

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

July 2023

Coming up at our *July 20th* meeting Alan Harrington will talk about the history of Burlington.

Alan Harrington



Born in Toronto – and then married and settled in The Village of Thornhill, Ontario for 25 years. Thornhill (founded 1794) would have slowly been bulldozed, were it not for a local citizens group who successfully fought back, to preserve the quaint village it is today. Moving to Burlington in 2003 – it was obvious the same situation was in place, and Alan quickly took interest in the local history to ensure his new hometown would keep its built heritage.

*Board member and past president of the **Burlington Historical Society** since 2007 to research and promote Burlington's history. Board member of **Friends of Freeman Station** since its inception in 2011 - to rescue, restore and promote the 1906 Grand Trunk Railway Burlington Junction Station. Active in the local art scene, leading historic downtown tours, and contributing on social media. Alan will share some of the history of the city and what Burlington is doing now to keep its heritage.*

Upcoming Speakers

17 August – William Thomas “Getting Old is not for Sissies -It’s for Masochists!”

21 September – Dr. David Chandross AI and the Future of Mankind

19 October – Rob Hamilton Hearing Loss

16 November - Chris Leworthy Dieppe raid

President's message

Again just back from another well organized, PROBUS Club of Burlington outing, this time arranged by Jim Jones. Some 28 of us and our spouses attended an excellent Norm Foster play "Outlaw" at the Balls Falls Conservation Area's barn near Jordan. This tale of the Old West was not only informative and often quite funny but the quality of the acting was very high and the Balls Falls setting is quite spectacular. We had a picnic lunch before the event which was a great opportunity to socialize. Jim is arranging for another Norm Foster play outing on 9 August to see "Jenny's House of Joy" at Ridley College's Mandeville Theatre in St. Catherine's - it looks like something well worth attending.

At our 15 June Club meeting, Keith Dobson summarized the results of the recent Member Survey and I outlined the Next Steps our Club is taking to ensure our long-term sustainability and add to the services available to members. You can view the discussion on the meeting video sent to you by email earlier. In summary, members support having more group activities and outings, are happy with the speaker selections, want to be more involved in running our meetings and in managing the Club, want a reasonably priced Christmas lunch, and understand that we may have to raise membership fees to ensure our financial sustainability.

In terms of Next Steps, your Management Committee has already arranged for coffee sponsorship to help reduce meeting costs. We held our first Members Breakfast on 1 June and another is scheduled for 6 July. We are also going to try holding the monthly Club meetings at the Burlington Central Library's Centennial Hall on a trial basis. This will reduce monthly meeting costs by 70% but maintain the same level of technology (including Zoom) as we now have at the Art Gallery of Burlington. As well, parking will be FREE! Other actions are under active consideration. You can do your part by continuing to invite friends to our meetings, volunteering to be a greeter, and/or volunteering to serve on the Management Committee. For example, the 2nd Vice President position is still available. Please contact Bob English if you are interested in becoming 2nd VP.

Cheers, Chris

President Probus Men's club of Burlington



Coffee Sponsor



From left to right Shea Meyers, Brenda Sutherland & Leigh Anne Davidson

This month the coffee is being co-sponsored by Sunrise Retirement Living (Shea Meyers) and Pearl and Pine Retirement Residence (Brenda Sutherland & Leigh Anne Davidson). Here is a bit of information about both organizations:

Sunrise Senior Living offers a wide spectrum of care within their Assisted Living and Memory Care neighborhoods. One thing that sets Sunrise apart is their designated care model, allowing residents to have the same care person(s) assisting them, throughout their entire stay at the community. Sunrise promotes independence and their in-house care team is always available as much or as little as an individual prefers. Sunrise is a true aging in place community-meaning a continuum of care is put in place to accommodate changing needs. At Sunrise, there is always plenty going on just steps outside of your suite, providing convenient access to socialization whenever you would like. Shea Myers who is here with us today has been with the Sunrise for the last 17 years- She is more than happy to assist with any of your senior living questions.

