heads home. This is a chance to stay a little longer, meet someone new, reconnect with friends and simply enjoy each other's company.

The luncheon also marks the conclusion of our membership drive. If you know a friend, neighbour or former colleague who would enjoy interesting speakers, stimulating activities and warm fellowship, this is the perfect meeting to invite them to attend.

I should add that the speaker, **Marv Ryder, from the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University** should be very interesting. His biography is included elsewhere in this issue of *Hi-Lites* so I won't repeat it now. But this would be a particularly interesting speaker for you to invite any friends to come to hear.

And, to add a little more to the fun, there will be a "Special Edition 50/50".

I look forward to seeing you on September 14.

Keith Weaver, President

Come for the speaker, bring a friend, stay for lunch, and enjoy the fellowship!

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Guest Speaker - Marvin Ryder

Marvin Ryder is Associate Professor of marketing and entrepreneurship at the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University. He has taught for 42 years and has mentored 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students. He has written sixty case studies illustrating marketing, entrepreneurship, and business strategy problems with companies like Porsche, Union Gas, Crayola, and Molson Breweries.



In Hamilton, Marvin served on the Board of Directors for Copps Coliseum, Hamilton Place, and the Hamilton Convention Centre from 1990 to 1996. He was the Chair of the Transition Board that created the new City of Hamilton in 2000. Marvin was Chair of the Hamilton Health Sciences Board of Directors for almost three years and retired from the Board in 2010 after nine years of service. He has also served on the Boards of the Bay Area Health Trust, Desjardins Credit Union, and is currently the Chair of the Hamilton Health Sciences Research Organization.

Today, Marvin is most recognized for nearly 250 appearances annually on CBC, CTV, Global, CKTB 610AM, and other regional broadcasters commenting on the political and business issues of the day.

Pat Lennon, Speakers Committee

THE NEXT GENERATION OF RETIREES will change everything

For decades, retirement living has largely been designed around the expectations of previous generations. But a significant shift is coming. The next wave of retirees, the younger baby boomers and Generation X, have different expectations, different lifestyles, and importantly different choices.

They've travelled extensively.

They are comfortable with technology.

Many continue to work, consult or volunteer well into retirement.

They prioritize health, fitness and lifelong learning.

They're socially connected and increasingly selective about where and how they want to live.

They won't choose a retirement home because it's available.

They'll choose it because it enhances their lifestyle.

That means your sector needs to think beyond accommodation and care. It means creating places that people are proud to call home. Places with beautiful, thoughtful design that feels residential rather than institutional. Spaces that encourage connection while respecting privacy. Flexible dining that people genuinely enjoy. Technology that makes life easier, not more complicated. Provides a sense of community, purpose and belonging.

In many ways, the future of retirement living has more in common with hospitality than healthcare.

What changes do you believe the next generation of retirees will expect/demand that we aren't delivering today?

Ken Medland, Sponsorship Committee

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Membership

Member Survey – September 14

At our **September 14 meeting**, we will be handing out a short member survey. Your feedback will help guide the continuing direction of our club. Please take a few minutes to fill it in and return it as you leave. As a little bonus, we'll be serving **sandwiches after the meeting** — a great chance to chat and get to know fellow members.

Membership & Dues

Our new Probus year begins in **October**.

Annual dues remain \$60.00. You may pay at the next meeting by:

- Debit
- Cheque
- **E-transfer (preferred)**
paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

If you are **not returning**, please let me know so I can update our Membership Roster.

Membership Growth

It was a very good year — we welcomed **26 new members**, thanks to you introducing guests to our group. Inviting a guest continues to be our most effective source of growth.

If you have any **change of contact information**, please let me know.

Contact

Gary Kirkwood — Membership

Email: gmgak@outlook.com

Phone: 905-577-5475

Be a Friend - - - -



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

Thursday September 17th – Blazing Fiddles show and Grand River Lunch Cruise – Caledonia - 10:45 am-3:45 pm. Sign-up for this event is closed. A meal selection request has been sent to participants – please respond to this ASAP so that we can finalize arrangements.

Friday October 2nd – Shaw Festival – “Funny Girl” at 1:00 pm. Sign-up for this event is closed. Tickets will be available for pickup at the September meeting.



The Events Committee is continuing to work on the planning of next year's program and we have a preliminary program laid out. If you have any ideas 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 continue to face medical challenges.

Derek Short is at home and feeling better. He says he is not lying in bed but is not going out.

Larry Beatty has been released from the Joseph Brant Hospital and is recovering at home.

Paul Lonergan has been discharged from the Joseph Brant Hospital and is resting at home under the care of a PSW and his wife, Jane. He can now sit up.

Jim Barnett has been released from the Joseph Brant Hospital and is now at home. He will continue to receive dialysis three times a week, and he and Linda are taking things one day at a time as he settles back into being at home. You are welcome to give him a call, but please keep the conversations short, as he tires easily and needs plenty of rest. Please keep our fellow members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover.

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.

Sponsorships

Thanks for making my job easier! I have completed confirmation of the remaining 2026 coffee sponsors and have completed booking all the sponsors for the entire year of 2027.

What made it easy was the product knowledge and the respect they have received from our great members. Many of them commented on the well thought out questions they were asked regarding preparing for their retirement options.

Keep tuned for some additional information and options in the new year 🙌

Ken Medland, Sponsorship Chair

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Probus Golf

The September golf tournament is scheduled as follows:

Where: Rockway Vineyards Golf Club

3290 Ninth St

St. Catharines, ON

When: Friday, September 25th, 2026

Cost: \$75.00pp (includes green fee, cart & HST)

Payable at the Proshop

Probus members can sign-up at the September 14th meeting.

If you are not attending the meeting and wish to sign-up, you can still sign-up by contacting:

Walter Rosinski

Email: walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca

Cell (text): 905 466 0373



2026 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Location: Port Nelson United Church

- **Monday, September 14**
 - followed by a **Light Lunch**
- **Monday, October 19**
 - followed by the **Annual General Meeting**
- **Monday, November 9**

✳ In **December**, a **Holiday Celebration Luncheon** is held in place of the regular General Meeting. Details to be announced shortly.

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



Next Month
Monday, October 19

Ernie Schramayr

Fitness & Lifestyle

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SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14!

Don't Miss it!

Great Speaker!
Marvin Ryder

Light
Lunch
After!

A FREE light lunch will be available after the meeting (sandwich, chips, mini-desserts).

Special
Edition
50/50!

The Special Edition 50/50 will have three winners: 50% of the proceeds for the first ticket drawn, 25% to both second and third tickets drawn.

Reminder: guests and sponsors get free 50/50 tickets!