

Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - November 2013

November Meeting Monday, November 11 10:00 am

Guest Speaker

Capt. Will McCarroll

"One Soldier's Story"

Management Committee 2013-2014

Jack White, President (905) 631-7310 Vacant, Vice President

Hal Kemp, Immediate Past President

(905) 331-0905

Bob Miller, Secretary

(905) 634-1268

Mike Hoshooley, Treasurer (905) 634-2531

Dick Hames, Speakers (905) 681-0706

Mike McInnis, Membership (905) 331-2346

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites (905) 639-7529

John Wishart,

Special Events (905) 319-6317

Frank Buchanan,

Special Events (905) 632-4661

Frank Dodman, House (905) 827-7193

Paul Crittenden, Cheer

(905) 637-4875

President's Message

Just over a year ago I was asked to become the Vice President on the Management Committee and that it would be "an easy gig", with very few responsibilities. What Hal told me was true, but it has been a learning experience in the workings of our association, as well as how our fellow Probus Clubs in Burlington operate.

It has been a pleasure working with the lead group for the last year. We have to thank Hal Kemp for being our prime leader and my personal mentor over the last year. Also, it has been informative having Mike Hoshooley as the Past President with some of the experiences that he shared as well.

This year we have the departure of Guido Steinnagel from the Special Events but assisting Frank Buchanen will be John Wishart this year. We are also losing Mike Binder as Treasurer but that role is going to be filled by Mike Hoshooley. Also Ron Rodwell is passing the Cheer committee on to Paul Crittenden.

At present we still have the role of vice-president and the golf committee coordinator to fill. If you would be able to fill either of these positions, please come forward and volunteer.

However, we are fortunate that several club members stepped forward and volunteered to continue service on the Management Committee. Dick Hames, Dave Page and John Marshall will be returning to provide us with their usual excellent speakers each month. Some new greeters and money collectors will also be providing valued service to our club.

Several other Management Committee members agreed to return this year. Bob Miller, as Secretary and Frank Buchanan, who will be continue working on our special events this year. Jim Thurston is continuing on as our Hiking Club leader, an activity that is enjoyed by several members. Dave McKenzie has agreed to continue with the Hi-Lites newsletter layout and distribution.

Don't forget our next function – the Christmas luncheon at Geraldo's on December 9th. I look forward to joining you for this annual, enjoyable event.

I will not be attending the November 11th meeting due to a prior commitment. The meeting will be ably chaired by Mike Hoshooley. Thanks Mike.

Jack White

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Your 2013 - 14 Management Committee



Pictured from left to right: Jack White, Dick Hames, Bob Miller, Hal Kemp, John Wishart, Frank Dodman, Mike Hoshooley, Mike McInnis and Paul Crittenden. Not shown are Dave McKenzie and Frank Buchanan

Guest Speaker – Captain Willie McCarroll



Capt. McCarroll, now second in command of Company C, RHLI, has served in the regular and reserve Canadian military for almost 32 years. In 2008, he was deployed on active duty to the war in Afghanistan. There he travelled extensively as mentor and advisor to the Afghan National Army Senior NCO Corps.

Willie will tell us and show pictures of his wartime experience in Afghanistan. As part of our Remembrance Day program, he will help us to reflect on the contribution of our Canadian armed forces and the sacrifice of those killed and wounded and their loved ones to help bring justice and peace to the people of Afghanistan.

Membership News



Meet New Member: Duncan McGill

Duncan was unable to attend the club's September meeting when he was scheduled to introduce himself, but here he is in living colour. Welcome aboard, Duncan!

We finished the 2012/13 fiscal year with 176 active members and several more on the horizon.

Frank Kovacs reports his address has changed to: 21-289 Plains Road West, Burlington L7T 1G1. His phone and email are unchanged. The member directory will be revised and reissued in the new year so please communicate all your corrections and changes to Membership Coordinator, Mike McInnis at mcinnis1@bell.net.

Mike McInnis

Membership Fees Reminder

Membership Fees for 2013/14 are now due.

