

# Probus Club of Burlington



## Newsletter

June 2022

Our presenter for June 16, 2022 will be: **Lynn Philip Hodgson**



Lynn Philip Hodgson, a retired business executive who has specialized in exploring the history of the WW2 paramilitary training installation on the Oshawa/Whitby border unofficially known as Camp X. This joint British/Canadian facility had a very major and fascinating role in training spies etc. for the Allied war effort. Lynn has spoken to over 100,000 students and many organizations enlightening them to their rich historical heritage in southern Ontario. He also has taken on many related roles, such as volunteering at the Camp-X Museum in Oshawa and serving as Chair of the Scugog Shores Historical Museum. Lynn now resides in Burlington with his wife Marlene to be close to his children and grandchildren. His presentation

focuses on Camp-X and its very important role - there's even a James Bond connection!

### **Our June meeting will be our third hybrid Zoom and in person meeting, the setup will be the same as our previous two meetings**

**While things are changing day by day, here's what you may expect upon arrival at the Gallery.**

The Gallery will open at 9:30 from the parking lot entrance only. Upon entering the building, you may need to wear your mask where 2-meter distancing cannot be done. Proof of vaccination will not be necessary.

In the Shoreline Room where we meet, chairs will be safely spaced. Please choose a chair and that will be your chair for the entire meeting. Coffee will be available and our Toonie bucket will be begging for your contribution. The Gallery has asked that you be seated in your chair while drinking your coffee.

Greeters will be at the door of the Shoreline Room. We ask that you refrain from shaking hands. A friendly smile and verbal greeting will do just fine, maybe a fist bump, Name tags will replace Zoom labels.

### **Future speakers**

Our speaker in July will be Dr. Christopher DiCarlo, Principal and Founder of Critical Thinking Solutions, and Ethics Chair of the Canadian Health Association. His presentation is based on his latest book: *So You Think You Can Think? Tools for Having Intelligent Conversations and Getting Along*.

## **President's message**

I trust everyone is enjoying the fine weather and will continue to have a safe and enjoyable summer.

As some of you may know, Ray Paquette has retired as our House Chair. Ray, again, thank you for your service. It was truly appreciated. Replacing Ray will be Bob Dickison. Bob had served as Membership Chair for a few years and has been instrumental in not just managing this portfolio, but has also assisted greatly in the Zoom and Hybrid meetings. If you have a chance, please thank Ray and Bob at one of our upcoming meetings.

I am pleased to announce that Keith Dobson will be taking over the Membership Chair position. Keith and Bob are working on a seamless transition.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to Tom Evans who led us through a very successful golf tournament on May 27, and to Dave Rokosh who has kick-started the after-meeting lunch at the Squires. These are both events that bring value to our members.

You have all received the Membership Initiative and I am thrilled to share with you that positive responses have been received. Just to give you a couple of pieces of feedback, "Now that we are back to in-person meetings, I'll be at the AGB", and "I can help distributing brochures".

The Membership Initiative listed several activities. Each needs a coordinator. Please consider stepping forward to develop one of these activities. Remember, activities offer value to not just current members, but also perspective members and value is important.

Looking forward to seeing all of you June 16.

*Robert English, President, Probus Men's Club of Burlington*

## New Member – Ron Dekker

Born in Toronto, Ontario, first of 5 children to Dutch parents who immigrated to Canada three years before his birth in 1956. Spent his youth in Scarborough attending public school through to Grade 9 before the family relocated to Mississauga in 1971.

After completing High School, attended the new Brampton Campus of Sheridan College where he graduated as an Electronic Technician, and worked in the field of Telecommunications until his retirement at the end of 2021.

Married Janine Wheeler in 1982, lived in Oakville, Vancouver and then Burlington. Adopted their only child Bradley Dekker from Russia when he was 21 months old in 1996. Janine passed away in 2018.

With Bradley, started Karate in October 2001, studying Goju Ryu for almost 20 years, Bradley achieving Second Degree Black Belt while Ron reached Third Degree in Karate and First Degree in Kubodo (weapons).

From an early age Ron has followed space flight and has always been an enthusiast, inspired by the human spirit for exploration.

After meeting Susan Evans in early 2019, Ron and Susan were married in 2021 moving to their new home in Burlington. Susan and Ron enjoy family, travel, Tia Chi and church life together.



### Computer Interest Group



We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each others computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting). Currently we meet via Zoom but plan to get back to live meetings later in the Spring. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us please email Bob Dickison at [rgdickison@gmail.com](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com) and he will add you to our email list.

### **Do you have a major milestone to share?**

If you have a major milestone birthday, anniversary or some other major event you would like to share with our members send them to Gary Hindley at [Ghindley1@gmail.com](mailto:Ghindley1@gmail.com) to get them published in the next newsletter.

### **Do you enjoy being a member of Probus?**



If you do, then, no doubt you have friends who would also like Probus. Do them a favor and invite them to join you as a guest at one of our meetings. We have many interesting speakers over the next few months!

Should they decide to become a member, the process is easy and straightforward. It starts by sending an email to Bob Dickison ([rgdickison@gmail.com](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com)).

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