



Newsletter

November 2023

Last November, as part of our annual Remembrance Day related presentations, Chris Leworthy of Berkshire, England joined us by Zoom to talk about the Battle of Britain during World War 2. It was an excellent presentation and we've been fortunate enough to have Chris agree to join us, again by Zoom, on 16 November to talk about the infamous Dieppe Raid later in that world conflict. In his own words:



Although the Dieppe raid, Operation Jubilee, has been acknowledged by most as a disaster, it is a fantastic story of bravery in a desperate situation.

The talk will cover:

- the situation in 1942, leading up to Operation Jubilee
- the objectives - political, operational and intelligence
- Combined Operations
- the resources committed - Navy, Airforce and Army
- the defenses
- what happened - the lead up, the channel crossing, the landings and the withdrawal
- the failures and any successes
- the supreme acts of bravery
- the lessons learned for D Day.

Upcoming Speakers

18 January - Allen Teska of FPS will do a tax talk

15 February - - Hailey Patry. Happiness Expert

21 March - Adam Shoalts - Arctic Explorer

Here are articles from Oct 14 from the Hamilton Spectator and Toronto Star about Adam Shoalts.

https://www.thespec.com/entertainment/books/canada-s-explorer-of-the-wild-launches-new-book/article_41b42008-d93c-59fe-8d54-fff03d4d509b.html

<https://torontostarreplica.pressreader.com/article/282029036890208>

President's message

Our fifth monthly breakfast meeting was held on Thursday 5 October at the Harvest Table on Fairview Street. The food continues to be very good “home cooking” with excellent and quick service. The next one is scheduled for Thursday 2 November at 8:30 AM. The breakfasts are held just prior to the Management Committee monthly meetings so it’s a good opportunity to chat with committee members about any ideas or concerns you have.

We’ve now had two monthly meetings at the Burlington Central Library. Both meetings were well attended and most members took their badges home. The Centennial Hall seems to be a good venue and it’s much cheaper than the Art Gallery. At its October meeting, your Management Committee had a debrief about the new venue and decided to stay with it for the foreseeable. Please share any concerns with anyone of us (list below). Just a quick reminder that our next monthly Club meeting will be on Thursday 16 November again in the Burlington Central Library’s Centennial Hall. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BADGE.**

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Each member has been sent a renewal notice which explains why we need to increase the annual fee to \$60. If you did not receive it or would enjoy reading again, you can read it by [clicking here](#). We’ve found many ways to cut costs but

we need to eliminate our operating deficit and unfortunately finding good monthly speakers etc. is becoming more expensive. Personally, I think our PROBUS club continues to be excellent value for the money.

Don't forget Probus Canada is holding a photo contest with a deadline of 30 November 30, 2023. For details [click here](#).

Cheers, Chris
President Probus Club of Burlington

Greeters (really) wanted!

Are you new(ish) to the Probus Club? Do you see a lot of faces that you would like to get to know better? Then you will enjoy becoming one of our greeters! All you need to do is arrive at 9:30 and shake hands! (No test afterwards!) Contact either Keith Dobson kdobson1257@gmail.com or Ian MacIntyre macdaddy0087@gmail.com to get your name on the list.



Are you a social media whiz? Do you have an hour or two a month to offer? Would you like to help your Probus Club reach out? If you answered yes to these questions, please contact Keith Dobson, first Vice President.

Do you miss those lunches at the Squire after our meetings? We are looking for someone to step in and start up the tradition again. Duties would be to find a location and call in a reservation at the end of the meeting. For details contact Dave Rokosh.

Membership news

Al Boyd and Norm Cheng, attended as guests of **Ed Eves**

Gary Hindley introduced our newest member: Mike Maiesciuk



Michael Maiesciuk was born in 1956 in Hamilton, Ontario.

He lived there most of his life, with 2 years in Toronto and 1 year in Trinidad.

He went to Glendale Secondary School then to Mohawk College class of 1977 - graduated with an Electronics Engineering Technology degree.

After graduation, Michael's career started with Digital Equipment of Canada / Trinidad / Latin America computer hardware field service repair .. with 1 year in Trinidad and Puerto Rico.

Then he moved to Toronto General Hospital for 4 years - Nuclear Cardiology Department - repairing gamma cameras and related hospital equipment.

After that he moved to ArcelorMittal Dofasco for the majority of his career of 33 years - computer hardware repair on a vast variety of equipment in manufacturing and business systems..

He retired in 2021 and then tried a short career at Xerox for 4 months on copier repairs, then retired for good.

He separated after 28 years of marriage and has 2 children.

His enjoys gardening (he is well known as Mr. Tomato Man), enjoys cooking for family gatherings and large crowds, plays guitar now and then, repairs almost anything, helps many others including homeless, plays vintage video games like Atari and Colecovision and also volunteering over 200 hours yearly. He has been living in Stoney Creek for the past 35 years.

Coffee Sponsor in October

Sheila Wellham pictured at right was on site to represent Mary Dilly the owner of Downsizing Solutions, a full-service downsizing and moving company. Mary's team specializes in working with seniors who are downsizing to smaller accommodations or retirement living. Mary supports Halton Women's Place with donations of furniture that her clients can't take with them to their new homes.'



Future Events

Holiday luncheon December 11th. Those planning to attend should notify Mike Hill at mhill2@cogeco.ca indicating entree preference, either Salmon or Turkey. Payment at \$150 per couple can be made by eTransfer to paymentsprobustlakeshore@gmail.com. For details click [here](#)

Annual Golf Tournament - The 2024 annual Interclub Golf Tournament with the Lakeshore Probus Club is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 24th, 2024. More details to be provided later. Mark your calendars. Thanks, Thomas L. Evans Email: "tomevans1933@gmail.com"

PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON BREAKFAST

All club members welcomed



at

HARVEST TABLE
3350 FAIRVIEW AVENUE

THURSDAY November 2nd
8:30am

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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 and he will add you to our email list.

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 you need an application form for friends who would like to join us this year, you can visit our website at <https://www.probusclubofburlington.ca/> or email Ian MacIntyre at macdaddy0087@gmail.com

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