



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - April 2020

Monday, April 13

**No Meeting due to
COVID-19**

Stay Safe Everyone

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President's Message



We wrote to you earlier in March to announce that the April meeting has been cancelled out of concern for the health and wellbeing of our members and our guests. We have separately received word that the Art Gallery of Burlington will be closed throughout May and June, so I think it will be some time before we meet again together. In the meantime, we will continue to communicate by Hi-Lites. Your Management Committee will continue to review the situation and determine when to have our next meeting. Also, the Stratford event that we hoped to enjoy in April and the small "Ontario Gleaners" tour scheduled for June 4 have been cancelled. Our hard-working Events Committee will provide more information on this and other events that they have planned for us.

By now you have heard plenty of warnings about the impact of COVID-19 on your personal life. We are adjusting to the new normal of social distancing from everyone around you. I try to go for a walk in the neighbourhood most days and find that most others doing the same thing take a wide berth as they pass you and observe the "walk-don't stop" rule. Hopefully our diligence will be enough to level out the incidence of this virus.

We are being inundated with new regulations from our political leaders. I thought you might be interested in some of the changes proposed by Revenue Canada that may affect our members. Of course, these changes will have to be confirmed by Legislative changes:

- CRA has extended the deadline for filing our individual 2019 personal tax returns until June 1, 2020. However, if you are entitled to a refund or a GST credit, you should not delay filing your return.
- There is also a tax deferral available. The Canada Revenue Agency will allow all taxpayers to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after March 18, 2020 and before September 1 2020. This applies to tax balances that would otherwise be due at the end of April and instalments that would normally be due on June 15.

For more information on these changes, I suggest you should review CRA COVID-19 web page or discuss this with your professional tax advisor.

I would also like to welcome back our snow bird members and others returning from outside of the country for March Break. By now they are likely in the process or completed their self-isolating period of 14 days at home.

President's Message Continued

Hopefully they have arranged with family, friends or neighbours to drop off supplies and groceries. Please make sure you check with any of your friends who have recently returned from their winter vacations to see if they need any assistance.

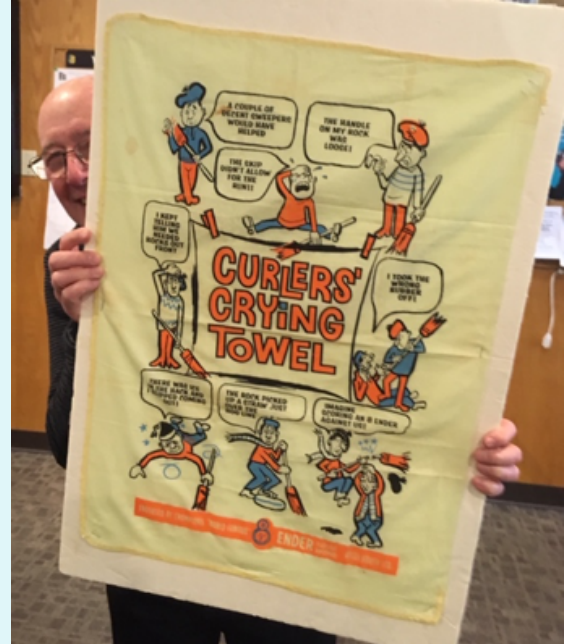
On a personal note, in early March we returned home early from a planned long weekend in Ellicottville. Unfortunately, my wife, Dorothy, had a bad fall on the ski hill and broke her leg. We spent time in the orthopedic clinic in Ellicottville before we returned home to the emergency ward and the fracture clinic at Joseph Brant Hospital. Fortunately, the care we received at these clinics was first rate. We were turned around in the emergency ward and fracture clinic in relatively short order and she is now beginning the slow process of healing. I am also finding out that I have skills that I did not know I had as I am pressed into action as a cook and a house boy. Consequently, we have been forced to keep a low profile at home and to observe the social distancing rules around us.

Best wishes to all as we work our way through these difficult times.

Bill Willson
President

The 2020 Grummett Curling Trophy

Your warriors gave it their best! Valiantly struggling through all eight ends they came up just a little bit short and had to award the trophy to the gentlemen from Probus Burlington. Milbur Giles and Dawson Kilpatrick ran a great spiel and we were provided with a wonderful lunch. We did not come home empty handed. The Crying Towel was presented to our President, Bill Willso who has promised to hang it prominently in his home for the next year.



Jim Barnett and Bob Nielsen, Co-Chairs

Golf

Our annual golf tournament is scheduled for Friday May 29th at Century Pines golf club. Our host club this year is the Burlington Probus Club and it will be their call to host or cancel this year's tournament. This decision will be made before our next scheduled meeting in May.

With the daily briefings we receive, it doesn't look promising that this pandemic will flatten out by May. As seniors we must be extra careful of association in groups. Lets be safe and protect our health.

I will set up a golf day in the fall at Hidden Lake Golf Club when we return to normality.

Dennis Colameco,
Golf Coordinator

Special Events

Stratford Event: further to the information provided in the recent e-blast, the events committee, in consultation with some tickets holders, has decided that: because of the uncertainty of the situation and the difficulty of transferring our group order to a later date, the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore shall request a refund of its payments for the cancelled April 29th performance of Chicago.

Some of you may be aware that the Stratford Festival has cancelled all performances until the end of May, laid off its performance related staff and a considerable number of its administration staff. They are not taking phone calls but

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Special Events - continued

all correspondence to the website. It is likely therefore that it will take some time for the refund to be received.

