

# Probus Club of Burlington



## *Newsletter*

November 2022

Our presenter for November 17th is Chris Leworthy who joins us via Zoom from the UK.



After retiring, Chris decided to further his knowledge and develop his interest in Military History, by visiting, reading and, in particular, volunteering at a number of historic sites. After spending some time at the Churchill War Rooms in London, he qualified as a Guide at the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge, from where the defence of London and the South East was directed during the Battle of Britain.

It is now over 80 years since the summer of 1940 when outnumbered young pilots from 15 countries defeated the Luftwaffe. Chris will remind us of just what happened in that period, from the occupation of Northern Europe, the Low Countries and Norway, Operation Dynamo, and the crucial and vicious 31/2 months of the Battle of Britain. He will discuss the game changing Dowding defence and interception system, the four phases of the Battle and, in detail, the key events which took place on 15 September 1940. His talk will be illustrated with maps, photographs and paintings from that time.

### ***Upcoming Speakers***

As there is no regular PROBUS meeting in December, the speaker program will recommence in January when we hope to have Tim Speed from the Canadian Warplane Heritage speak to us in person about the development and demise of Canada's famous Avro Arrow fighter jet.

In February, long-time member Tom Bochsler has arranged to have a presentation made about his career as an esteemed professional photographer

### ***President's message***

The October meeting felt like one of our meetings before Covid arrived. We had a good turnout, a guest, inducted a new member, and interesting speakers. Let's hope that we have turned the corner and well on our way to the Probus Club we love so well.

The new Probus brochure was introduced and copies left for members to take and place in recruitment venues. Please continue to support this initiative as one of the ideal membership recruitment processes is knowledge provided to the public.

In the October newsletter, as well as comments made at our meeting, I suggested that we really need to increase our activities to not only provide them for members, but also to attract new members. Activities are a great way to have social interaction, develop new friendships, share experiences, have fun and provide sustainability. To that end, at the back of the room for our next few meetings. You will find 17 ideas for activities (there may be more), with a place to add your name as either a Coordinator, or an Interested Member. The following is an example.

#### **SUGGESTED ACTIVITY**

<b>TRIVIA</b>
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#### **COORDINATOR**

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#### **INTERESTED MEMBERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>

Please look over the activities and see where you might like to participate. Even if there are only a few who want to engage, it's a start.

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

PS As we enter the festive season, remember those in our community that are less fortunate.

“Just a reminder that we are hoping to have all membership renewals submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to help plan our meetings and activities for next year. Thank you to all those who have already submitted their \$50”

## Welcome to new member Michael Macky



Michael Macky was born in New Zealand in 1938. After schooling, he became a Chartered Accountant. In 1970 he, his wife and two young children embarked on a trip abroad having arranged a few years with Price Waterhouse in Melbourne, Toronto and London, England. The trip ended in Toronto about fifty years ago. During his period with PWC he decided he wanted to join a major company to learn how big organizations work. He started with Polysar, a major petrochemical company in Sarnia. About a decade later he Joined Denison Mines in Toronto where he served in the mining and then the oil and gas divisions. When that company went under, he joined a subsidiary of Noranda in the forest products industry from which he retired at seventy in 2008. By then he had worked in the finance functions of companies covering the natural resources in Canada. (Why one would choose a career to live through the ups and downs of commodities, is a wonder). During his career he was sent on a couple of expatriate assignments, one to Italy and one to Switzerland. In Canada, he and his wife of 55 years Eileen, have lived in Sarnia and Burlington. They have three children and eight grandchildren

We are saddened by the passing of members Jimmy Walker and Jack Raftis.

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# Holiday Season Luncheon

with Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Monday December 12, 2022  
11:30 am  
at the Burlington Golf and Curling Club



## MENU

Soup  
Salad  
Turkey with trimmings  
or  
Salmon  
Dessert

## Post Luncheon entertainment

Cost - \$75 per person

Reservations made to John C. McArthur at [john@mcArthurconsultants.com](mailto:john@mcArthurconsultants.com)  
Please indicate choice of main course and spouse's name

Payable by Interac e-transfers to [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com).  
Please include your name in message

## **Future events**

Golf Tournament Friday May 26, 2023 at the Flamborough Hills Golf Club.

## **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 Keith Dobson. ( [kdobson1257@gmail.com](mailto:kdobson1257@gmail.com) )

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