



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - March 2022

Mon., March 14
10:00 am

At the AGB

Laura Carlson
Women Who Shaped
History

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

There was a supplement in this week's Spectator entitled "Our Changed World". The articles described many of the different ways we have been affected by the Covid pandemic. This supplement arrived the same day the news arrived that Russia had invaded Ukraine. The vitriol and the rhetoric on both sides is alarming. Changed indeed! No matter where we go or what we do the topic of conversation is the same. The protest that became an occupation in Ottawa reflected the general malaise that affects all of us.

As an organization, Probus has been similarly affected by this changing world. Probus is designed to foster fellowship, friendship, and fun. It has been most difficult to sustain these values when we haven't been able to meet in person for most of the past two years. Our Holiday Luncheon provided a brief respite from zoom gatherings but, as we know, short lived. Our initial efforts in contacting all our members via telephone; excellent communication provided by Dave McKenzie through the publication of Hi Lites and expertly managing our Zoom meetings and Ken Medland's continuing drive for new members are the reasons we continue to have an enthusiastic and supportive membership.

On February 23rd, Jim Gilleland, Dave Mckenzie, Ken Clarke and myself attended a training session on the new audio/visual equipment at the Art Gallery, and members of your Management Committee connected via Zoom to participate. We left the session with a better understanding of the technical issues. Keep your fingers crossed!

Therefore, the foundation is laid for a return to live meetings at the Art Gallery of Burlington on March 14th. We will continue to provide a Zoom link to the meetings for those unable to attend or prefer not to resume meeting in person at this time. We look forward to seeing as many as can be there. Elsewhere in Hi Lites Jim Gilleland will be providing more details on the arrangements for the meeting. Dave McKenzie will as be asking you to respond to a survey indicating your intention to attend. This will help us in organizing the room, ordering the coffee (yes there will be coffee), 50/50 tickets and thanks to Mike Hill and Dave McKay, tickets will be on sale for two productions at the Shaw Festival. More details in Hi Lites.

Our thanks go out to the Speakers Committee, John McArthur, Danny Kraftcheck and Warren Bell for continuing to provide excellent speakers. Earlier this month Dr. David Galbraith presented a very interesting presentation on the history of the Royal Botanical Gardens. This is a place we enjoy visiting but I discovered there are some walks we haven't tried and some gardens we haven't been to for a while. In March Laura Carlson's topic "Eight Women who Shaped History" sounds intriguing, don't miss it!

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Guest Speaker - Laura Carlson



Laura is a historian, writer, and media producer. Holding a DPhil in history from Oxford University, she has taught history, classics, and food studies both in England and in Canada, most recently at Queen's University and Centennial College. As a producer, lecturer, and writer, she has been

featured on the CBC, CBS Sunday Morning, and Atlas Obscura. Now living in Toronto, she has hosted several Hot Docs: Curious Minds series and also has presented lectures for Thornhill Lifelong Learning and the Arts & Letters Club. Laura is also host and producer of the award-winning culinary history podcast, The Feast. Over the years, she has worked with international media, museums, and civic agencies, including Bloomberg News and Heritage Toronto.

Danny Kraftcheck
Speakers' Committee

Events Committee

At last we seem to be headed to events; two Shaw Festival performances, *The Importance of Being Earnest* in June and *Damn Yankees* in September. Details are below.

We are hopeful that we will be able to offer other events and have a number of possibilities. Of course, we want to have events that our members enjoy and participate in. To that end, we would appreciate suggestions from the membership. You can send your suggestions to Mike Hill at mhill2@cogeco.ca or call 905-467-2223. Or come to the Events table at our in-person meetings. We are anxious to hear from you. Events under consideration include *The Poor House* in Fergus (Dickens meets Ontario), the Agricultural Museum in Milton and Ruthven in Cayuga.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for the Events Committee. Contact Mike if you are interested.

Shaw tickets now on sale

We are delighted to offer tickets to the following performances at the Shaw Festival:

- 1) **The Importance of Being Earnest** Thursday, June 16 2022 at 2:00 pm. Price \$75.00 each
- 2) **Damn Yankees** Thursday, September 8 2022 at 2:00 pm. Price \$82.00 each

We have 24 tickets for each performance. Tickets are available on a first come/paid basis (your ticket order is only confirmed on receipt of your payment). Book your tickets by contacting Mike Hill at 905-467-2223 or mhill2@cogeco.ca.

Payment can be made by cheque payable to Probus Burlington Lakeshore and mailed to our Treasurer, Dave Little, 2071 Wellington Ave. Burlington, ON L7R P4 **OR** by *Interac* e-Transfer sent to recipient, Probus Burlington Lakeshore at email address - paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com.

