



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - February 2022

Mon., Feb. 14  
10:00 am

**On Zoom**

**Dr. David Galbraith**  
Royal Botanical Gardens

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### Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

February at last! I found January this year particularly difficult. Ever since I gave up competitive skiing, ((I should clarify that the competition was getting from the top of the hill to the bottom without falling)), curling has been my primary source of physical activity, along with the social interaction with fellow curlers, aka elbow bending! The good news last week was that curling, along with other many other activities we enjoy, will be resuming the second week of February.

I sense that, as a society, we are coming to accept the fact that the new normal will be living with Covid. Likely that will mean being fully vaccinated, wearing masks and perhaps testing when travelling. The debate rages on among the politicians and the medical profession all over the world over the best strategy. All we can do is play our part in the solution.

What does this mean for your Probud club? We just received news from the Art Gallery that they will reopen on February 1st. Out of an abundance of caution and to ensure the safety of our members they are proposing to reserve the month of February for training the various user groups on the new hybrid meeting equipment. The AGB have provided the set of Restrictive and Protective Measures, which will include proof of vaccination and mandatory masking. Those Measures will be in place for our meetings and your Management Committee will be reviewing this information and deciding about returning March 14<sup>th</sup> to meeting in person, including a hybrid format for those who elect to continue meeting via Zoom.

Meanwhile, attendance for our meetings on Zoom has been consistent and when combined with those who view the meetings on You Tube, most encouraging. More than ever, we appreciate the quality of our speakers. Last month, Rob Godwin's stories of being up close and personal with the NASA space program and in particular the Apollo 11 moon landing mission was captivating. That event was one of the few that stands out for me in the category of "I remember where I was and what I was doing" when Neil Armstrong stepped on to the lunar surface. I look forward to listening to Dr. David Galbraith, the Head of Science at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Probus Canada recently revised its Constitution and produced a recommended set of By-Laws for the member clubs. This set of By Laws will be presented for adoption at our meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Most of the changes are housekeeping, most were already adopted by the club as a

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### Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message - Continued

matter of good business practice. Two changes of significance are: 1) A maximum limit of 10 consecutive years serving on the Management Committee and 2) By Law IV regarding the process of election of members to the Management Committee. I encourage you to go online to <http://burlingtonlakeshoreprobus.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ProBylawComp5.pdf> and familiarize yourself with these changes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Valentine's Day!!

*Malcolm*

### Events Committee

We continue to be stymied in scheduling events by COVID. We have a request with the Shaw Festival for tickets for spring and fall performances, however they cannot move ahead while restrictions are in place.

In the meantime, feedback from the membership is always helpful. What type of events would you like to see? Are you interested in historical site tours? Art exhibits or performances? Is driving to events an issue and how far is a reasonable distance to drive? Is a meal combined with an event a must? Please drop me an email at [mhill2@cogeco.ca](mailto:mhill2@cogeco.ca) or give me a call at 905-467-2223.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to join the Events Committee.

Stay safe and warm.

Mike Hill, Events Committee

### Guest Speaker - David Galbraith



David completed his B.Sc. and M.Sc. at University of Guelph, and his Ph.D. at Queen's University at Kingston, in wildlife biology. After two years in the UK and another two in Quebec he joined RBG in 1995 to develop conservation projects among botanical gardens across Canada. In 2006 he was named head of science, overseeing the library, archives, and herbarium, RBG's own research, and use of RBG's lands and resources by outside researchers. Since 2007 he has led the development of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System park alliance, for which he was named Hamilton Environmentalist of the Year in 2010. David has always had a deep love of biology, history, cultural heritage, and the arts. Through his work with RBG's own archives he's become the institution's informal historian. David is an adjunct biology professor at McMaster University, a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and a Fellow International of the Explorers Club.

Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers Committee

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### Membership

#### Tired of the Winter and Covid Blahs??

Put a smile on your face by giving the gift of Probud Lakeshore to a friend, neighbor, business associate, golfer or curler. 😊

It's never been easier!  
Just drop Ken Medland, our Membership Director [kenmed1620@gmail.com](mailto:kenmed1620@gmail.com) the contact's name, telephone number and email address and I will take care of the rest...it's easy, safe and best of all you will be introducing your friend to the Best Men's Club in Burlington!

He will thank you for giving him the gift of FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and FUN!! And he'll get to hear some outstanding speakers and meet some very interesting people!

And we will add 2 new SMILES to our great group. 😊 😊

Spread the word !!

Ken Medland,  
Membership Chair  
[mederman@cogeco.ca](mailto:mederman@cogeco.ca)

### From the House

We're meeting at least once more in February via Zoom, so thanks for your patience. Hopefully, we'll be meeting in person in March, unless there's another lockdown. Some members of the Management Committee will undergo a training session at the Art Gallery on how to run a hybrid Zoom/in person meeting. This will enable us to provide members with the option of attending our meetings in person or via Zoom if you're not able to be come to the meetings. If you plan to attend any future meetings via Zoom, you will receive an invitation as you have in the past. Thanks for your patience over the past two years. It's been a challenge for all of us.

On another matter, I will be looking for members who are willing to help out selling 50/50 tickets before our in person meetings. I'll also be grateful for anyone who can help out acting as a Greeter at our meetings. No handshakes necessary! Just a smile and a warm welcome. These tasks are a great way for new members to get your feet wet by helping out. Please let me know if you're willing to help by emailing me. Thanks.

Jim Gilleland  
House Committee Chair  
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#### Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022

Speaker: Tim Speed

Topic: The Battle of Britain



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### Zoom Meeting

As mentioned by both Malcolm and Jim, our February meeting will once again be via Zoom. You are likely an old Zoom pro by now after almost two years into the pandemic, so you will have no problems joining in. We seem to have about 50 participants each month, but there is room for many more. It is really easy and our speakers are amazing, so please let yourself join in.

I will be our meeting host and will email you the link for the Zoom meeting on Sunday, February 13, so that it will be reasonably fresh in your inbox.

If you have never used Zoom before but you have a computer, tablet, phone or iPad that has camera, microphone and internet connection, then you have what you need to join. The nice lady in this YouTube video will gladly guide you through the steps to become a Zoom user for the first time. Click on the following link, or highlight and copy it to your internet browser and hit enter:

<https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>

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.

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

### 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