Pearl and Pine Retirement Residence is located in downtown Burlington, steps from the lake and shops. We offer vibrant all-inclusive resort style living. You can choose from one of our elegantly appointed suites, and age in place with us. Not sure where to start? How about a seminar in our theater, a cooking demonstration in our craft kitchen, an aqua fit class in our pool, join us for wine and cheese in our bistro, or all of the above! At Pearl and Pine Retirement the choice is always yours. We offer respite stays, and permanent options! As well as referral programs! Brenda Sutherland or Leigh Anne Davidson are with us today and would be pleased to answer any of your questions.

Probus 2023 Interclub Golf Tournament

Every year the Probus Club of Burlington and the Lakeshore Probus Club jointly hold a friendly competition to enjoy the game, the company of our respective members and to determine the winner of the President's Cup awarded to the Club with the best score.

Our 35th annual event was held on May 26th at the Flamborough Hills Golf Club. There were 64 players registered, 19 representing our Club and 45 representing Lakeshore, who enjoyed a sunny, pleasant day of golf, lunch and prizes.

Our Burlington Probus Club won the President's Cup this year, recapturing the trophy from the Lakeshore Club who had won it two years in a row.

Each Club awards its own skills prizes. We had a tie for the winning team with a Low Gross of 70. The winner through a hole-by-hole review process was awarded to: Al Baynton, Aird Wilson, Steve Bailey and Ron Robichaud. Longest drive – Jim Delisle; Closest to the Pin (hole 2 Woods) – Randy Hughes; and Closest to the Pin (hole 5 Woods) – Steve Bailey.

I want to thank Warren Elliott for graciously offering to take some photos during the event. You are welcome to review the photos on the attached link.

Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 24, 2024. So, mark your calendars now.

Tom Evans Golf Chair June 19, 2023

Below are some sample pictures from the Golf Tournament. We are in the process of uploading more pictures to our website, check later in the month <https://www.probusclubofburlington.ca/>



OUTLAW Foster Festival Outing and Jenny's House of Joy next outing

We had 28 people attend the Outlaw play on June 21. The venue had changed to Balls Falls Conservation Area and I would say the change was nothing but positive for us. The Balls Falls Historic Village was a very pretty location and the picnic area was fine. It was also at least 1/2 hour closer. Unfortunately, we had a very warm day and inside the barn was very hot. Who knew a barn built in the 1800's would not be air conditioned!! As to the play itself I had nothing but positive feedback. A very interesting development of the Canadian character versus the American character and the educated versus the uneducated. Very apropos for the current environment.

The play has a companion play called Jenny's House of Joy and Norm Foster has intertwined the two plays which took place in the same town at the same time. The second play is going to take place at a very nice venue at the theatre at Ridley College in St Catherine's and we are looking at going Wednesday August 9 or Thursday August 10. And it's air conditioned!!! Being a typical Norm Foster play you can expect plenty of chuckles and twists and turns!

I would appreciate all those who wish to attend to ***email me at*** [***je.jones@cogeco.ca***](mailto:je.jones@cogeco.ca) asap so I can get a count on the number of tickets to order. Thanks

Jim Jones

Future Events

August 9 or 10 -"Jenny's House of Joy" at Ridley College's Mandeville Theatre in St. Catherine's

PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON BREAKFAST

All club members welcomed



at
HARVEST TABLE
3350 FAIRVIEW AVENUE

THURSDAY JULY 6th
8:30am

New Member

Neil Berger was born in 1957 in the Cote-Des Neiges area of Montreal. He went to Concordia University in Montreal where he graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Marketing. Upon graduation, Neil accepted a sales representative position with Gillette Canada where he was transferred to Ontario. He managed the Hamilton, Burlington and Niagara Peninsula territory. Neil's career continued in senior Sales and Marketing positions. The last 20 + years Neil was a Senior Marketing Manager in IT

Distribution. He led a Marketing team and was responsible for putting together Marketing programs, campaigns and events for large IT vendors such as Intel and Lexmark. He is married to Jennifer for 17 years with his two daughters Leah (16) and Shayla (14) and their dog Oscar. Neil enjoys playing tennis, basketball, writing and performing comedy and reading non-fiction. He lives in the West Oak Trails section of Oakville.



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Computer Interest Group (On summer break resuming in September)



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 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 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 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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