



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - January 2020

Mon., January 13
10:00 am

Trevor Cole
"The Whiskey King"

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President's Message



It is hard to believe that we are beginning a new decade. It seems like yesterday that we were being concerned about the implications of Y2K as we began a new century and now we are beginning another decade. Fortunately, twenty years ago we managed to avoid any real threats to our computers even though they still present challenges to many of us as technology evolves. However, I wonder if we are now beginning a decade that will be known as the roaring twenties as it was a century ago? It could be a fun time!

The month of December seems to have gone quickly for us. Our Probus Club had a wonderful Christmas lunch at the Burlington Convention Centre and learned about a race horse called Zippy Chippy, a legendary horse with excellent breeding lines who has never won a race. Our speaker, author William Thomas, a nationally syndicated humour columnist provided us with a well-researched and humorous insight about this horse. The planning for this event was started early last year under the guidance of late Ken Telmer. Many volunteers from our club pitched in to help make the event a success.

Our January meeting will take place on the second Monday of the month as we finally can get back to our regularly scheduled time for our meetings. At this meeting we will be recruiting curlers for the annual curling bonspiel that will occur on March with the Probus Club of Burlington. It will be played at the Burlington Curling Club on New Street. We will be looking for 20 curlers to challenge for the trophy. Hopefully we will not have to accept the "Crying Towel" that we received last year.

My wife Dorothy and I are celebrating the New Year in Ellicottville New York. There is plenty of snow on the ski hills and the town has the look of a picture postcard that you might find on any of the Hallmark channel shows.

I hope you all will have a happy and healthy New Year as we begin the next decade.

Bill Willson
President

Guest Speaker - Trevor Cole

Trevor Cole is the award-winning author of four novels including 'Norman Bray in the Performance of His Life' and 'The Fearsome Particles', both short-listed for the Governor General's Literary Award, and 'Practical Jean', winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour. Trevor will be talking about his latest book,



'The Whiskey King', an epic nonfiction historical narrative dealing with Canada's most infamous bootlegger, Rocco Perri from the 1920's era and the undercover mountie on his trail. 'The Whiskey King' was nominated for the Speakers Book Award and the Heritage Toronto Award and winner of the 2018 Arthur Ellis Award for Canada's best nonfiction crime book.

Duncan McPhail,
Speakers Committee

Membership

A Happy New Year to all.

Want to give a friend a truly Happy New Year? Introduce him to our Probus Lakeshore club for a full year of outstanding speakers, great fellowship, a chance to brag about your past and present accomplishments and a heck of a lot of FUN!

Why not invite him today? He'll thank you forever!

If you have yet to pay your membership fee for 2019/20 you may do so by:

1. Mailing your \$ 40 cheque to our Treasurer, Dave Little at 2071 Wellington Ave. Burlington, ON L7R1P4
2. Bringing your \$ 40 cheque to the Jan 13 meeting
3. Paying by credit card at the Jan 13 meeting

Ken Medland,
Membership

Special Events

Congratulations to all of you who are reading your Hi-Lites **before** the January meeting. Why? Because you are the **only** members who will know that the tickets for our trip to Stratford for a performance of "**Chicago**" are going to be available for purchase at the January Meeting.



Why so early? Because the events committee decided to make the Stratford Event a spring event this year.

Wednesday, April 29th at 2:00 PM

This means we must pay in full by March 15th, which gives us the January, February and March meetings for sales.

As per last year, we will travel by highway coach and enjoy lunch at a private room within the Festival theatre - The Eaton Lounge, with its own bar, washrooms and patio.

We have a block of Orchestra Platinum Seats on the main level: a couple of rows back from last year but more centrally located. Because the Eaton Lounge has a dining capacity of 36 persons, only 36 tickets are available for this event.

Regrettably the cost of both the tickets and the luncheon have increased by almost 10% and so we must raise our event charge from \$160 to \$170 per package. As good a price as you will find for great seats at a top of the line production with transportation and luncheon included.

Purchase your tickets at the January meeting and get the best seats. Please note that tickets are only available for Probus members and their partners at this meeting.

Special Events - continued

Dates are also set for our two other theatre events:

July 16th - we have booked 42 seats at the Lighthouse Theatre in Port Dover for the 2:00 PM performance of "The Cemetery Club", a comedy despite its name. All seats are on the main level of this small theatre and are only \$29 each.

Sept 15th - we have booked 48 seats for the 2:00 PM matinee of the musical "Gypsy" at the main theatre of the Shaw Festival. All seats are on the orchestra level. We have 24 seats in the gold area and 24 seats in the blue area. Again, prices have risen about 10%. We are going to reflect the different theatre prices for the two areas; while supplies last you can purchase gold level seats for \$65 each or blue level seats for \$55 each.

Mark your calendars now and bring your cheques for Chicago to the January meeting to get the best seats.

David McKay,
for the Events Committee

23rd Annual Grummett Trophy Bonspiel

Calling All Curlers!!!



We need your help to return the Grummett Trophy to our Lakeshore Club. Please sign up for the big game on March 4, 2020 at 11AM. Lunch to follow. If you missed the sign up at the meeting please call Jim Barnett at 905 639 8624 or Bob Nielsen at 905 639 4759 to register. Thanks for you help.

Jim Barnett
Curling Coordinator

Activities

Computer Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on January 23 at 10 am at Burlington East Presbyterian Church (505 Walkers Line) located on Walkers Line just above New Street. Entry fee is \$7 per session.



Remember to send Robert your questions via email to robert.lalonde@me.com

Cheer Committee

The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members or spouses who are ill. In the event of bereavement, a card of condolence will be sent to the family and, for a member, a memorial donation made to a charity of their choice. No mention of the situation will be made in the newsletter in order to maintain privacy.

Please inform one of the committee members, if you aware of anyone who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action:

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Brian Langlotz, Cheer Committee

House Committee Thank You

This is a big thank you to all the members below who helped out in 2019 with the important jobs of greeting and/or selling 50/50 tickets at each meeting. To all our new members who joined during the year, these jobs are an easy way to become involved in club activities. Please speak to Jim Gilleland before or after our January meeting to let him know you're willing to help out. Thanks.

A special thank you to Guido Steinnagel. He faithfully greets everyone as they arrive at each meeting, rain or shine. His dedicated help is very much appreciated.

Al Turner	Jim Dyer	Mike Cioci
John Pegg	Tom Colin	Bob Poulton
Grant Baxter	Brian Duncombe	Guido Steinnagel
Len Kay	Jerry Jenkins	Bob Pannabaker
Duncan McGill	Brian Harrison	Frank Kovacs
George Leckie		

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair

Getting to know your Management Team

Please watch this space beginning next issue for write-ups introducing members of your Management Committee, their areas of responsibility and the gentlemen that make the magic happen.

Dave McKenzie
Hi-Lites Editor



Regular Meeting next Month

Monday, February 10, 2020

**Speaker: Carolyn Wishkin
Seniors Health Care**