



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - May 2022

Mon., May 9
10:00 am

At the AGB

Kevin Donovan
Billionaire Murders

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

Well golf season has arrived. As I write this, the high for the day on the 26th is forecasted to be 6c. Our tee time is 8.05 am. We may have a frost delay! I am thinking a toque and winter gloves will be the order for the day. Of course, I know that Rodney will probably be in his shorts, but that's Rodney! I'm eagerly awaiting the feeling of seeing that first drive sailing down the middle of the fairway. If last year is anything to go by, I could be waiting a while.

Playing golf regularly was one of the objectives of my retirement plan. As I approached early retirement from corporate life in 2006. I developed a plan that would provide social interaction, physical activity, and would be mentally challenging. One thing I learnt about strategic planning was the need to be flexible. Life is full of surprises. Before I reached that early retirement date, I was presented with an opportunity to leverage my experience and formed my own company and joined the ranks of the consultants. The retirement plan was put on hold and not fully implemented for another ten years.

I mention this because joining Probus was another of those objectives. It achieved social interaction with a great group of guys and the Speakers almost always produced interesting and thought-provoking topics. I had no interest in the corporate side of Probus, all I wanted to do was attend the meetings. I had been asked early on if I would like to be President, but nothing was further from my thoughts. However, after a couple of years I felt that I could probably contribute some of my time to supporting the club more than just paying my dues and showing up once a month. When I heard that Bob Miller was retiring as Secretary and going to be a co-President with John Wishart, I thought I could do that. At least I can write!

These recollections were foremost in my mind, earlier this week, when I got together with Jim Thurston, Paul Crittenden and Ken Medland (your Nominating Committee), to have a conversation about the club's strengths and where the opportunities existed to improve our offering as a dynamic and successful organization. To ensure the health of the club there are time limits imposed in our by-laws for serving on the Management Committee. Some members of this committee are retiring. Others serving on sub committees will assume new responsibilities. In order to sustain the momentum, we have built up over the past three years, we will welcome expressions of interest from you to contribute a little of your time.

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... Malcolm Continued

We have a wealth of talent in the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore, and we will be in touch over the next month or so to have a conversation about serving the club in an area of interest to you.

The Annual Probus Golf Tournament

Our annual Probus Golf Tournament is being held on Friday May 27th at the Flamborough Golf Club. The format is the same as in past years. Four man Scramble. I will have the rules on each cart the day of the event.

We still have room for another Two foursomes and I would need the names and entry fee as soon as possible as we must confirm our numbers with the course by the middle of the Month.

Probus Golf Tournament fee is \$90.00
Includes: Golf, cart, BBQ Burger and fries , prizes, tax and gratuity. This is a bargain at today's prices.

Payment must be made by cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore and sent to Dave Little, 2071 Wellington Ave, Burlington, ON L7R 1P4 or e-transfer to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com.

We will need some prizes. If you plan on bringing a prize please let me know so I can plan the prize table.

Looking forward to a day of fun, sun, and friendship.

Dennis Colameco
Golf Committee
Get your "A" game in order.

Guest Speaker - Kevin Donovan

Kevin Donovan is the Toronto Star's Chief Investigative Reporter and the author of four books, including the Billionaire Murders, the Mysterious Deaths of Barry and Honey Sherman. Over a career that has spanned 36 years (so far!) Kevin has investigated murder



and mayem, governments, public agencies, charities, lawyers, doctors, business people and police. His goal in all of his reporting is to make a difference. "It's the people who place their trust in journalists like me who are the real heroes," Kevin says. Awards for journalism include two Governor General's Awards for Public Service Journalism, and three National Newspaper Awards. On overseas assignment, Kevin covered the Gulf War in 1991 and the conflict in Afghanistan immediately after 911. Kevin estimates he has been shot at by a half dozen nationalities, including the US marines. So far, he has not been hit. His other books include Secret Life, the Jian Ghomeshi Investigation; the Dead Times (fiction); and Crime Story (co-author Nick Pron). Kevin lives with his wife and family in Toronto.

Copies of both the Billionaire Murders (Sherman) and Kevin's novel, The Dead Times, will be available for purchase at the May meeting at the discounted price of \$20 even.

