



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - February 2023

Mon., Feb 13
10:00 am

**Dr. Christopher
Di Carlo**

**Critical Thinking in a
"Post Truth" World**

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Ken Medland's Presidential Message

Greetings to all our new and present POBUS members!

We have just returned from sunny Mexico where we had to endure 2 solid weeks of 32 degrees every day and the only white we saw was the sand! As you can appreciate, seeing the snow was a bit of a shock, but I am sure we will overcome it

With the amazing support of our Management Committee and you our valued members, I am truly enjoying my term as President. I am always overwhelmed by the quality of our new members. This was truly on display at our last meeting when Gary, our Membership Director introduced some of our newest members...Welcome Aboard!

On the note of membership, our present members continue to be our strongest source of spreading the word about what a great club we have at PROBUS LAKESHORE, they continue to deliver with our theme, "BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND"

On a positive note, I was lucky enough to be the winner of our last 50/50 draw to the tune of \$ 121, thanks it bought me a few Margaritas! One of the many advantages of attending in person is the chance of winning the ever-growing pot at 50/50. Doug and his star salesman, Gene are doing a great job of building the payout. Thanks to all!

Other advantages to being there in person include sharing thoughts with our present and new members and learning what retirement avenues are available to us. Please take a moment and chat with our designated sponsors, they offer much more than free coffee!

Our speaker program under Brian's leadership continues to attract outstanding speakers and the next one, Dr. DiCarlo is no exception. I have heard the Doctor speak and he is sure to get you thinking!!

George has been very busy lining up many interesting events and will be sharing them at our next meeting, Monday, February 13, with coffee and conversation starting at 9.30 am...See You There!

Ken

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Guest Speaker - Dr. Christopher Di Carlo



The skill set of Critical Thinking teaches us that there really are better and worse ways to think about things. And it really is possible to have heated discussions, disagree entirely, and still be able to get along. However, once misinformation and 'fake news' becomes accepted as factual, it feeds on confirmation bias

and becomes entrenched in the minds of people who *want* to believe it to be true. In order to live in free and just societies, *all* information is open to criticism and scrutiny without exception. And so it's time to make facts and Critical Thinking sexy again.

The biggest take away from this talk is that if people use Critical Thinking skills *fairly*, they will be more empowered to have meaningful discussions about important issues, disagree entirely, and still be able to get along. Learning these skills will allow us to value discourse over hatred, dialogue over violence, and most importantly, fairness and understanding in our disagreements on important issues. And in today's *Age of Immediacy* where information and opinions are just a click away, there seems to be less and less time in which to practice such skills.

Through the fair use of Critical Thinking skills, we can look to the future with the hope that civil and political discourse will regain its rightful place in the marketplace of ideas and we can once again acknowledge and appreciate the importance of truth and facts which will hopefully make conversations great again.

Curling Update

The fun and fellowship Bonspiel pitting teams from Burlington Probus and Burlington Lakeshore Probus has come to an end. The yearly challenge with the winner taking home the Grummett Trophy and losers relegated to becoming the special crying towel custodians is now just a fond memory. After 25 years of the trophy being shared almost equally between the clubs, the fallout of Covid 19 did the bonspiel in. The hundreds of participants over the years can attest to the enjoyment on the ice when great shots were made. According to observers, most of the missed shots were the result on the skips not calling the right ice. Let's hope that this special event can be resurrected in the future.

Jim Barnett

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. 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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Membership

We had an awesome meeting this January with many members attending even though several were at a curling bonspiel.

Best was we had four visitors attending. This resulted in three signing up and I expect the other two will follow.

Please welcome Terry McGowan, Joe Huston and Richard Battista.

Seven new members were introduced and giving an opportunity to share their lives with us. This is always interesting. Patrick Lennon, as he presented, added some great humour. I think he may have followed the wrong career.

We have another four or five that will present at the February meeting.

Please talk about the club to people you meet it an easy sell and they will thank you and it will enhance their lives.

Gary Kirkwood
Membership Chair

Be a Friend



2023 Spring Probus Golf

Hello Probus members – it is still too early to play golf but not too early to make plans. We will have our annual Spring Golf Match with the Burlington Probus Club on Friday, May 26th. Be sure to mark this date in your calendars now so you don't miss this great event.



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Cheer Committee

The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members who are ill. In the event of a death of a member, or his spouse, a card of condolence is sent to the family. A memorial donation is made to an appropriate charity on the passing of a member. Please contact me, or any member of the Management Committee, if you are aware of an illness or bereavement.

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Notes from the House

Special thanks to our January 9th, Greeters, Guido Steinnagel and Grant Baxter, and our 50/50 Super salesman, Gene Kavanagh.

The 50/50 awards are getting bigger, since the coffee & tea are now free, so be sure to get your tickets on arrival at the meetings.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Greeting & ticket sales. If interested, please call, Doug Woodward at 905 637 7676.

Doug Woodward,
Committee Chair



Next Month

Sarah Farr

The Torso Case

Monday, March 13, 2023

