



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - November 2021

Monday, Nov 8  
10:00 am

### ZOOM Meeting

Bill Barrett

Coffee: From Tree to Table

### Management Committee 2021-2022

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### Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

The deadline for writing my first epistle for Hi-Lites, arrived within ten days of my election as your President. Hardly time to collect my thoughts amid a significant number of issues, all requiring immediate attention.

As my remarks to the Annual General Meeting would only have been received by a portion of our total membership, I have taken the liberty of repeating an abbreviated version here.

First to our newly minted Past President, thank you Jim for your spirited leadership. I am grateful that you will continue to serve on the Management Committee, and I hope to draw on your experience and counsel as we move forward.

To the members of the Management Committee, and our golf and curling sub-committee Chairs, my heartfelt thanks to each of you for agreeing to serve in various ways this coming year.

To all our members, thank you for "hanging in" during this period of pandemic uncertainty. I am aware that meeting through zoom and YouTube is not the best experience for many. We certainly miss the social interaction meeting at the Art Gallery affords us.

We are anticipating being able to meet in person at the Art Gallery in January. It is our intention to also continue carrying the meetings on Zoom and YouTube as a convenience to the membership and expand our source of speakers. We are awaiting notice from the AGB that their upgrade of the Wi-Fi/Audio and Visual equipment is complete.

We look forward to being able to participate in Events as we did in the past. live theatre performances; visits to places of interest; the curling bonspiel and, hopefully, a "dry" golf tournament with the Burlington Probud Club.

The Holiday Season Luncheon will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. This will be our first opportunity in over 18 months to get together, celebrate the season and enjoy the fellowship this gathering will offer. We will be entertained and well fed in beautifully decorated surroundings. Tickets are available now; details are in the Hi-Lites and I look forward to seeing as many as can be there.

This will be a year of change for the better. By now, most of you will have renewed your membership and I hope you will give serious thought to how you can bring your life experience to the various sub-committees like Event planning, Membership development, Meeting space co-ordination, Speaker research among others. Participation is rewarding and does not require a significant time commitment. The contact numbers of the Management Committee can be found right here, immediately to your left.

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### Guest Speaker - Bill Barrett

#### How does Fairtrade Work? Lessons from a Canadian Fairtrader



An advocate for Fair Trade for more than three decades, in 1997 Bill formed a Fairtrade coffee roasting worker co-operative, Planet Bean, which became a founding licensee of Fairtrade Canada.

Bill has been in governance leadership positions in a variety of co-ops, NGO's, businesses and a labour union. Bill has worked directly with producer co-ops around the world on different projects. He is also a photographer and an independent documentary film maker. He has been on the board of Fairtrade Canada since 2016 and is also on the Board of Fairtrade International.

Warren Bell  
Speakers' Committee

### Membership

**THANK YOU!** To all our great members who have spread the word to continue to grow "The Best Men's Club in Burlington".

When I follow up the leads you have sent me and describe to our new members...the amazing speakers, ongoing meetings with ZOOM, world class events and a caring, professional base of existing members, they are totally amazed that this is available for ONLY \$ 40.00 for an entire year!!!

I recently met with Jim Thurston our outgoing President who said..." Ken, one of the things I will miss the most was the joy of sending new member welcome letters to the 17 new members this year!"

I have a great time speaking to the new members and will share the joy of being able to greet you all SOON in person!

Thanks again for all your support, and don't forget to renew before October 31, better days ahead!!



Ken Medland,  
Membership Chair  
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### 2021/2022 Dues Renewal

#### **Immediate Attention Required - Deadline Looming**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the best men's club in Burlington.

It is time to renew your membership and this year, we are doing something a little different.

In appreciation of your support for Burlington Lakeshore Probus, we would like to say "Thank you" by offering a one-time discount on your membership of \$10.00.

#### **But there is a catch!**

We must receive your renewal dues of \$ 30.00 no later than **October 31, 2021**, either by e-Transfer or cheque.

Interac e-Transfer to  
[paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com).

Make cheques payable to: Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Mail cheques to: Dave Little, 2071 Wellington Ave,  
Burlington, ON L7R 1P4

### Events Committee

The car rally took place on September with a small number of participants. What we lacked in numbers was more than made up by the enthusiasm and camaraderie of the group. The Events Committee will endeavour to put a new route and questions together for next year.

There are no specific events planned other than the Holiday Season lunch. COVID regulations are gradually being relaxed and theatres and attractions are becoming more available. We will be starting to look at planning events and suggestions from the membership are always welcome. Hopefully, the gradual reopening of Ontario will not hit any hurdles and we can get together for some fun times.

Mike Hill  
Events Committee

### 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 will be made to a charity of their choice.

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

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### HOLIDAY SEASON LUNCHEON 2021

Date: Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: Doors open at 11.30 am Lunch will be served at 12.30 pm

Location: Burlington Golf and Country Club, Northshore Boulevard, Burlington

Menu: Holiday Season Menu (to be confirmed) with vegetarian and other dietary options

Entertainment: It's a surprise, so stay tuned.

Ticket price: \$60.00 per person. **We are limited to 100 guests according to current provincial regulations.** So don't wait to purchase your tickets. Once the 100 are committed a waiting list will be established in the event restrictions are eased before December.

Cash Bar: Open at 11.30 am for wine, (by the glass or bottle), beer, spirits, and soft drinks

Covid: BGCC is operating under current provincial guidelines for COVID and requires proof of double vaccination within 14 days of the event and ID. It is expected that the new QR Code, as proof of vaccination, will be in place by the end of October. Masks are to be worn except when seated at the tables.

Tickets are **ON SALE NOW!** Payment can be made in one of two ways:

1. Interac e-Transfer through your online banking system; Recipient Name is Probus Burlington Lakeshore; Recipient email is [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com)
2. By cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore; mail or drop off cheque to our Treasurer, Dave Little at 2071 Wellington Ave. Burlington, ON L7R 1P4