We also will be at the March 14 meeting to take ticket orders and payments by cheque or credit/debit card.

Mike Hill, Events Committee

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Membership

Monday March 14th marks a day of huge events for all of us at Probus Lakeshore!

We (finally) get to resume “Live” meetings at the Art Gallery....drum roll please!!

And... we will welcome our first wave of new members. We have decided to do the welcoming over 2 meetings, March 14 and April 11 due to the fact that with your amazing support we have ADDED a total of 26 NEW members... all this in spite of Covid and on behalf on all of us on the Management Committee, a heart felt “THANKS”

Please join us to show all the new and present members what a great group we are and share in our goal of...

... FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FRIENDSHIP !!

Welcome back and see you on March 14 😊

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
kenmed1620@gmail.com

Hybrid Meeting

Are you tired of meetings on ZOOM? After two very long years, Lakeshore Probus will be back in the Art Gallery beginning this month.

Yahoo!!

As Malcolm mentioned in his remarks, the AGB is ready to welcome us back to in-person meetings, as well as being prepared to share our meeting in real time with members connecting in by ZOOM. So whether your are away in the sunny south, or up at the cottage, or just not quite ready for the in-person gathering, you can still enjoy the fellowship and excellent speakers from the comfort of your home.

The Art Gallery would like to know in advance how many of us will be in person on March 14, so we are asking for your “RSVP”. Click on this link to let us know your intentions.

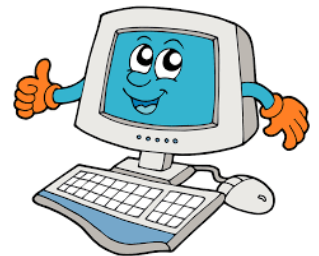
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Looking forward to seeing a big crowd in person or on line!

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

Computer Interest Group

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each other’s computer related issues. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 am. Currently we meet via Zoom but plan to get back to live meetings later in the Spring. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us, please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.



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From the House

Several items from the House this month: Our March 14 meeting will be our first in person meeting at the Art Gallery in over two years. As we return to in person meetings, there are some protocols we'll need to follow. The Gallery will not open until 9:30 a.m. The parking lot doors will be the only access to the building. Upon entering the building you'll need to wear your mask. If possible, an upgraded N95 mask would be ideal, although other masks will be acceptable. The Gallery staff will not be screening members as per the Province's recent lifting of the screening requirement. We will also not be keeping a contact tracing list. In the Shoreline Room where we meet, chairs will be safely spaced. Please choose a chair and that will be your chair for the entire meeting. With the new AV system, it won't matter where you sit, you'll be able to hear and see everything. There will be several sanitization bottles around the room for your convenience.

For members who won't be attending the meeting, you will be able to participate via Zoom in the same manner you have in the past. Be watching for your Zoom invitation.

If you purchased a parking pass in 2020 and still have it, the Gallery will honour it for the remainder of this year. If you wish to buy a parking pass for 2022, they will be on sale at the gallery's front desk. For the benefit of our new members metered parking is available in the City lot behind the AGB, the rate is \$1.75 an hour, coins and cards accepted.

We will have Greeters at the door to welcome you. We ask that you refrain from shaking hands or fist bumping. A friendly smile and verbal greeting will do just fine. We know old habits are hard to break.

As in the past, coffee will be available, supplied by the Gallery's catering service for \$2.00 per cup. Exact change would be appreciated. Members who choose to have a cup may remove their mask. The Gallery has asked that you be seated in your chair while drinking your coffee. Once you've finished your coffee put your mask back on.

We will also be running our popular 50/50 ticket draw. Tickets will be \$1.00 for one ticket, \$2.00 for three tickets and \$5.00 for 8 tickets. Again, exact change if possible.

From experience, we know any/all of these protocols can change with little advance warning. We'll keep you informed of any changes as soon as we hear of them.

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair
jgilleland@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 Bill Paynter who died on February 14, 2022 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Bill was a long-time member of our club and will be greatly missed. Further information can be found in the Obituary Notices on the website of Smith's Funeral Home.

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

John Hughes, Cheer Committee

PROBUS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date

Friday May 27th 9 am Split tee times
Flamborough Hills Golf Club

Time to get out the clubs and dust them off in preparation to our annual golf competition with our sister club.

Make up a foursome, or just sign up and I will get you with a group of great guys to play with.

Prices have risen over the past year. The price for golf, cart, lunch, tax and gratuity will be \$90.00.

We hope that we can have an indoor luncheon, depending on what restrictions are still in place.

Days are getting longer, sun is warming us up, start thinking golf....sure beats shovelling snow.



Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022

Speaker: Joe Berridge

Topic: Perfect City-An Urban Planner's Search for Magic in the Metropolis