

# Probus Club of Burlington



July 2022

## Newsletter

Our presenter for July 21, 2022 will be: **Dr. Christopher DiCarlo**



Dr. Christopher DiCarlo is a philosopher, educator, and author. He is the Principal and Founder of *Critical Thinking Solutions*, a consulting business for individuals, corporations, and not-for-profits in both the private and public sectors.

He is also the Ethics Chair for the Canadian Mental Health Association and is also a lifetime member of Humanist Canada and an Expert Advisor for the Centre for Inquiry Canada. He currently teaches at The Life Institute

at Ryerson University and is a past Visiting Research Scholar at Harvard University in Department of Anthropology and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Dr. DiCarlo has won several awards including TV Ontario's *Big Ideas* Best Lecturer in Ontario Award and Canada's Humanist of the Year.

*Dr. DiCarlo's presentation is entitled So You Think You Can Think: Tools for Having Intelligent Conversations and Getting Along.*

He will talk about responsible thinking, better decision making, and how to have respectful and meaningful discussions. "There has never been a more crucial time in our lives than right now which calls upon the need and guidance of sound critical thinking skills. If it were taught equally in all school systems throughout the world, we definitely would not be in our current state."

Dr. DiCarlo has been invited to speak at numerous national and international conferences and written many scholarly papers ranging from bioethics to

cognitive evolution. He is the author of several books and his best-seller: *How to Become a Really Good Pain in the Ass: A Critical Thinker's Guide to Asking the Right Questions* was just released as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition to mark its 10<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary. His latest book: *So You Think You Can Think? Tools for Intelligent Conversations and Getting Along* was published by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers and was released in June of 2020. And his current book – to be released in the fall of 2022, is called: *How to Talk to a Conspiracy Theorist: A Field Guide*.

**Our July meeting will again be a hybrid Zoom and in person meeting, the setup will be the same as our previous meetings**

**Here's what you may expect upon arrival at the Burlington Arts 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 **August** speaker will be Abigail Richardson-Schulte, composer in residence at the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. She will join us in person to provide entertaining anecdotes about her favourite composers and will play some of their music.

Our **September** speaker will be Dr. Myriam Nafte, a forensic anthropologist at McMaster University, who will join us by Zoom to talk about her fascinating work in crime scene investigation.

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

May and June have been memorable months for our Probus club. We have welcomed back members who had taken a leave during Covid as well as welcomed new members. I am confident that this will continue throughout the year only because of YOU and your commitment to help us grow.

Hats off to Tome Evans who headed up a wonderful day of golf, lunch and prizes. Also, thanks to Dave Rokosh who has got us back to our post-meeting lunch at the Squires. Both of these events provide much more than an activity and food; they also provide a social outlet, something that we all need to enjoy our days.

At the July meeting, I will be presenting a Membership Initiative on behalf of the Management Team. We have already implemented a special fee structure for those members who took a leave during Covid. I can also tell you that other clubs have been polled to see what activities have been successful. I won't list them all, but they do include Industry Tours, Billiards, Breakfast Club, and Indoor/Outdoor walking. Of course, each needs a quarterback. The job does not need to be overly time consuming, but does need a leader.

The Membership Initiative contains more than just a special fee structure and a list of possible activities. It includes a number of ideas for consideration. I trust each of us will look at where we can specifically provide our time and talent to make our plans a reality.

Please enjoy this beautiful weather – safely.

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

## **Computer Interest Group -We are in summer hiatus, returning 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](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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