

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

February 2023

Our speakers for the February 16, 2023 are John Lynch and John Majorossy from BP Imaging, Tom Bochsler's photography firm. They will be with us in person to outline the evolution of photography from Tom's days till now.



J. Lynch



J. Majorossy

John Lynch and John Majorossy from BP Photolmaging will talk to us in person about the evolution of photography at the firm which was founded by long time PROBUS Burlington Club member Tom Bochsler. In 1956, Tom started his photographic company in the basement of his home. Today, 67 years later, they are in a 10,000 sq/ft building with the latest technology. Our presenters will describe the transformation from the early years till the present day. With discussions on equipment, photographic technics and styles that have made Bochsler Photolmaging a success in the photographic marketplace. Examples of Tom Bochsler's books will be display.

Upcoming Speakers

16 March - John Collins (who writes as Andrew McKinney) will talk in person to us about his book "Living Your Dreams in Retirement – the writing of a memoir" which describes the unique opportunities offered by retirement.

20 April - Katherine Cappellacci and Jane Robertson from Single Seniors for Tax Fairness will talk to us in person about the need for remedy to the current tax rules where many breaks are available to senior couples which allow them to take advantage in ways that singles cannot.

17 May - Catherine Morgan will talk to us about mental fitness, focusing on Positive Intelligence - the science and practice of developing mastery over your own mind so you can reach your full potential for both happiness and success.

"ANNUAL PARKING PASSES – If you tired of using the parking meter then consider purchasing an Annual Probus Meeting parking pass. These passes are still available directly from the AGB at a cost of \$3 times the number of remaining months/meetings in 2023. If you attend the vast majority of meetings this will save you money and the inconvenience of having to use that parking meter. To purchase one simply stop at the AGB reception desk, located just inside the parking lot door, and ask to purchase a parking pass for the Burlington Probus Club meetings."

The Men's Probus Club of Burlington continues to be on fire!



BUT WE NEED YOU!

We have an opening for second Vice President for the upcoming year.

As you know, our Club is a volunteers-run organization and we know that our membership has many capable men with the requisite skills and background to help our Club operate successfully. We look for you to offer your knowledge and energy to join our collegial executive group.

There is no resume to be submitted or an HR interview to be conducted, only your commitment to serve the Club. Yes, you will serve as second VP, then first VP, then President, and lastly Past President, but the experience is one that you will enjoy.

If interested, please reach out to either Jim Anas or Bob English. Both have gone through the process and will answer any of your questions.

President's message

The new Probus brochure was introduced in November and a lot of copies were taken in November and January for distribution. It is an ideal tool to give to friends and acquaintances to help them understand what we do and how Probus can fill in a void in their monthly routine. These brochures will continue to be available at our monthly meetings.

We have also seen the strides made in communication, especially with an amped up newsletter and the use of Wild Apricot to help us organize and effectively use technology to help us stay current. Please visit the website and enjoy the content.

A lot of effort went into our membership management this past year. Covid was not kind to our numbers and it wasn't until very recently that we now know exactly who has renewed their membership and who has left. Through all that, we continue to have a strong core of membership – 113.

I was particularly delighted that we inducted three new members and hosted seven guests at our January meeting. This success is wholly the work of you, the members.

Our Club has always been active, both in meeting as well as other activities. We have golf, and theatre has returned, but we still need to encourage each other to scan through the potential activity sheets that will be at the back of the room at all meetings and help get the ball rolling.

As spring waits just around the corner, please be safe in these final weeks of winter,

Robert English, President Probus Men's club of Burlington

Membership changes

New Members



Bob Hassard

Bob was born in Toronto in 1945. He attended multiple schools during his childhood. He then spent a year at the University of British Columbia before moving back to Ontario to finish his degree in Economics at McMaster. He worked at Ford of Canada in various positions for 32 years and was Financial Services Manager when he retired in 1998. In retirement he has done consulting work for Ford and also worked part time at Canadian Tire and Kennedy Ford.

Bob has been married to his wife Carol for 55 years and has three sons and three grandchildren.

Over the years he has travelled across Canada and to different parts of the U.S., as well as to several countries in Europe. He also enjoys reading and spending time with family.



Dennis Galange

Dennis was born in Brantford, Ontario, and attended the University of Western Ontario where he obtained his undergraduate degree in mathematics (1969), followed by an MBA (1971). Dennis then joined the Vancouver Office of Coopers & Lybrand, Chartered Accountants, qualifying as a CA in 1974. He then held several positions in industry over 30 years including as Chief Financial Officer for CDC Life Sciences, Denison Mines, and Agra Engineering. He also served as President and CEO of the Ontario Transportation Capital Corporation, the Crown Agency responsible for overseeing the development, financing, and operation of the 407 toll highway.

Dennis, who is married to Susanne (40 years), has two children, Danielle and Patrick, both of whom have chosen careers in medicine, Patrick in Hamilton, and Danielle in Kingston.

Dennis is an avid travel photographer, a long time bridge player, an aspiring saxophone player and a jazz enthusiast. He currently resides in Burlington with his wife Susanne, and too many dogs.



Rick Beauchamp

Rick was born in Rouyn-Noranda Quebec, and moved to Ontario at the age of 10. He first attended McMaster University between 1974-78, obtaining an Honors Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. In later years, Rick returned to Mac to complete a Master of Social Work (Social Welfare Policy), and then attended York University to obtain a Master of Laws (Alternative Dispute Resolution).

Rick was employed by the Ontario Provincial Government for 34 years. His first twelve years of work involved direct service delivery roles as a child and youth worker and probation officer. For the next 20+ years, Rick assumed various managerial positions at a

Regional Office, overseeing contract administration for a wide range of social service organizations, largely community-based, non-profit agencies. Implementing new service programs, monitoring agency performance, taking corrective action and informing policy development were key aspects of these roles.

Upon leaving government in 2011, Rick established a sole proprietorship, RFB Associates, a management consulting firm. Clients included non-profit agencies, municipalities and the provincial government. Key activities included: program reviews, strategic planning, service network planning, managerial leadership training and dispute resolution.

Concurrent with his consulting role, Rick became an accredited Family Mediator. He eventually broadened this work, and is also on the Ontario Provincial Roster for Child Protection Mediation. Rick continues to work on a part time basis, and is a member of the Ontario Association of

Family Mediators (OAFM).

Rick has resided in Burlington for over eight years with his partner, Evelyn Vander Zaag, who is also an independent contractor in mediation services. Rick and Evelyn have made travel a priority in their lives, with trips to Europe, Southeast Asia, South Africa and the Caribbean over the past decade.

Passings



Bill Milne Passed away January 1, 2023

Member from 1997 to 2023

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/thespec/name/william-milne-obituary?pid=203562611>



Gary Goddard Passed Away on May 8, 2022

Member from 2019 to 2020

<https://www.smithsfh.com/memorials/gary--goddard/4925750/>



Henry Hadley Passed Away on September 1, 2022

Member from 2012 to 2020

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/thespec/name/henry-hadley-obituary?pid=202745606>



Joseph Galae Passed away on November 21, 2022

Was a member from 2018 to 2020

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/thespec/name/joseph-galea-obituary?pid=203281865>

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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 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 kdobson1257@gmail.com