



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - January 2021

Monday, Jan, 11  
10:00 am

### ZOOM Meeting

CDR Robert Williamson  
Scourge & Hamilton

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### President's Message



This was the scene out my front window on Christmas morning. What a glorious picture of Mother Nature making the world seem right again. We enjoyed our Christmas here with my son, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters. No one was able to visit other family or friends. No one was allowed here to join our "nuclear six". This was a first for us as we always alternate Christmas dinner and my birthday celebration with my sister-in-law and her family in Barrie. Two other couples who are long-time friends are included.

It's raining outside as I write this message and the snow is slowly disappearing. We should remember to enjoy the things that please us today as who knows what tomorrow will bring - "Carpe Diem", my high school motto.

Our December meeting was a hit. Via Zoom, we met Lisa Kearns (905.335.7600, ext. 7588) Ward 2 Councillor for the City. She answered our questions and explained why we are in good hands with our new Mayor and Councillors. Based on a dozen or more questions submitted prior to the meeting, she prepared an excellent slide show presentation - just what you would expect from a seasoned politician. We are indeed fortunate to have her representing us. If you would like more information on a number of City matters, look up our meeting video on YouTube.

Be sure to join our January Zoom meeting to hear and see the latest updates regarding the "**SCOURGE**" and "**HAMILTON**". Learn more about our speaker further on in Hi-Lites.

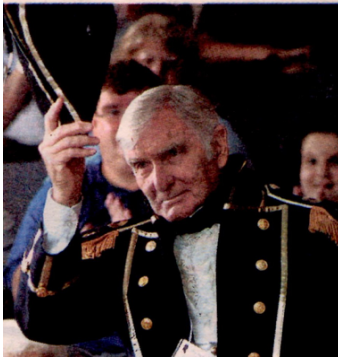
On the National Level, Bob Boone, our District 3 representative, has completed his six years of faithful service. PROBUS Canada is holding an election to replace Bob. I am pleased to announce that our Past President, Bill Willson, has been nominated by

Lakeshore PROBUS to fill that vacancy. Let's get behind this Burlington-based candidate as I can't recall when we last had a Burlington member serve at the National Level. If you know a member of another PROBUS club, be sure to promote Bill Willson.

Jim Thurston, President



## Guest Speaker – Cdr. Robert Williamson (Retired)



Robert Williamson was born and educated in East Hamilton. He received an Honours BA Degree in Geography from McMaster University in 1962 and a BEd from the University of Toronto. He is a retired

Hamilton Secondary School Administrator and former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Star. During his tenure as commanding officer, the Hamilton Division won the Admiral E. R. Mainguy Trophy as the most improved naval division in Canada.

Having been appointed to the Hamilton Historical Board in 1999, and the Joint Plaquing Sub Committee in 2000 as a volunteer, he is the longest serving member of the Board. However, his active involvement in the promotion and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage goes back almost 25 years when he gratuitously created his famous "Hamilton Then and Now" slide program in response to a Ministry of Education directive to promote the Ontario bicentennial in our schools. Having caught the attention of local historians, he was invited to join the Head of the Lake Historical Society and the Board of Education Archives Committee in 1991.

Commander Williamson will be talking about the Scourge and Hamilton - sailing ships which capsized and sank during a sudden squall in the early morning of August 8, 1813, with a loss of over 50 lives, while stationed off Port Dalhousie.

John McArthur  
Speakers' Committee

## ZOOM Meeting

Our January 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 about 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, January 10, 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:

### [Learn to Use ZOOM](#)

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 December meeting featuring Lisa Kearns, Burlington Councillor, click on the following link:

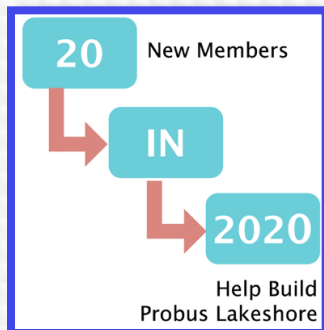
<https://youtu.be/VGDiRvxbn9E>

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

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

## Membership

Our goal was 20 new in 2020 and sadly COVID derailed our efforts...but we still ended up with 18 new members! 😊



Thanks to the following who brought new members in :

Hal Kemp, Mike Cioci, John McArthur (4), Dave McKenzie, Bill Willson, Rick Giuliani, Dave Little, Bob Hajduczek, Grant Baxter, Ron Danielson, Jim Thurston, Malcolm Ramsey, Rob McGrath, Bob Nielsen, Bob Miller.

And, a very Special Welcome to our newest Probus members!!

Leo Normandeau, George Caughell, Ross Hamilton, Ed van der Wolf, Paul Attack, Gino Parlarchio, Greg Boudreau, Paul Wendling, Warren Bell, Jim Crans, Paul Barley, Bloyce Beck, Bill MacDonald, Henk Kuiper, Ken Niepage, Dan Pare, Rick Giuliani, Walter Rosinski.

We will be awarding a \$150.00 KEG Gift Card to one of the members listed above at our next meeting, Monday, January 11 and hope to have an exciting announcement about our 2021 membership drive!

Enjoy your new club, Probus Club Burlington Lakeshore and we look forward to greeting you in person!

Thanks again,

Ken Medland  
Membership Chair  
[mederman@cogeco.ca](mailto:mederman@cogeco.ca)

## Events Committee

The Events Committee held a Zoom meeting in December to brainstorm ideas for events that Probus could offer within the confines of COVID-19. Members will have seen the first fruits of that meeting with the email giving links to lists of the best Christmas lights in the area. We hope it was of use to some of the members.

We will shortly be sending out a guide to on-line card playing and would encourage interested members to participate. We are also exploring (together with Dennis Colameco our Golf Guru) indoor golf games. That initiative has been stymied with the imposition of the full lockdown in southern Ontario. We will resume it once the lockdown comes to an end and the local indoor golf facility is allowed to re-open. In the meantime, anyone interested in this is encouraged to let Dennis [dennis.colameco@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.colameco@gmail.com) or Mike Hill [mhill2@cogeco.ca](mailto:mhill2@cogeco.ca) know.

There are other distanced events under consideration which will be unveiled as they develop.

Mike Hill

Events Committee

## Activities

### Computer Interest Group



The next meeting will be via Zoom **on January 28** 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com)

John Hughes, Cheer Committee



## Next Month's Meeting

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

Speaker: **David D. Chapman**

Topic: **Weather Phenomena**

