



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - September 2020

Monday, Sep. 21
10:00 am

Zoom Meeting

Roman Talkowski
Climate Change

Management Committee 2019-2020

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Bill Willson's Presidential Remarks



It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. We will all remember and talk about this summer for many years to come especially as we work our way through the challenges that COVID 19 has presented to us. I hope you are all managing to stay healthy and as active as you can under these trying circumstances. I only wish I was smart enough to buy shares in Zoom last year.

As this is our September issue, I am reminded that the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore has a year-end coming up at the end of the month. Elsewhere in this publication, you will see a list of our members that have volunteered to act on your behalf as our Management Committee for the

following year. I will provide some concluding thoughts on my year as your President in the October issue of HiLites.

Our Management Committee has been in contact with the Art Gallery of Burlington concerning their proposed protocols for using their facilities now that we are in Stage 3 of the Province's plan for reopening. They proposed that we reschedule our monthly meetings to a maximum of only 50 people to fit within the new hours from Tuesday to Saturday from 12 pm to 5pm. We will be required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering for the meeting. Consequently, the Management Committee has concluded that we will continue having our meetings virtually for the rest of the calendar year utilizing the Zoom program. We will continue to monitor this each month and advise you of any further changes.

By now you have realized that all of the events that our hard working Events Committee planned for us have been cancelled and we have arranged for the refund of all funds that some of us have paid for attendance at various theatre shows. Fortunately, we did not have any problem with this.

Our regular September meeting will take place on September 21 utilizing Zoom again. I hope by now that you have managed to get the Zoom program installed on your computer so that you can easily access us at the time. Our speaker will be discussing climate change at that meeting. We will try to allow some time at the end of the program for you to chat with others that are in attendance.

The only other event that we are able to arrange is a Golf Tournament. Dennis Colameco has booked us in at Hidden Lake on September 24. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

In the meantime, stay healthy, get some exercise while enjoying the fall weather and keep in touch with your family and friends.

Speaker – Roman Talkowski

Roman has been a resident of Burlington for the last 20 years retiring three years ago after a successful sales career in both North America and Europe. Also he had spent 3 years in commercial banking.



Roman's retirement 'job' and most of us have had these, involves the environment and the impact that Climate Change has had on the world. Roman now dedicates his time to educating the public on the causes and the impact of Climate Change. In 2019 he traveled to Atlanta to train with the former US Vice president Al Gore's organization "The Climate Reality Project".

Roman is also co-founder of a local organization called "Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now" Known as HACEN pronounced (hasten).

Duncan McPhail
Speakers Committee

Zoom Meeting

Our September meeting will be our third full Probus meeting on Zoom. You may be an old Zoom pro by now after 6 months of the pandemic, so you will have no problems joining in. We have had less than 50 participants in the last two months so there is room for many more.

I will be our meeting host and will email you the link for the Zoom meeting on Sunday, August 9, so that it will be reasonably fresh in your inbox.

If you have never used Zoom before but you have a computer, tablet, phone or iPad that has camera, microphone and internet connection, then you have what you need to join. The nice lady in this YouTube video will gladly guide you through the steps to become a Zoom user for the first time. Click on the following link, or highlight and copy it to your internet browser and hit enter:

<https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>

If you do not have the computing power, you can still call into the meeting by phone - I'll provide the number in the email I send the day before the meeting.

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

** Help Wanted **

We all agree that interesting speakers are the key to the success of our monthly Probus meetings.

John McArthur, our newly appointed Speakers' Committee Chair and his sole partner, Danny Kraftcheck would like to invite other Probus members to add their enthusiasm to this important team.

Interested members are asked to contact John at john@mcArthurconsultants.com

John McArthur for
Incoming Speakers' Committee

NOTICE

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE
WILL BE HELD
MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 10.00 AM**

Note: This meeting will be a part of our regular meeting which is one week later than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to current meeting restrictions at the Art Gallery, information on the format/location of the meeting will follow closer to the time

Special Events

To paraphrase Robert Burns: "The Best Laid Plans of mice and events committees gang aft agley" After a very successful 2019 season, with three theatre events, a Grand River cruise and visit to the Twenty Creek distillery, all well attended and enjoyed, we began our 2020 planning with expectations of doing as well or perhaps better.

