



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - November 2020

Monday, Nov 9.
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

Elaine Cougler
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Jim Thurston's Presidential Remarks



What did you think of our very first ZOOM ANNUAL MEETING? I thought it went extremely well. The performances of our Management Committee speakers were outstanding; it seemed like they were standing in front of our members at the Art Gallery of Burlington. Congratulations! The new Management Committee you elected is destined to be the best ever! Thank you all for making it happen, and a special thanks to our ZOOM Master, Dave McKenzie, who took it upon himself to learn how to conduct meetings on ZOOM and brought us all to where we are today. Thanks to everyone who joined us.

Our newer members probably are not aware that I was your President 10 years ago. Following my term as Past President I was recruited by the Mayor to volunteer with the City, and served on the Seniors' Advisory Committee for 6 years - my last two as Chair. Unfortunately the time for the City meetings and our PROBUS meetings conflicted. My only opportunity for interacting and meeting new members was at social and special events. I look forward to more interaction once we return to regular in-person meetings.

November is a time of remembrance. The 11th will not be the same this year, but despite our pandemic controls we must continue to honour those who sacrificed everything to ensure that we live in a land, true, strong and free. The 2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony is going virtual and will be live-streamed at burlingtonlegion.com, beginning at 11 a.m. on November 11. Be sure to join in and observe this time honoured day. You are asked not to go to the Burlington Cenotaph.



I am assuming that today each of you have access to a weather channel twenty-four hours of weather. We had something like that when I grew up - we called it a "window". If you look outside today you will see the leaves have fallen, November frost has set in, and the air is cold. As a Public Service Announcement for all you PROBUS Member Snowbirds who will NOT be going to Florida because of Covid-19, it's time to get your Snow Tires on!!!

I look forward to seeing you at our November ZOOM meeting

Guest Speaker – Elaine Cougler



Elaine Cougler is the award-winning author of historical novels about the lives of settlers in the Thirteen Colonies who remained loyal to Britain during the American Revolution. She uses the backdrop of the conflict for page-turning

fictional tales where the main characters face torn loyalties, danger and personal conflicts. Her Loyalist trilogy comprises *The Loyalist's Wife*, *The Loyalist's Luck* and *The Loyalist Legacy*, all available on Amazon. She is currently putting the finishing touches on the prequel to her Loyalist trilogy, *The Loyalist's Daughter*, and it's exciting launch in December, 2020.

Her most recent published work (2019) is Amazon #1 Bestseller *The Man Behind the Marathons: How Ron Calhoun Helped Terry Fox and Other Heroes Make Millions for Charity*. Byron native, Ronald G. Calhoun, was the chair of the Canadian Cancer Society team who managed the Marathon of Hope, Terry Fox's run in 1980. Ron also managed the Jesse's Journey walk across Ontario and later across Canada, as well as Steve Fonyo's Journey for Lives and the blind Ken McColm's Incredible Journey across Canada. Ron's honours are many and well deserved. Elaine is delighted and humbled to be the author of this important book, a different kind of Canadian history.

Elaine leads writing workshops, readings and online webinars where she speaks about her books to many groups. Through her two websites she blogs about the writing and reading world and more. She lives in Ontario with her husband. They have two grown children.

John McArthur
Speakers' Committee

ZOOM Meeting

Our November meeting will, again, be via ZOOM. You may be an old ZOOM pro by now after so many months of the pandemic, so you will have no problems joining in. We have had less than 50 participants in the past 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, November 8, 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.

Beginning with the October 2020 meeting, all ZOOM meetings will be recorded and posted to our private YouTube channel. Recordings will be available for one month for the convenience of members who may have missed the live virtual meeting. To view the October meeting click on the following link:

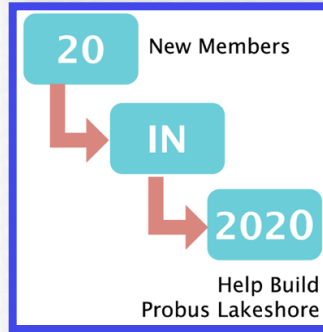
<https://youtu.be/1FXG4h-YxsE>

Should the link not connect properly, copy and paste the link into your browser.

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

Membership

My sincere thanks to all the members who referred their friends, colleagues and neighbours to join the Best Men's Club in Burlington....Probus Lakeshore.



We are rapidly nearing our goal of 20 new members in 2020, but there's always room for a few more! Remember, you and your nominated member BOTH have a chance of winning a \$150 gift card to the Keg, which will provide a truly fun night.

To make it easy for you, simply send me an email with the name of the new member and his email address and I will take care of the details.

Why stop at 20..... 😊

Ken Medland
Membership Chair
mederman@cogeco.ca

Membership Renewals

A gentle reminder, if you haven't already done so, please take a minute to continue enjoying your membership with Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore.

Your \$40.00 annual fee gets you 12 months of outstanding speakers and your personal copy of our award winning newsletter....Hi Lites. In addition, now you can listen and watch the monthly speakers in the comfort and safety of your home!PJs are optional 😊

You have two easy options for payment...

1. By e-transfer directly from your bank account, make your payment to:

paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

2. Mail a cheque payable to "the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore", care of
Dave Little,
2071 Wellington Ave,
Burlington, On, L7R 1P4.

p.s. in the unlikely event you are not renewing, please let us know so we don't bother you...but really for only 40 bucks, why would you not join.

Ken Medland
Membership Chair

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 John Hughes, if you are aware of anyone who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action:

John Hughes - (905) 333-4910
johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com

John Hughes, Cheer Committee

Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via Zoom **on November 26** 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

Special Events Committee

As one of the two incoming co-chairs (Mike Cioci being my partner) , I would like to thank David McKay for his excellent leadership of the Events Committee for the past few years. We are very grateful that David has consented to stay on in a more limited capacity.

We would also like to thank Richard Moskal who is leaving the Committee after years of service. He will be sorely missed!

For 2021, we unfortunately have no events planned due to the pandemic. We continue to discuss possible events and will keep the membership updated on any developments.

We are anxious to increase our membership in the Committee by two or three volunteers. If you have the itch to be part of a dynamic young team of event planners, please give me a call at 905-467-2223. (Take the “young” with grain of salt).

Mike Hill
Events Committee



Next Month's Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2020

Speaker: **Lisa Kerns**

Topic: **Message from the City of Burlington**

Your Questions Answered!

Councillor, Lisa Kerns would like to prepare her presentation around the questions and concerns of her audience. As such, you have been invited to send our questions to Lisa in advance. Please send your questions directly to John McArthur, our Speakers' Committee Chair by email at:

john@mcArthurconsultants.com

John will forward your questions on to Lisa so that she addresses the issues important to our members.