



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

Monday, April 19
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

Marvin Ryder
State of Canada's
Economy in 2021

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Jim Thurston's Presidential Message

Congratulations are in order for our Past President, Bill Willson. He successfully ran and was elected as District #3's representative on the National PROBUS Board of Directors. District #3 has 28 clubs and covers an area from Scarborough to Burlington. Bill will serve for 3 years and replaces Bob Boone who has completed six years on the board. John Morgan of Cooksville ran a good campaign, but against Bill's experience on numerous not-for-profit boards, including the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Burlington Community Foundation, Hamilton and District CA Association, Burlington Chamber of Commerce and Mozart Chamber Orchestra of Burlington, was not successful. Using Bill's work on the Management Committee of Lakeshore PROBUS as an example, I know we will be well served at National.

I had an opportunity in March to hike the Burlington Beach Strip and out to the Pier and Lighthouse. It provides a great opportunity to get fresh air and exercise. The day I was out was very cold so there were fewer walkers than normal and it felt like I had the beach to myself. If you have not had the opportunity to hike to the pier you may wish to do so this spring. There is talk the Federal Government may be closing it to residents, because of safety concerns. If you have the chance to lobby all branches of Government, including our own Burlington Counsellors, please do so. It would be a shame to let this "very Burlington icon" be shut down because of safety concerns. How many people have we lost on the canal piers?

Our March speaker, Dr. Paul Evans, held us spellbound for over an hour describing China and its march to dominance. Following his talk, the Speaker's Committee received a number of messages from our members expressing their enthusiasm.

This month's speaker promises to be just as informative. The committee has engaged Dr. Marvin Ryder from McMaster University. Great job John McArthur and team.



Guest Speaker - Marvin Ryder



Marvin Ryder is Associate Professor of marketing and entrepreneurship at the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University. He has taught for 35 years and has mentored 10,000 graduate and undergraduate students. He has written sixty case studies illustrating marketing, entrepreneurship, and business strategy problems with companies like Porsche, Union Gas, Crayola and Molson Breweries.

In Hamilton, Marvin served on the Board of Directors for Cops Coliseum, Hamilton Place and the Hamilton Convention Centre from 1990 to 1996. He was the Chair of the Transition Board that recreated the new City of Hamilton in 2000. Marvin was Chair of the Hamilton Health Sciences Board of Directors for almost three years and retired from the Board in 2010 after nine years of service. He has also served on the Boards of the Bay Area Health Trust, Desjardins Credit Unions, and is currently the Chair of the Hamilton Health Sciences Research Institute.

Today, Marvin is most recognized for nearly 400 appearances annually on CBC, CTV, Global, CHCH-TV, CHML 900AM, CKTB 610AM and other regional broadcasters commenting on the political and business issues of the day.

Your Questions Answered....

All Probus members are invited to pose their questions of Marvin in advance of the meeting so that he may address your most pressing issues of the day.

Please send your questions to me at:

john@mcarthurconsultants.com

John McArthur,
Speakers Committee

Spring Probus Golf

Our annual interclub competition has been moved from May to September 24th at Century Pines Golf Club. This event was cancelled last year due to the covid lockdown and originally rescheduled for May of this year. The possibility of having a sitdown meal and presentation after golf was a concern so we moved the event to September.

To replace this event for our Lakeshore members, I have booked 12 tee times starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Carlyle golf club. This event will take place **Thursday, May 27th**. The cost is \$67.00 plus tax and payable at the course.

To register please email or phone in your name or foursome.

dennis.colameco@gmail.com

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Dennis Colameco, Golf Coordinator

Membership



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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 April 19...see you there and thanks for making my job easier!!

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
mederman@cogeco.ca



Events Committee

Lakeshore Probus Road Rally

Gentlemen, start your engines.....well, not just yet, but the Lakeshore Probus Road Rally is planned for the first week of June – a tour of the lesser know parts of Burlington with questions for you to answer as you drive by attractive and not so attractive roadside features. Stay tuned for more details and information.

Lighthouse Festival News

I am beyond excited to share that Kristen Da Silva is writing a second play for Lighthouse. With the smashing success of Hurry Hard in 2019, I knew we wanted to continue to support Kristen in writing more comedies for Lighthouse and stages across the country.

Click the link below to read more about Kristen's new play Beyond The Sea which takes place right here in Port Dover.

<https://lighthouse theatre.com/kristen-da-silva-beyond-the-sea/>

Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via Zoom on March 25 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 March

I will be our meeting host and will email you the link for the ZOOM meeting on Sunday, April 18, 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 April 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 March meeting featuring Dr. Paul Evans' talk on China World Power, click on the following link:

https://youtu.be/xn_drVyJquQ

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

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



Next Month's Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2021

Speaker: **Linda Fawcus**

Topic: **Ten Breakthrough Technologies
Changing the World**