



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - June 2021

Monday, June 14
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

**Karin Davidson
Taylor**
Amazing Monarchs

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Jim Thurston's Presidential Message

Once again, our Speakers' Committee hit the jackpot. Linda Fawcus, our May speaker, was extremely informative outlining 10 technologies that we will encounter in the future. **5G online learning using Ai virtual reality to mind controlling our exoskeleton, tele-health robots, not to mention 3D printing flying cars.** Did you get all 10?

By now we should be out of lockdown and able to play golf again. Don't forget to sign up for our spring golf tournament to be held June 16th at Carlisle Golf Club starting @ 10:00 am. Great way to get back to that summer feeling. Check to see if you can still register under **EVENTS**.

The imposed lockdown restrictions on travel beyond our own neighbourhood have led me to explore and appreciate the beauty that surrounds me close to home. These apple trees are just around the corner and I have passed by them many times and never stopped to enjoy the blossoms and their scent. Hope you like this picture. I recently read an inspiring quote by an unknown author, "You have to live life, to love life, and you have to love life, to live life. It's a vicious circle".



Good news! Your Management Committee is planning to restart our in-person PROBUS meetings at the Art Gallery of Burlington on September 20th. The AGB have agreed to work with us to ensure a successful re-opening, if permitted. We are planning to hold "hybrid" meetings with some members attending in-person, and the remainder via Zoom. More about this initiative further on in Hi-Lites.

You won't want to miss our June 14th Zoom speaker. Karen Davidson Taylor will talk about AMAZING MONARCHS. Have you started your Butterfly Wildflower Garden?

Guest Speaker - Karin Davidson Taylor - Amazing Monarchs



Karin Davidson-Taylor is an Education Officer at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario. Karin joined RBG in the Fall of 2006, coming with 17 years' experience teaching both adults and children. She has been responsible for establishing RBG as a Canadian leader in the world of interactive virtual programs. Karin develops and delivers interactive distance education programs across North America and globally, promoting awareness of our connection to plants and the importance of biodiversity.

Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers Committee

Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via Zoom on June 17 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



House Committee News

**“Happy days are here again
The air outside is clear again
So let's sing a song of cheer again
Happy days are here again”**

We will be singing these slightly modified lyrics once these Covid days are behind us. Who knows when, but your Management Committee is optimistic about a return to in-person meetings in one form or another, starting September 20.

As the Province moves towards a gradual reopening, your Management Committee, in conjunction with the Art Gallery is exploring a flexible post-COVID meeting format. The Art Gallery is in the process of upgrading/updating their technical facilities. Once this process is complete, our club will be able to hold hybrid in-person/Zoom meetings. Members who cannot attend our meetings in person for whatever reason would be able to tune into the meetings via Zoom, in the same way we've been doing it for the past year. In the early stages of the reopening, there will probably be limitations as to how many members can attend in person. Management Committee is discussing how best to work around whatever limitations are put in place by the Province and in turn the Art Gallery. We will keep you informed as we move forward. Our goal at the moment is to begin in person meetings in September. Of course, all of this is contingent on Provincial protocols. Stay tuned!

To assist the Management Committee in its planning for the implementation of Hybrid Zoom Meetings, we would ask you to respond to a short survey which you can reach by clicking on this link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PYZ8YG>

Jim Gilleland,
House Committee

Membership

Well, Spring is certainly here, 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 Let's welcome our newest member, Ron Mellish.

Our goal year-to-date is 10 new members and our actual is 6 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

Car Rally Update

With the continuing uncertainty about the opening of Ontario, the events committee has decided that the earliest the planned car rally can proceed will be September. If there is a sudden change for the better, we will reconsider.

Events Committee Cont'd

On page five of this edition of Hi-Lites you will find an announcement from Lighthouse Festival Theatre, courtesy of Dick Moskal. Those interested should make sure they are on the festival's mailing list.

Stay well everyone and keep your chins up!

Mike Hill
Events Committee

Probus Spring Golf

We have 32 golfers starting at 10 am June 16 at Carlyle Golf club. Times are separated by 10 minutes and masks are required in the pro shop and if sharing a cart on course. Cost for golf and cart is \$67.00 plus gst payable at the course.

I have the foursomes together and will email everyone their groups and start times a week in advance. I have the flexibility to make changes if needed. I can accommodate 8 more golfers but I must know asap as I will release the two tee times back to the course no later than June 06.

I will email your times and group a week before the golf day. Some groups have guests and It will be your responsibility to inform them of their tee times.

For changes, bookings, call me at 905 629 7921 or email me at dennis.colameco@gmail.com

Hit them long and straight.

Dennis

ZOOM Meeting for May

I will be our meeting host and will email you the link for the ZOOM meeting on Sunday, June 13, 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 May meeting featuring Linda Fawcus' talk on Emerging Technologies, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/wCowdLUDjs0>

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

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

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

At our last Management Meeting on May 10 2021 we passed a motion sent to us from Richard Moskal. "That we should be announcing member deaths to our Probus Membership". We agreed that this service would be appreciated by our members.

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. Also that when and only a member passes away the membership will be advised via email and a notice be placed in the (Cheers) section of HiLites. The notification will only note the passing and that further details can be found by consulting local newspapers or Funeral Home obits.

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



Next Month's Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021

Speaker: **Dr. Charles Ian G. Greene**

Topic: **Cdn Whistle Blowers**





Dear Richard,

Mark Williams, Jeannine Bouw and Chris Rait are the perfect example of just how much artistic talent exists in Norfolk County. When these three local friends and artists approached me about supporting their first venture into the world of playwriting I was thrilled to read their script.

Their incredible talents have brought to life a story of two east coast seamen, a story that I have had the pleasure to support and guide to a finished script.

Click [here](#) to read about their journey writing a play for the first time and join me in celebrating Mark, Jeannine and Chris' accomplishments. Be sure to keep an eye on the horizon for when *Tip Of The Iceberg* graces our stage in the future.

Most Sincerely,

Derek Ritschel Artistic Director

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about TIP OF THE
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