Danny Kraftcheck
Speakers' Committee

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Events Committee

Shaw Performances

Tickets for The Importance of Being Earnest are no longer for sale. Tickets should be delivered from Shaw no later than May 13th and will be delivered before the end of May.

Damn Yankees Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Price \$82.00 each. Tickets are still on sale for Damn Yankees. You can order tickets at the meeting on May 9th or contact Mike Hill at 905-467-2223 or mhill2@cogeco.ca.

Poor House Tour

When people hear the term Poor House or Work House, they think of Dickens' London and Oliver Twist, clutching his bowl, asking "Please, Sir. May I have some more?" But Poor Houses existed in Ontario, and near Fergus Ontario is one of the last standing Houses of Industry in Canada. It was built in 1877 as a "Poor House" or place of refuge for the poor, homeless, and destitute people in Wellington County.

Today, the building is a museum showing the lives of the people who inhabited the house. And on Thursday, June 23rd at 10:00 am, Probus Burlington Lakeshore will be there to learn about a little-known facet of Ontario's history. Join us for a fascinating morning. After the tour, head into Elora or Fergus for lunch overlooking the Elora Gorge. We will be providing a list of restaurants closer to the date.

Here is a link to the Poor House website:

<https://www.wellington.ca/en/discover/MUS-thepoorhouse.aspx>

Cost is \$10.00 per person, and you can register by contacting Mike Hill at 905-467-2223 or mhill2@cogeco.ca. You can also register at the Events desk at our May and June meeting.

Niagara Parks Power Station Tour – 11am September 15

This historic hydroelectric generating plant was commissioned in 1905 and was in operation for more than a century. It has been meticulously restored into one of Niagara's newest and best tourist attractions. It was one of Ontario's first "green energy" projects and they have preserved the technology for everyone to see and learn. They are offering a GUIDED GROUP TOUR including access to "The Tunnel" which arrives 180 feet down at the base of Niagara Falls.

We need at least 20 people to qualify for the guided tour at a discounted rate of \$41.00 per person.

Parking is available close by at \$10 per hour. Please register early so we can get a guaranteed reservation. Register at the Events Table at our May meeting, or send e-mail to Bob Miller at rmiller@cogeco.ca

Car Rally – Planned for late September/early October. Stay tuned.

Holiday Lunch – We have reserved the Burlington Golf & Country Club again. Details later.

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Notes from the House



We're happy to be meeting in person once again. We hope those of you who haven't made it to the Art Gallery will be able to do so this month. We will continue to ask members to wear their mask as a precaution. We realize that masking indoors is no longer mandatory. However, your Management Committee feels it's still wise to ask members to wear their masks. The parking lot doors will open at 9:30. If you can't join us in person, you can participate via Zoom. Keep an eye out for your invitation.

We're always looking for members who are willing and able to help out at our meetings as a greeter or a 50/50 ticket salesman. It's a great job especially, for new/nearly new members to get your feet wet helping out with the running of the club. It involves 30 minutes of your time prior to the meeting. Once the meeting starts your job is over and you can sit down and enjoy the meeting. Please consider helping out. Just make yourself known to me at the May meeting.

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair

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.

A card of condolence was sent to the family of Leslie Burbage who died on April 6 2022. Les was a longtime member of our club and active until 2019. Further information can be found in the obituary notices on the website of Dodsworth & Brown Burlington.

Please inform John Hughes if you are aware of anyone, who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action.
John Hughes - (905) 333-4910

Membership

Welcome to all our new members and if you have any questions or requests, please ask ANY of the listed members of the executive. Speaking of the executive committee, we are actively seeking great guys to join us on our group to assist in running the "Best Men's Club in Burlington". I can guarantee you'll have fun and truly enjoy yourself!

Attached is a picture of 3 of our newest members at our last meeting...did you notice, they are all smiling!

Thanks for joining us!!

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
kenmed1620@gmail.com

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Welcoming New Members....



Walter Rosinski

Gary Kirkwood

Mike Flintoff

Malcolm Ramsay

Ken Medland

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.



Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2022

Speaker: Phil Altt

Topic: Coral Reefs