



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - January 2022

Mon., Jan. 10
10:00 am

On Zoom

Rob Godwin
Space Exploration

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

It's Boxing Day. The whirlwind leading up to Christmas day has abated and it's time to reflect on what has been and the opportunities ahead of us as we await the coming of the New Year.

My hope is that all of you, fellow Probians, were able to spend some time over the Christmas season in the company of your families and those important to you. Thankfully we did, our immediate family of children and grand children totaled 10 and being with them was the greatest gift of all. As difficult as times in the Omicron era are, it beats 2020 when we stayed home and celebrated Christmas via Zoom.

We are inundated in the news with stories of the rampant spread of Covid through the Omicron variant. We live with case counts, hospitalizations, deaths and prognostications from infectious disease specialists who are better known to us now than many of the rich and famous. I may have selective hearing, but I did pick up on a positive note. Omicron is the beginning of the end of Covid 19. We will either be fully vaccinated or will have become exposed to the disease and build up our own immunity. Something must change soon, society in general has had enough with all the restrictions and, I believe, is ready to throw in the towel.

Your Probus club was indeed fortunate to be able to celebrate the holidays with lunch at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. The venue, the service the food and the musical entertainment provided by members of the Harbour Town Sound chorus were all well received by the eighty plus guests. My thanks go out to those on the Management Committee Ken Medland, John McArthur, Mike Hill, Jim Gilleland and Dave Little who put so much effort into the event. Special thanks to our MC Jim Thurston, Nash Hamid for donating the Poinsettias and Paul Crittenden for his thoughtful words giving the blessing.

Within a week, it quickly become evident that we could not risk meeting in person, on January 10th at the Art Gallery. With the help of Dave McKenzie and Jim Gilleland we issued a notice on December 21st, explaining to everyone our reasons for reverting to meeting on Zoom for the time being. When the time is right, we will be back at the Art Gallery. Dave will send out the Zoom invitation on Sunday, January 9.

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message - Continued

In closing, I would like to thank the Management Committee for their continued support. Especially to John McArthur and the Speakers Committee who have filled our lineup of speakers until October, and to Ken Medland who, with your help, has secured 20 new members this year. Outstanding all around.

Best wishes for a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year. See you on January 10th.

Malcolm

Guest Speaker - Rob Godwin



Robert Godwin is the owner and founder of Apogee Books. He is a member of the International Astronautical Federation and American Astronautical Society History Committees and the Space Curator at the Canadian Air & Space Conservancy in Toronto. He is a director of the General Astronautics Research Corporation.

Rob has written or edited over 150 books on space flight including the award-winning series "*The NASA Reports*." Robert has appeared on dozens of radio and television programs in Canada, the USA and England. His books and videos have been seen on CNN, History Channel, Smithsonian TV, the CBC, the BBC and CBS 60 Minutes. He produced the first virtual reality panoramas of the Apollo lunar surface photography and the first time-synchronized multi-camera angle movie of the Apollo 11 moonwalk and moon landing. He consulted on the Discovery Channel TV series "*Rocket Science*" and "*Mars Rising*", the History Channel's "*Tech Effect*", the Smithsonian Channel's "*Apollo's Moon Shot*" and the science fiction web series "*Deep Six*".

Subject of talk:

Apollo 11 – Some tales of humankind's first voyage to another world.

Over the last 50 years the story of Apollo 11 has been told in every language and in every country on Earth. Over 400,000 people contributed to what was arguably the greatest technical achievement in history. Robert Godwin has had the privilege of meeting and working with many of the key people who contributed to this momentous achievement, including nine of the men who walked on the moon. In this talk he will share some of the more interesting and little known facts about the Apollo program and how it affected his entire career.

Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers Committee

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Membership

My belief in life is that too often we focus on the past and dwelling on what has already happened and what we should always do is look forward to the future and capture what lies ahead.

A huge example was the year 2021 when we despite Covid our members focused on the path ahead and introduced 20 new members to what I call, "The Best Men's Club in Burlington!" It was a great pleasure to meet many of them at our Holiday Luncheon and share their enthusiasm about being part of Probus.

What all the members raved about was our outstanding line up of speakers and the positive fellowship that came through seeing each other in Zoom.

Zoom has proven to be an absolute life saver and has allowed us to expand our horizons in securing high quality talent. Great work by John and his group!!

Our focus has been on attracting new members, but we can't forget the current 24 members who have been a huge part of the Lakeshore team for 20 years....stayed tuned for upcoming news on this group of "veterans".

In closing we all hope for an end to Covid which I refer to as PITA...feel free to ask me :}

Thanks for reading and have a fabulous and blessed 2022....why don't we shoot for 22 new members in 2022 ??

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
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Events Committee

I am pleased to report that we are taking steps to get our event calendar rolling once again. We have submitted a request to the Shaw Festival for 24 tickets to "The Importance of Being Ernest" in June and 24 tickets to "Damn Yankees" in September. We are waiting for confirmation that we will be given the tickets and once received, will announce the sale of the tickets. This was done just before the Omicron variant burst on the scene, so what will happen is very much up in the air. We will keep you posted as things develop. But as we are able, we will be putting on events.

Once again, we ask that you consider volunteering for the Events Committee. To many, it might appear that there is a lot of work to setting up events. Nothing could be further from the truth! I want to set up an event in July or August for a visit to a wonderful but little known historical treasure, Ruthven House. I called their office to inquire whether they could take a group tour and whether there is a covered pavilion. I would like to have a tour of the mansion and the grounds followed by a picnic lunch. I had a lovely chat with Nancy, their events co-ordinator. Ruthven has not made a decision on what form their summer season will take. They will most likely only do tours of their grounds, but not the mansion. I was asked to call back in late January as they should know by then. I was assured that Ruthven staff would assist in any way they can if we decide we want to visit Ruthven. If we decide to do the event this year, another 20 minute call will set up the dates and to arrange a catered picnic lunch will need a call to a local restaurant. Ruthven staff can suggest restaurants they work with. So don't be intimidated. Bring your ideas and a bit of your time to the Events Committee. It's very satisfying.

Mike Hill, Events Committee

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From the House

This is a reminder to members that our **January 10 meeting will be via Zoom**. The health and safety of everyone is very important so the decision was made by your Management Committee to postpone in person meetings until we feel it's safe to do so.

As we all know, things are changing on almost a daily basis so we appreciate your patience. We will keep you informed as things progress. Stay healthy and safe.

Jim Gilleland
House 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.
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John Hughes, Cheer Committee



Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2022
Speaker: Dr. David Galbraith
Topic: Royal Botanical Gardens

