

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

April 2024

Please note that the April meeting will be 1 week later than normal

Due to moving the meeting one week later we have had to change our speaker at our April 25th meeting to Jason Stitt

*Co-Founder – IT Force, Burlington
BSc, Brock University
PMP, Project Management Professional
CSP, Certified Sales Professional*



Jason Stitt is a seasoned Information Systems Professional with a career spanning back to 1997.

As a co-founder of I.T. Force they have been able to perform IT Support on a day-to-day basis for a diverse array of companies across industries such as manufacturing, wholesale, real estate, finance, and more. Jason and his team perform several Managed Service tasks every day for these organizations, including on-site support, help desk, backup, and cyber security.

Jason extensive portfolio encompasses a wide spectrum of projects, including Cyber Security Planning and Execution, Cloud I.T. Strategy, and Microsoft 365 Readiness Assessment. From the initial stages of analysis and design to development, rigorous testing, seamless implementation, and ongoing maintenance, Jason and his team have consistently demonstrated their proficiency in guiding complex development efforts to success.

Key Experience Highlights:

1. Multi-Caribbean Bank Secured Communications System (St. Kitts and Nevis):
 - a. Jason played a pivotal role in implementing a secure communication system spanning five different Caribbean islands. This project was executed with the utmost emphasis on security and encryption, ensuring compliance with the rigorous confidentiality standards expected by international banks.

2. First Ontario Centre and Hamilton Place:
 - a. Leading the initiative to fully isolate the IT infrastructure from the City of Hamilton, Jason introduced state-of-the-art network and wireless services. In the process, he elevated security measures to a new level, safeguarding critical systems and data.

3. Six Nations Polytechnic (Brantford):
 - a. Jason's expertise, along with the IT Force team, was instrumental in the development and deployment of a secure educational technology system for the First Nation Polytechnic School in Brantford. This effort underscores their commitment to promoting education through advanced technology solutions.

Upcoming Speakers

May 16 - Shahzi Yasmin Bokhari, Community Engagement Lead with, Connection in Action

June 20 - Jamie Williams, Norm Foster Festival

July 18 - Ryan Uytdewilligen, Going to the (Canadian) Movies

August 15 - Daniel Aonso, Dolly Parton (Beyond the Rhinestones)

September 19 - John Boyko, Canadians in the Civil War

October 17 - Paul Sharman, Deputy Mayor of Burlington and Halton Regional and Burlington City Councilor

November 21 - Chris Leworthy from, England joined us by Zoom to talk about the Dam Busters

President's Message

As we continue to look at ways to add value to your membership, I am happy to announce that there will be a meeting of all the Burlington Probus Clubs (two members from each of 7 clubs) on April 16 with a goal of sharing speaker info, coffee sponsors, outside activities, increasing memberships, etc

Our hope is that by recommending and sharing the best of the best between all clubs we will be able to create a great experience for everyone involved.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to me at kdobson1257@gmail.com so that I can bring them up at the meeting.

I look forward to sharing our findings in an upcoming meeting or newsletter.

Keith Dobson President Probus Club of Burlington



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, President.

1st Vice President's Message



The meeting was well attended, and all present thoroughly enjoyed the speaker, Adam Shoalts. We inducted 2 new members Ralf Kuehnel and Dale Schisler, as well as welcoming 12 guests. Coffee as well as some delicious cakes was provided by Pearl and Pine.

Mr. Shoalts presentation, ran long and we left him part way to the Arctic, but was it a fantastic presentation and the books he brought were sold rapidly.

Due to prior commitments, the library will not be available on the third Thursday so that our next meeting will be APRIL 25.

Bill Williams 1st Vice President Probus Club of Burlington



New Members



Ralf Kuehnel was born in 1943 in Bremen, Germany. His parents emigrated to Canada in 1951, living in Montreal and Moncton, followed by 3 years in multicultural British Guiana.

He returned to Canada in 1961 to study at the universities of McGill, Dalhousie, and McMaster, receiving degrees in B.Eng (Elec) and M.Sc (Physics).

He settled in Burlington, working at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, participating in the software development of remote, self-contained, underwater, computer controlled, water quality measuring stations.

In 1978 he moved to Defense Research and Development Canada — Toronto, leading the software development of training simulators for Tank Gunnery; Bridge Operation on

Minesweepers; and a Helicopter-Ship Deck Landing prototype. He retired in 2007, spending the last five years managing the Computer Support Group of DRDC Toronto.

He has been married 51 years, has 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren. He enjoys their company and that of friends, reading, travelling, cruising, and swimming. House and garden maintenance, not so much.

Dale Schisler was born in Welland, Ontario in 1945. He attended the University of Toronto and graduated in 1969 with a degree in dentistry.

Dale married his high school sweetheart Margaret, and they have 3 Children and 10 grandchildren. Dale retired at 77 and has traveled extensively in the US and Europe, including many times to Italy. Dale's hobbies include flyfishing, photography, hiking, travel, and model building.



Membership Chair Position

We are looking for someone to lead our Membership Committee. This is not a recruitment role, but rather an administrative team that manages members' information and keeps numbers up to date. The committee is not responsible for finding new members, but is there to ensure that new members are welcomed and have the answers they need to onboard successfully

The Committee currently has 2 excellent members, Ian MacIntyre and Ray Paquette who are active in keeping records accurate. The Committee needs a voice at the Management Committee level and as such is seeking someone to accept the role as Membership Chair.

Please see Keith Dobson if you are interested.

Greeters (always) 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 Keith Dobson kdobson1257@gmail.com to get your name on the list.



Coffee Sponsor in February

Coffee at our March meeting was co-sponsored by Pine & Pearl (represented by Claire Goodrow and Leigh Anne Davidson).

The Pearl and Pine Retirement Residence is located in downtown Burlington, steps from the lake and shops. They offer vibrant all-inclusive resort style living for respite stays or permanent residency. You can choose from one of their elegantly appointed suites, and age in place with them. For more information go to their website: [Pearl & Pine Retirement Residence in Burlington, Ontario \(pearlandpineretirement.com\)](https://pearlandpineretirement.com)



Social Events arranged by Dave Rokosh

HAMILTON MUSEUM OF STEAM AND TECHNOLOGY

900 Woodward Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Tour Date

Tuesday April 30, 2024

10:00 am

Admission Fee for senior \$6.25 per person
for a minimum of 15 guests

Lunch to Follow at

Hutch's on the Beach

280 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, Ontario

Please confirm attendance with Dave Rokosh at

rokoshda@gmail.com or

905 637 8429



PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON BREAKFAST



All club members welcomed

HARVEST TABLE
3350 FAIRVIEW AVENUE
THURSDAY May 2nd at 8:30am
(There will be no breakfast in April)

Join us for lunch at The Squire, 3537 Fairview St., Burlington, after our Probus Meeting. Members and guests welcome.

Annual Golf Tournament - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30TH The annual interclub Golf Tournament with the Lakeshore Probus Club is scheduled for May 17th 2024 Details are provided in the LINK below.

Thomas L. Evans Email: "tomevans1933@gmail.com"

Full details of the Golf Tournament can be read by clicking [HERE](#)



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Technology Interest Group



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 (one week after our regular Probus meeting) 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 list.**** Note we are not meeting in April 2024****

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 Keith Dobson at kdobson1257@gmail.com

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