



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - October 2020

**Monday, Oct. 19**  
**10:00 am**

**AGM on ZOOM**

**Don Smith &**  
**Sarah Sunnucks**

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### **Bill Willson's Presidential Remarks**



October has arrived and the fall colours are spectacular this year. I hope you have taken the time to get outside and enjoy this special time of the year. The change of colours signals a time of change around us and soon we will be thinking of different activities than golf and back yard barbeques. It also signals a time of change at our Probus Club.

As you likely saw in the last issue of HiLites your nominating committee has put together a group of volunteers from our club to take over the leadership of our group on the Management Committee. I believe that we have a strong group that will carry on the traditions of the Probus Club and lead us through the changes that are required of us as we slowly deal with the challenges presented by COVID 19. Hopefully we will be able to return to our normal format of meetings and events in the near future.

I would like to take a brief moment to acknowledge the contribution of four of our Management Committee members who will be stepping away from their leadership roles at our club. First, Rodney Devitt, our past president has an enthusiastic source of inspiration to the Management Committee for the past year after several years. Duncan McPhail has served on the Speaker's Committee for several years and has chaired the committee over the past couple of years. He has provided a most interesting and diverse set of speakers for our meetings. Brian Langlotz has chaired our Cheer Committee and had a busy year trying to provide support to our members who have had health problems. David McKay has served as chair of our Special Events Committee for the past couple of years and has done an excellent job in providing opportunities for us to attend some popular events. Please join me in saying thanks to these gentlemen for their contribution to our Club.

At our October meeting, we will have our Annual General Meeting. You will receive the financial results for the past year and be asked to approve the new Management Committee. This information appears later in this publication. We will also have well-known local speakers, Don Smith and Sarah Sunnucks who will give us some insight into the funeral profession.

As you know, we have been forced to conduct our meetings virtually through the ZOOM program. We have compared notes with other clubs in the area and are starting to learn how to take advantage of this medium. Dave McKenzie has been out host for these meetings and we are constantly working to make our

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## Guest Speakers: Don Smith and Sarah Sunnucks

Don Smith is President of Smith's Funeral Homes, established by his father in 1938, with locations in Burlington, Grimsby and Stoney Creek and co-owner of Canadian Cremation Services. A lifetime resident of Burlington, he was raised above his family's funeral home on Brant Street, graduated from Burlington Central High School and the Funeral Service Program at the Banting Institute – University of Toronto. He is married (Wendy) and is the father to four.



Don has actively participated in local healthcare and social concerns issues with such organizations as Joseph Brant Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, Telecare, the Burlington Bereavement Resource Council, the Salvation Army, the United Way and the Compassion Society.

Under Don's leadership, Smith's is a two-time recipient of the Mayor's Community Service Award, Burlington's Company of the Year Award, a Pursuit of Excellence recognition from the National Funeral Directors Association, the Chamber of Commerce Heritage Award and the first Canadian funeral business to be certified by the Green Burial Council, an international non-profit organization.

Don has also personally been the recipient of several humanitarian awards, including the YMCA Peace Medal for his volunteer work in Sierra Leone, Africa, the Burlington Community Foundation Philanthropist of the Year Award and the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal.

In 2013, Smith's celebrated 75 years of service to Burlington, and published a book chronicling a history of our city from 1938-2013.

This year, Smith's Funeral Homes will mark 82 years of service to the people of Burlington. In Don's words, "I see my role as the steward of all the hard work and sacrifices of those in my family who have gone before me – my father, mother, aunt, uncle and brother."

Sarah was born and raised in Stoney Creek where she attended Saltfleet High School before graduating with a counselling certificate from Heritage Bible College in Cambridge. She then enrolled in Humber College and graduated from the Funeral Service Education Program as a Licensed Funeral Director in 2012.



Sarah attends Living Hope Church in Hamilton where she teaches Drumline in the Dance Studio, and is also involved with Mothering Matters in Hamilton.

As the mother of 5 children, Sarah does various speaking engagements about blended families. She is a valued member of Christ in the Workplace, where she had the opportunity to lead at the Burlington Prayer Breakfast in 2019. She is part of the Burlington Networking Group, and enjoys attending Burlington Chamber of Commerce events throughout the year.

Sarah also has a passion for peer support, not only for bereaved families but also for fellow funeral directors, and started the Hamilton and area chapter of Canadian Funeral Peer Support.

She enjoys speaking about all things new in 'green' (environmentally-friendly) initiatives for funeral planning and believes in the value of educating people about their options when it comes to making important end-of-life decisions.

She also assists families with our Aftercare Program and helps them through the application process for Canada Pension benefits. Sarah joined the Smith's team in July 2017.

Duncan McPhail  
Speakers Committee

## Bill Willson's Presidential Remarks Continued

presentations better. We are also considering recording these meetings and rebroadcasting them for a period of weeks on a private YouTube channel for the benefit of those members who were not available to attend the actual meeting.

This is my final message as your President. It has been a challenging year as we have been dealing with COVID 19. We have tried some new ideas in terms of increasing our membership numbers, finding new events that we can enjoy together and having virtual meetings in place of in person gatherings. I hope you have enjoyed the experience as much as I have.

Stay safe and have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Bill Willson,  
President

## 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. This meeting will be on ZOOM following the guest speakers.

For your information, Financial statements for the 2019-20 year have been provided later in this newsletter, along with the proposed budget for 2020-21.