Other Theatre Events: We are suspending further ticket sales for the Port Dover and Shaw Festival events until the situation for our Performance dates - July 16 for Port Dover and September 15th for Shaw - becomes clearer.

"It is hard to have an event when the attendees can't leave home" - William S.

David McKay for the Events Committee

Calling All Accountants!

For many years member David Page has served as the Club's accountant. Understandably, after so many years of service David has chosen to "opt" out of this role. We thank David for all his past service to the Club.

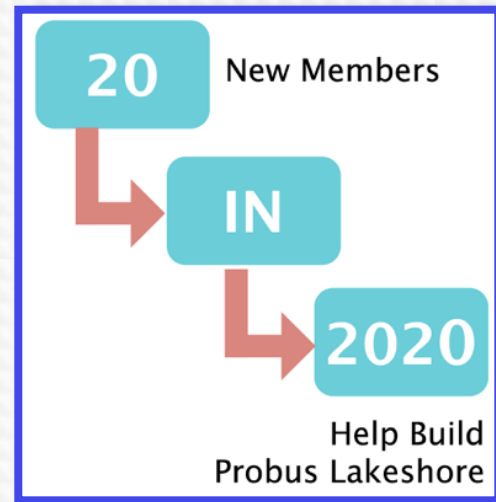
So we now need a member to step up and take on the role of Club accountant. The sole responsibility of the accountant is to compile the year-end financial statements of the Club based on the accounting records of the Club and information provided by the Club Treasurer. The statements are not subject to audit or review nor does the Accountant express an opinion or assurance on the statements.

This role would only require 2-4 hours' worth of time in October. A professional accounting designation or public accountant's licence are not required. A basic knowledge of accounting records and financial statements are the main requirements.

Please contact me – davelittle1946@gmail.com - to express interest in this role or to ask any questions.

Many thanks for considering stepping up for this position.

Membership



Members, our 20 in 2020 contest continues to thrive in spite of COVID-19!

When we resume our meetings, we will have the pleasure of greeting 6 new talented members!

Keep pushing the benefits of Lakeshore Probud, so we start off with a BANG!

Ken Medland,
Membership

Activities

Computer Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on **September 24** 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 are aware of anyone who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action:

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bpl328@bell.net

John Hughes - (905) 333-4910

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Brian Langlotz, Cheer Committee

House Committee

Coffee Sales

We provide Tim Hortons coffee at our meetings as a service to our members. I order a 35 cup urn which normally provides enough coffee for everyone who wants a cup. From time to time, we run short and you may be out of luck, particularly as we get close to 10:00 when the meeting starts. If you find there's no more coffee when it's your turn, could you please speak to me at the back table so that I can determine if it might be necessary to order more in the future. Thanks. In case you're really in need of a java jerk, there is a machine in the Art Gallery front lobby opposite the gift shop that serves pretty decent coffee. (Sorry Timmy!)

Jim Gilleland

House Committee Chair



Next Regular Meeting

To Be Determined

Getting to know your Management Team

Please watch this space each month as we introduce your Management Committee members. This month we feature your Secretary and your External Publicity & Membership Chair

Malcom Ramsay

My application for membership of the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore was approved seven years ago on February 11, 2013. It had always been part of my retirement plan to join Probus but in fact I continued working and winding down my consulting business for four more years. In October 2015 I was appointed as Secretary of the Club and have continued in that role until now. I have somehow managed to extend my time as Secretary beyond the statutory three years and have enjoyed the experience of working with Co-Presidents Bob Miller and John Wishart and Presidents Ron Luxon and Bill Willson.

I chose to offer my services as Secretary as I believed it was a task I could manage in my busy schedule. I have attempted here to summarize my responsibilities as a member of the Management Committee. There is a full Job Description available and when you read this I hope one of you will be motivated to offer your services to be effective at the AGM in October. That will provide you, my successor, and myself a time for orientation in advance.

On a personal note, I was born in 1943 at Hampton Court, England. No, not in the Palace!

I married my wife Paula in 1971. We moved to Burlington in 1976. We have two children and four grand children. Outside of business, I served on the City of Burlington's Committee of Adjustment for twenty-five years, the last eight as Chair. I have been a volunteer Tour Guide at the Canadian Warplane Heritage for the past twelve years and I enjoy Golf, Curling and Choral singing.



Ken Medland

Ken Medland is our current External Publicity and Membership Chairman and has kicked off an aggressive campaign entitled "20 in 2020" with the goal to add 20 new members this year!

Ken is a long time resident of Burlington, married to Charlene for 52 years with 2 adult sons and 6 beautiful grand children.

He is an avid sports fan and a car and railroad buff. His career was spent with Citibank and the News Group, a division of Jim Pattison where he was the National Account executive for Chapters/Indigo.

Ken keeps busy with Probus Lakeshore, gym, yoga, travel, healthy living and volunteering with Burlington Special Olympics Basketball Coach as well as Theatre Aquarius, his Condo Board and St. Christopher church with their community program and mental health counselling.

In his spare time he does in store promotions and is active with TV and print ads appearing lately in a series of commercials for Hockey Night in Canada.

His biggest thrill recently was guiding his Special Olympics basketball team to the Provincial Championships this May!

My motto...."Keep active, both mentally and physically and always think young and positive!"