\$35.00

Please make your payment at the November meeting or mail your cheque, payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore to:

Mike Hoshooley 784 King Rd., Burlington, ON, L7T 3K6

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Special Events Annual Christmas Luncheon

Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon will be distributed on November 11. So far, only about 45 tickets have been reserved so there are plenty of tickets still available. Get yours at our next meeting at \$30.00 per ticket. Spouses and friends are, of course, welcome. Once again the date is Monday December 9th, 11:30 am at Geraldo's Banquet Centre in Lasalle Park. If you are not coming to the November meeting, you may order your tickets from Treasurer, Mike Hoshooley at 905-634-2531, either pick up or prepaid with a stamped return envelope and cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore.

The menu features a Turkey main course preceded by Ministrone soup and followed by a Poached Pear with Crème Anglais! A cash bar, including wine, will be available.

Mike Hoshooley

Annual Inter-club Curling Bonspiel for the Grummett Trophy



The 2014 version of our curling bonspiel pitting us against the other Burlington men's Probus club will be held on Wednesday, February 5 – curling at 11 with lunch to follow. The venue has

changed this time to the Burlington Curling Club on New Street. The price will be unchanged at \$40 for curling, prizes and lunch. Please see the signup table at the November meeting. Only the first 20 curlers will be able to compete, given the smaller ice surface. Don't be disappointed – sign up soon.

Dave McKenzie

Activities Hiking Club



October's hike was through the Dundas Conservation Lands along the Bruce Trail. We were attempting to reach Sherman Falls but due to stops at the Trail Centre and The Hermitage we came up short.

November's hike will see us once again try to get to Sherman Falls but come at it another way by going off the Bruce Trail and taking the time limit off. An extra 30 minutes will be added to our hike, again starting at the Dundas Conservation Park off Governors road. We will car pool from the usual City View Park (Kerns Road and Dundas Street) meeting at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 14. Be sure to bring your cameras as this is one of the nicest falls around Hamilton. This will be the last organized hike until the spring so get out and enjoy the great outdoors with your fellow Probus members.

Computer Interest Group

The next session will be held on Thursday,
November 14, 2013 at 10:00 am. The 2-hour sessions take place in the basement of the Appleby Place Retirement Residence located just north of New

Street on Appleby Line. You may park either in Appleby Mall or in the little strip mall just south of the residence.

The all inclusive attendance fee is \$5.00.

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If you plan to attend, please send a confirmation email to: Jim Allan jim allan@sympatico.ca. Jim would appreciate a response by November 12.

The Agenda will consist of special surprise presentation by Robert Lalonde as well as responses to questions that have been sent to Robert by members of the group. If you have an issue or problem that you wish him to address, send him an email and he will try to incorporate it into the session. His address is:

<u>robert.lalonde@my-pc-consultant.com</u>



Paul Crittenden is the new coordinator of the "Cheer Committee" function. Members are asked to advise Paul when they learn about serious illness and/or hospitalization of fellow members or their spouses. In turn, Paul will follow up on developments, keep the Management Committee informed and send "well wishing" or "sympathy" cards on behalf of the Club, as appropriate. You can reach Paul at (905) 637-4875 or by email at dpaulcrittenden\$@gmail.com.

Do you remember?





Jim Taggart was our guest speaker at the August 8, 2011 meeting. He promised to send info that he felt may be of interest to our members. The photos above were taken earlier this year at a Civil War re-enactment in Cedar Creek, Virginia.

From the Archives Hi-Lites issue of September 1995

"There are doctors for just about anything and everything: heart specialists, dentists for your teeth, optometrists for your eyes – But sometimes the best doctor for what ails you is a good friend with a sympathetic ear. That might sound like common sense, but it is also the advice of many health care professionals. Through research they have found that social interaction with friends and community is important to good health.

Get involved with your Probus Club, get involved with your community. The doctor's prescription is obvious – a steady diet of friendship and social involvement will help you."



The December meeting will be our Annual Christmas Lunch at Geraldo's Monday, December 9