## ZOOM Meeting

Again, our October meeting will be on Zoom. You may be an old ZOOM pro by now after 8 months of the pandemic, so you will have no problems joining in. We have had less than 50 participants in the last few 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, October 18, 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

## Membership

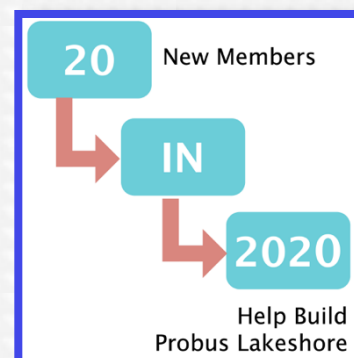
I am pleased to report that we continue to sign up new members making our 20 new members in 2020 a continuing success. Thanks to the following who have brought new members on board!

Bill Willson, Rick Giuliani, Dave Little, Bob Hajduczek, Grant Baxter, Ron Danielson, Jim Thurston, Malcolm Ramsey, Rod McGrath, Bob Nielson, Bob Miller, John McArthur.

And a special welcome to our newest member....**Greg Boudreau!**

Remember, there is still a chance to win the \$150.00 Keg card, the contest runs until the end of 2020! New members and existing members who bring a member on board are eligible!

Good luck 😊  
Ken Medland



## Membership Renewal - October 2020

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership in the best club in town The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore! The annual membership fee is \$ 40, the same fee as it's been for several years. This fee will allow us to maintain the high quality of speakers that we have enjoyed both at in person meetings and in our virtual Zoom meetings. Equally as important, your renewal will provide the funding to resume physical meetings when it is safe to do – hopefully in the New Year!

There are two ways you can renew your membership:

1. Send a cheque for \$ 40 payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore and mail (or deliver) the cheque to our Treasurer, Dave Little, 2071 Wellington Ave. Burlington, ON L7R 1P4.
2. Send an Interac eTransfer for \$ 40 from your online banking system. Your online banking program will prompt you for an email address to send the transfer to – please use [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com).

Whichever payment method you choose it would greatly help the Club if you could attend to this matter promptly in October. Many thanks for your continued support and membership renewal.

Best Regards,  
Ken Medland, Membership Director

## Cheer Committee

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:

John Hughes - (905) 333-4910  
[johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com](mailto:johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com)

John Hughes, Cheer Committee

## \*\* 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](mailto:john@mcArthurconsultants.com)

John McArthur for  
Incoming Speakers' Committee

## Activities

### Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via ZOOM on **October 15** 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.



## Next Monthly Meeting

**Monday, November 9, 2020**

Speaker: **Ted Barris**  
Topic: **The Great Escape**



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## NOTICE TO READER

TO MEMBERS OF PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

Based on the accounting records of your club and the information provided by your 1'st Vice President and Treasurer, I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore for the year ended September 30, 2020. I have not performed an audit or review engagement and accordingly I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Burlington, Ontario  
October 5, 2020

  
Z. M. NOVAK CPA, CFE

## PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE - FISCAL 2021 BUDGET

	Fiscal 2021 Budget	Fiscal 2020 Actual
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Membership Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,210
Club Events - Net	200	313
Coffee Fees - Net	-	5
50/50 Draws - Net	450	291
Interest	-	103
	Total Revenue	\$ 6,911
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Administration	\$ 300	\$ 322
Meeting Hall rent	3,050	1,595
Membership	500	234
Newsletter	250	342
Probus central fees	455	383
Speakers	2,150	1,500
Bank and credit/debit card processing fees	200	236
Memorials	350	440
	Total Expenses	\$ 5,053
<b>Revenue greater/(less) than expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 605</b>	<b>\$ 1,858</b>

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PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
For the year ended September 30, 2020  
(with comparative figures for the year ended September 30, 2019)

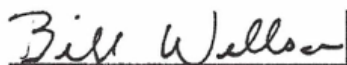
	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Membership fees	\$ 6,210	\$ 5,962
Club events-net	313	571
Coffee fees-net	5	85
50/50 Draws	291	657
Interest	103	77
Transfer from restricted reserve-25th anniversary		887
	<u>\$ 6,911</u>	<u>\$ 8,239</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	\$ 322	\$ 314
Meeting hall rent	1,595	3,217
Membership	234	246
Newsletter	342	372
Probus central fees	383	367
Speakers	1,500	1,750
Bank and credit/debit card processing fees	236	47
Memorials	440	400
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,053</u>	<u>\$ 6,715</u>
Revenue greater than expenses	<u>\$ 1,858</u>	<u>\$ 1,524</u>

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PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2020  
(with comparative figures for 2019)

	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 2,628	\$ 2,270
Investments-Guaranteed Investment Certificate	5,178	5,075
Prepaid expenses-deposits for future events	880	750
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,686</u>	<u>\$ 8,095</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deferred revenue-event tickets	\$	\$ 630
Deferred revenue-membership fees		637
Total liabilities	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,267</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<u>Restricted reserve-25th anniversary event</u>		
Balance beginning of year		\$ 757
Net revenue(Expenses)for event		130
Transfer of funds to operations		887
Balance end of year	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Unrestricted reserve</u>		
Balance beginning of year	\$ 6,828	\$ 5,304
Current year revenues greater than expenses	1,858	1,524
Balance end of year	<u>\$ 8,686</u>	<u>\$ 6,828</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 8,686</u>	<u>\$ 8,095</u>

Approved on behalf of the Management Committee:



Bill Willson, President



Dave Little, Treasurer