



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore Hi-Lites - May 2021

Monday, May 10
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

Linda Fawcus
Breakthrough
Technologies

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Jim Thurston's Presidential Message

One would think with all this time on our hands as a result of the new six-week "stay at home lockdown" that it would be an easy task for me to write this month's message. Not so!

I could talk about how our April speaker, Marvin Ryder, and how positive he was about Canada's economic future when this COVID-19 mess is behind us. BUT you have all heard him yourselves and he certainly relates good news better than I can.

I could talk about all the spring birds that are helping themselves to the bird seed that has been loaded into the numerous bird feeders in our backyard. BUT you have no way of seeing them with the "stay at home" order in effect.

I could talk about the generous dump of snow we received mid-April and how beautiful our backyard looked on that Wednesday morning with the ground and trees covered in white. BUT it did not stay long enough for me to spend time talking about it.

I could talk about getting our vaccinations to assist in ending this lockdown. BUT the process was very easy and I have heard of no one having any difficulty in Halton, and anyway we don't control the lockdown.

I could talk about how dreary it was hiking down at the beach strip one morning. BUT then again "one picture is worth a thousand words".



I could talk about our May speaker, Linda Fawcus, and her topic "10 Breakthrough Technologies Changing the World". BUT I do not want to take away from our Speakers' Corner.

I could talk about

Guest Speaker - Linda Fawcus Founder of Gluu Technology Society



This all started when I gave my 80-something mother her first iPhone, way back in 2012. When she asked me how to use it, I took it from her, offered instructions as I tapped, and handed it back. A few weeks later, I asked why she hadn't responded to my texts. She stared at me and said, "You went so darn fast last time, I didn't learn a thing." Ouch.

So, I went in search of an organization I could trust that would take her from newbie to confident user, and commit to helping her every step of the way. It didn't take much searching for reality to hit – there was no such thing. Sure, there were lots of "pieces" out there, but no cohesive program. Paying a private tutor seemed wrong. Digital skills training should not cost an arm and a leg. Aren't these skills necessary, especially for older adults? Could I find a way to make digital skills training inspiring to seniors *and* free?

At that point, I'd been a technology entrepreneur for over 25+ years. I knew how important it was that my mom become a

skills are no longer a nice to have. My siblings and I wanted mom to stay connected to her grandchildren and to us. She wanted to be part of the changing world around her, and age in the home she loved. Technology was a necessary piece of that puzzle.

My goal of making digital skills training free to Canadian seniors was reached when Gluu received funding from the Government of Canada. The Digital Literacy Exchange Program enables us to offer all Canadian seniors the Gluu Essentials online courses 100% free. Just in time to help them beat the social isolation of COVID. Love that.

Linda Fawcus

John McArthur, Speakers Committee

Probus Spring Golf

Thursday May 27th we have 12 tee times reserved for our Spring golf day at the Carlisle golf course. I have 28 confirmed golfers to date and can accommodate another 20. I will have to let the club know by mid May how many tee times we will need. If you are planning on attending please let me know as soon as possible. No money is needed as all golfers will pay the day of at the golf club. Cost for golf and cart is \$67.00 plus HST.

Hopefully the courses will be open by the middle of May and we can enjoy this golf day. I drove by the other day and the course is in great shape. I'm sure you will enjoy this course.

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Dennis Colameco, Golf Coordinator

Membership



Well, Spring keeps trying to appear, and our projected membership program continues to flourish, thanks to our dedicated members who support us by continuing to introduce new folks to the “best men’s club in Burlington!”

Our goal year-to-date is 8 new members and our actual is 5 new....so close!

Remember we are offering to make it easy for you to add new members, just email me your prospective members name and Contact Information (email and telephone) and our professional team of greeters will do all the contact and follow up work for you. It’s never been easier to join Probus Lakeshore 😊

Look for our “ad” in the events section of the Burlington Snapd free newspaper at your local Shoppers’ Drugmart.

Thanks to all who convinced their friends, neighbours and relatives to join! We will recognize you all at our ZOOM meeting on May 10...see you there and thanks for making my job easier!!

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
mederman@cogeco.ca



Events Committee

Lakeshore Probus Road Rally

Your Events Committee has been hoping to host an event in early June on the expectation that our lockdown would allow a suitably social distanced event. With the extension of the province wide lockdown to the end of May, this is looking less likely to happen. Nonetheless, we continue to work on our event so that when regulations are eased, we can quickly proceed. So keep your car gassed up and get your summer tires on!

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join the Events Committee. We currently meet by Zoom and once things open up, we will be proceeding with a number of events to present to the membership. Interested? Contact me by email at mhill2@cogeco.ca or call (905) 467-2223.

Mike Hill
Events Committee

Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via Zoom on May 27 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

ZOOM Meeting for May

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

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.

Come Early and Visit

Based on the positive feedback we will again be setting up breakout rooms at the start of the May meeting. When you join the meeting, you will be assigned to a small breakout room of 6-8 fellow members. Enjoy some fellowship time in a small group before the meeting starts. The rooms will be open for you beginning at 9:30 am, so come early.

Our 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 April meeting featuring Marvin Ryder's talk on the Canadian Economy, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/UDTiDk8vCQU>

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

Are you Zoom-able and looking to build your skills? Being the sole host for Zoom meetings, I am concerned that our club meetings are vulnerable. We need to build up our Zoom capability to provide backup and support.

If you are even a bit tech savvy and would like to lend a hand, please contact me.

You can give me a call at **(905) 639-7529**

or send an email to dave.mckenzie484@gmail.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

John Hughes, Cheer Committee



Next Month's Meeting Monday, June 14, 2021

Speaker: **Karen Davidson Taylor**

Topic: **Amazing Monarchs**

