



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - May 2020

Monday, May 11

**Still No Meeting
due to COVID-19**

Stay Safe Everyone

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President's Message from Bill Willson



It looks like spring has finally arrived. Now that we have been told to stay at home and practice social distancing it has given us a chance to get an early jump on the spring clean-up in our yard and get ready for summer. This is a job that I have normally done in May and early June and fortunately the weather has cooperated on occasion so I could get outside and watch the neighbours work.

As I mentioned last month, I am spending a fair amount of time assisting my wife and attending the Fracture Clinic and Physiotherapy sessions. I have seen first-hand how the front line workers at Joseph Brant Hospital and other places have stepped up and provided a top flight service to the public.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group serving us in our community.

On a personal note, I have become our chief cook and bottle washer as well as looking after many chores around the house. I also managed to get the family tax returns completed. This is a time when we can catch up on our reading and binge watch Netflix. For me, it seems that the days are flying by and the isolation has not as yet affected us as much as it has to others. On the social side, we have been enjoying attending virtual meetings on both Zoom and FaceTime. We also found it can also be very civilized to have a virtual cocktail party on one of these formats.

As you saw in the last HiLites, the management Committee has cancelled the May meeting and we are awaiting some direction as to when it will be safe for us to meet again as a group. My guess is that it will take some time before we can continue with our normal activities. Dennis Calameco our Golf Coordinator informed me that the annual inter club Golf Tournament has been cancelled this year. The Burlington Probud Club has booked next year's event on May 28, 2021. In the meantime, Dennis hopes that we will be able to arrange a date later in the summer when we can have our own Probud golf game. We will keep you posted as we find out when it will be safe to start our programs again.

I hope that you are all safe and following the isolation rules. While this may be a difficult time for some, I hope you are keeping in touch with your family and friends. It is times like these that coming together as a community and staying connected are important. I would also appreciate it if you would reach out to other members of our club that you know and ensure that they are doing well. A phone call or an email may help us keep in touch. Maybe you can think about having a virtual beverage with someone you haven't seen for a while.

Stay home, stay safe and stay well!

Special Events

The committee has been notified by the Lighthouse Festival in Port Dover that it is cancelling its 2020 Season due to the restrictions imposed in dealing with the COVID-19 Virus.

The Management Committee has approved the payment of refunds to members who purchased tickets/packages for The Stratford and/or Lighthouse Festivals. They will be mailed starting later this week. ***If your mailing address has changed in the last few months, please notify Dave Little or myself.***

At this time our Sept 15th Shaw Festival Event remains scheduled for performance.

Regretfully,

David McKay
for the Events Committee

Golf

Probud Inter-Club Golf Tournament Cancelled

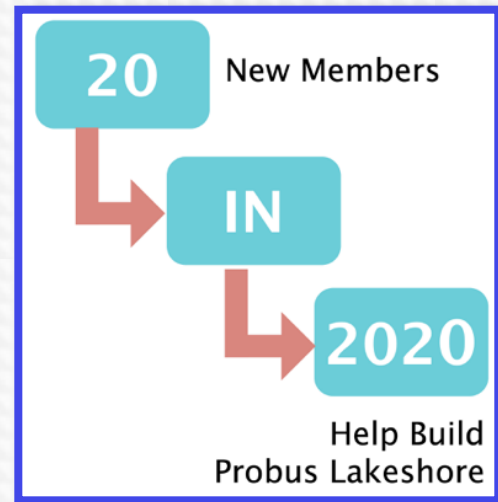
Due to the current and expected continuance of the Coronavirus restrictions and to protect the health and safety of our members and guests, our Clubs (Burlington and Lakeshore) have decided to cancel the tournament scheduled for May 29th. Those who have submitted payment will be refunded or have their cheques returned.

On the positive side we have booked our tournament for next year at Century Pines Golf Club for Friday May 28, 2021. The format will be the same - morning shotgun and lunch. So please mark your calendars.

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

Dennis Colameco,
Golf Coordinator

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

Oh to be Scottish . . .

Four British Special Forces soldiers, were captured in the desert of an unnamed Middle Eastern country. The four consisted of an Englishman, A Welshman, a chap from Northern Ireland and a Scotsman. The leader of the enemy force said to them they were going to be shot but he also said his people were a very caring people and the welfare of their prisoners was something they were renown for. So this leader said "Gentlemen I will grant you one last wish, anything you want". The Englishman said he wanted to hear the longest, loudest rendition of 'Rule Britannia, Britannia Rule the Waves' they had. " Well if it's music we are going for said the Welshman I want to hear 'Men of Harlech' sung by 100 Welsh Coal Miners". The soldier from Belfast said he wanted to hear 'Danny Boy' played by a lone piper at least a dozen times.

The leader of the bad guys then turned to the Scotsman and said "What do you want?" "I want to be shot first".

Submitted by Duncan McPhail
for the Speakers' Committee

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



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 2nd Vice President and your Chair of Special Events

Mike Hoshooley

After growing up in Scarborough Ontario and completing high school in 1961, I joined the Bank of Montreal. Following several branch assignments in Ontario I spent 8 years in Head Office in Montreal until 1976 when it was



effectively moved to Toronto where I spent another 13 years in various HQ functions. I then moved out of HQ and rejoined the banking world and was a commercial account manager in Hamilton Ontario until 1995 when I took early retirement. I did something completely different for 6 years, driving a school bus here in Halton region, which was a most enjoyable experience. In 2004 Bank of Montreal called me and offered me a short-term contract position which lasted 7 years mostly working at home and from which I retired finally in 2011.

I married my wife, Ruth, in 1966 and our two children were born in 1971 and 1976, both in Quebec. My wife Ruth and I were very active in the Multiple Sclerosis Society and I was a member of the Optimist Club of Oakville for 25 years until 2009, when I was invited to join the Lakeshore Probus Club by Ray Everett. After a couple of years, I was honoured to be the Club's Vice president, then President in 2012/13 and afterwards continued with the management of the club as treasurer for 3 years. In 2017 I was part of the team with representatives of other Probus Clubs to establish a Mixed Probus Club in Burlington, of which my wife and I are members, and which has grown to be a very successful member of the Probus Club society. I served again as treasurer of our Lakeshore Mens' Club in 2017/18 and have had the pleasure of continuing to serve the club as one of two vice presidents in 2019/20.

David McKay

Most of you are familiar with Events Committee from our presentations in Hi-Lites and at monthly meetings. What do we do to bring these events to fruition? Here's an example from a year in which a viral pandemic does not occur.



Our work starts in November when Theatre Companies announce their productions for the following year. The committee decides which shows to offer and how many seats to book. When our order is confirmed, we set a ticket price and open sales at monthly meetings. When our final payment is received, we are sent the tickets which are distributed to members.

Other events, such as our recent Grand River Cruise, are less complex but follow the same general procedure. Handling as many as four events at a time is a demanding task; and committee members Bob Moulton, Dick Moskal, Mike Ciocci and Michael Hill work hard on your behalf to ensure things go smoothly.

On a personal note, I was born in Victoria, BC and raised by my mother and grandmother after my father was killed in action in Italy in 1944. After obtaining an honours physics degree at UBC, I took a Masters Degree in Nuclear Physics at McMaster. This in turn led to a 35-year career as a science teacher which included a two-and-a-half-year secondment to TVOntario in the 1980s.

After retiring I did private tutoring and spent time on the City's Sustainable Development and Citizen Involvement Committees and then with the Roseland Community Organization where I chaired its Tree Preservation Committee.

Linda and I have been married for 54 years and have two children and two grandchildren, which we are fortunate to have living locally