



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - December 2021

Monday, Dec. 13
10:00 am

Holiday Season Luncheon

Burlington G&CC

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

Have you read any good books lately? Upon my recent birthday I received three, "A State of Terror" by Hilary Clinton and Louise Penny; Chris Hadfield's "Apollo Murders" and "Talking to Canadians" by Rick Mercer. In addition, a friend lent me his copy of "A Promised Land" by Barack Obama. This latter tome looks daunting, (thick and small font)! It's going to take a while to get through all of these but that's ok. Reading for me is primarily a relaxing and entertaining pastime. The greatest challenge these days is finding the time to just sit and enjoy the pleasure of reading. Since "taking the reins" at Probus Lakeshore time has become a scarce commodity. Between the responsibilities that come with being president, curling and my volunteer work at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, the days fly by. Sometimes all I can seem to manage is a chapter or two at bedtime.

What is happening at Probus you ask? At the November 8th meeting we heard a most interesting and informative talk by Bill Barrett about Free Trade Coffee. Like most, I was aware of the product, our church uses it, (in the good old days when serving coffee was not a Covid Sin)! However, I really did not understand the network of farmers, the cooperatives, and the global impact of the organization.

Looking forward, our priority has been finalizing details of our Holiday Season Luncheon on December 13th at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. At the time of writing, we have sold 80 tickets with a few yet to respond. You can still purchase tickets, as long as payment is made by December 10th, we can find you a seat. I urge everyone to take this opportunity of gathering in person for the first time in over 20 months. Bring your spouse, partner, significant other. Let us celebrate.

We are excited by the prospect of meeting in person on January 10th at the Art Gallery of Burlington. Our original target was September but the upgrading of the AGB's audio/visual equipment and Wi-Fi capacity for us to carry the speaker's presentations effectively, has been the reason for delay. It is our intention to continue the Zoom presentation from the AGB concurrently with the in-person meeting. We are hopeful that the AGB can install the missing audio component and provide the instruction we need to run the equipment in time for the meeting. However, we felt that returning to a live meeting was most important notwithstanding the status of Zoom.

I am particularly grateful to all of you who have recently introduced new members to our club. I have noticed that when conversing with friends, curling team mates etc., when you mention the name Probus the first response is often, what is that? You are doing them a service by informing them what Probus is all about. Just ask John McArthur!

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message - Continued

Returning for a minute to the books, as I picked up Rick Mercer's, I was reminded of the segment on his TV show when he strode through the graffiti covered back alleys of some unknown city and ranted on about his current pet peeve. I often find myself ranting on, or so my wife tells me, on situations in life that frustrate or annoy. Then I remember that we are approaching the season of goodwill to all.

So, I will put the rants aside and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, a Happy and Safe Holiday and a healthy New Year.

Malcolm

From the House

As we look ahead to the new year, our plan is to begin meeting in person at the Art Gallery of Burlington with our January 10 meeting. Members will need to pre-register on line using the Eventbrite portal. This is for contact tracing purposes. Members will also need to come prepared with a mask, proof of double vaccines as well as photo ID. You will be screened at the door upon entering the building by AGB staff. You will need to keep your mask on while inside the building. Seating will be properly spaced. Shifting protocols may cause changes to the above procedures. We'll keep you informed.

Jim Gilleland
House Committee

Membership

In spite of, or perhaps because of Covid, we had an amazing year with membership!

Thanks to the strong support and many referrals from our valued members, we increased the member base and look forward to welcoming all of you and especially our new members at the January meeting of Probus Lakeshore.

I think you'll really like the "rookies" when you meet them, they are a talented, diverse group of gentlemen.

In January, I will be announcing the winner of our 2021 member referral contest. The winner gets a \$150.00 gift card for the dining establishment of his choice!

All you had to do to win was call or email me with the contact information and I did all the follow up....no you cant take me as your dinner guest ☺

We plan to have more incentive programs to help you help us to bring in new members to "The Greatest Men's Club in Burlington!"

And for our existing members, watch for an exciting announcement next year about making Probus Lakeshore "The Best Men's Club in CANADA!!"

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Fantastic 2022 !

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
mederman@cogeco.ca

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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.

Condolences go to the family of Dave Little on the untimely passing of his wife Cathy on Nov 13 2021. Further information can be found in the Obituary Notices on the website of Smith's Funeral Home Guelph Line.

and

Condolences go to the family of Dave Page who passed peacefully at Brant Hospital on Saturday November 27. Dave was a long time member of our club and our auditor for many years.. Further information can be found in the obituary notices on the website of Smith's Funeral Home Guelph Line.

Please inform John Hughes if you are aware of anyone, who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action.

John Hughes - (905) 333-4910

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John Hughes, Cheer Committee

Events Committee

New variants aside, the Events Committee is moving forward, planning for 2021.

The Committee is acquiring tickets for two great shows at the Shaw Festival, In June, Oscar Wilde's last and greatest Comedy "The Importance of being Ernest" and in Sept, "Damn Yankees", a musical about baseball, love and a lot more.

Feeling that our members deserve the best, we have ordered Platinum seats, the best in the house for each show. But we also realize that some of you may not be ready to return to a live theatre environment, so we are ordering only 24 tickets for each show. Both will be Weekday afternoon performances with a cost of about \$73 each.

We are hopeful of having specific dates confirmed in time to open ticket sales some time in January. We are looking forward to these and other events with excitement.

Mike Hill
Events Committee



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Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore Holiday Luncheon 2021

Last Chance to Act!

Date: Monday December 13th

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: Soup, Salad, Roast Turkey or Glazed Salmon and Dessert (click for full menu)

[Holiday Lunch Menu](#)

Please email 'Mike Hill' mhill2@cogeco.ca with your choice of either Roast Turkey or Glazed Salmon.

Please advise if vegetarian or gluten free options are required.

Entertainment: By members of the Harbour Town Chorus

Ticket price: \$60.00 per person. We still have room for you to join over 80 of your Probus friends just as long as payment is received before Dec 10.

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
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.

Members: remember to wear your Probus Badges!