At first things went well; three theatre events were booked at the Shaw and Stratford festivals, and, new for us, the Lighthouse Theatre in Port Dover. Ticket sales were very positive and we began arrangements for several smaller outings - a tour of the Weather Channel studios and a multi-generational trip to a Bulldogs hockey game.

Then, in mid-March came the COVID-19 lockdown, with groups limited to small size, (as low as 2 at one point, which didn't allow any of our events) and the word "Zoom" began turning up everywhere.

So we began the process of cancelling our bookings (only the three theatre events had been finalized) and getting refunds for those who had purchased tickets.

This was harder than it looked as the theatres were required to close their box office. However we persevered and succeeded in obtaining full refunds for all events, which were distributed to members as appropriate. To paraphrase the Bard "much ado, with nothing to show for it".

So we look to 2021. The ultimate principle of physics applies here; "when you investigate the unknown you do not know what you will find". But we **will** find things to offer - smaller perhaps, within modest distance, perhaps outdoors, and with smaller numbers of participants.

Richard Moskal is retiring from the committee, and will be greatly missed, but there will be three experienced and two new members to carry on. Any thoughts/ideas you might have of an event that would meet our general criteria. would be appreciated. We'll do the follow-up and make arrangements as needed.

Thanks for reading.

David McKay, for the Events Committee

Membership

We wanted to thank the existing members and welcome our 10 new members!

We introduced our 20 / 20 contest this

January and in spite of COVID-19, with the full support of our existing membership have added 10 NEW MEMBERS! Our goal remains at 20 new.

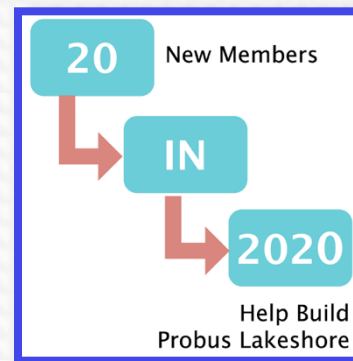
To express our thanks to you all we are increasing the reward structure for the grand prize of a KEG \$150.00 gift card.

Each member nominating a new member and each new member will receive 20 chances in the draw!

Please continue to introduce your friends, neighbours and family to the best group of gentlemen in Burlington.

Thanks again for all your support and good luck with our draw.

Ken Medland,
Membership



Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via Zoom **on September 24** at 10 am. If you would like to join in on this virtual experience, please send an email to Robert Lalonde and he will be sure to include you in the Zoom Meeting invitation.

You can reach Robert at: robert.lalonde@me.com



Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of Management Committee leadership candidates for approval at the Annual General Meeting in October:

President:	Jim Thurston
1st V. P. :	Mike Hoshoooley
2nd V. P. :	Malcolm Ramsay
Past President:	Bill Willson
Secretary:	Al Ayre
Treasurer:	Dave Little
Speakers:	John McArthur
Membership:	Ken Medland
External Publicity:	Ken Medland
Events:	Mike Hill
House:	Jim Gilleland
Cheer:	John Hughes
Newsletter:	Dave McKenzie

Standing Committees:

Golf:	Dennis Colameco
Curling:	Jim Barnett

Respectfully, Rodney Devitt, Bill Willson, Jim Thurston and Mike Hoshoooley

Cheer Committee

The Committee is saddened to report the recent passing of Dave Schutz and John Hague. They will be missed by our members as well as their many curling and golfing friends.

In the event of bereavement, a card of condolence will be sent to the family and, for a member, a memorial donaton 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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John Hughes - (905) 333-4910

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Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020

Annual General Meeting

Speakers: **Don Smith & Sarah Sunnucks**

Topic: **The Funeral Profession**

