



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - October 2023

Mon., October 16
10:00 am
AGM

Jim Kenzie

Kenzie's Korner

Management Committee 2022-2023

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MY FAREWELL.... Kind of

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since becoming President of our amazing club, PROBUS Burlington Lakeshore! You have allowed me to get to know many of you and enjoy our moments of interaction, Thank You!

Several of our speakers have spoken about the effects of aging and how loneliness can present a negative aspect of our aging process. Loneliness is NOT a normal part of aging!

Everyone needs social connections to survive and THRIVE. That's why I feel activities such as being an active member of Probud fill such an important part of our social and mental life. Well, I can attest that since I've been involved with Probud, I have enjoyed the company and fellowship with a whole new group of gentlemen whom I am pleased to call my FRIENDS!

And the list continues to grow. As I listened to the introductions of our newest members, I realized how lucky we are to be able to know these people and share their accomplishments.

In addition, the monthly sponsors have brought us so much more than "free coffee", they have provided decades of experience in navigating the slippery slope of retirement. I am pleased to say that we have gotten confirmation from our current sponsors that they are renewing and we have added some new sources.

I would like to outline the key events that took place during my tenure and thank all of you for your support and input...you made my job and that of the Management committee easy and truly enjoyable!

Speaking about the Management Committee, they are your conduit to us having "The Best Men's Club in Burlington", and on behalf of all of us, I salute them and thank them.

Some happenings that we accomplished in 2023.

- Negotiated a new rental agreement with the Art Gallery, ensuring we will continue to enjoy the prestige, ambiance, and convenient surroundings.
- Negotiated a reduced parking pass rate for members to eliminate the hassle of paying at the meter.
- Renewed and EXPANDED our sponsorship program, providing free coffee, and golf tournament prizes as well as professional

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- Updated our fun 50 50 draws with a sizable increase in it for the winner!
- Speakers. We continued to attract outstanding speakers for your enjoyment and knowledge.
- New Members. Thanks to all for adding 33 NEW members to reach an all-time high of 170!
- Activities. The committee came up with many innovative offerings including tours of CHCH TV, school archives, several great plays, and auto manufacturing sites.
- Our existing members continued to invite their friends and neighbours as guests, confirming our theme....” BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND”. Thanks to all!!
- Maintained, in spite of inflation, a ZERO increase in our annual fees.
- Continued to produce what in my opinion is an outstanding newsletter... HI LITES.

Kind of ??

I will continue to be part of the board, acting as house chair for the upcoming season, and looking forward to it!

I regard the proof of how positive the year was, that when we started our solicitation to create our new Management Committee, we had an overwhelming “YES” from all those approached.

I think you will be amazed at the new and existing talent on the board. It is what will continue to make Probus Burlington Lakeshore, the best men's club in Burlington!

It has been a fast and wonderful year for me and I sincerely thank every one of you for your total support.

Ken

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Guest Speaker - Jim Kenzie

Jim Kenzie was Canada's foremost automotive journalist for four decades.

He was Chief Auto Reviewer for The Toronto Star starting in 1983, even before there was a Wheels section.

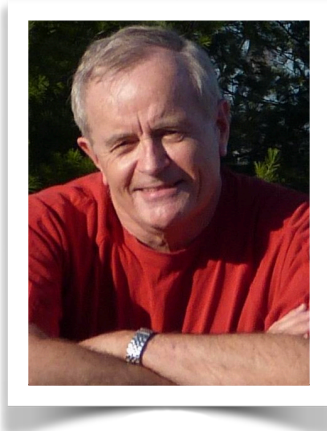
He appeared on "Kenzie's Korner" on TSN'S Motoring TV, which was Canada's most-watched and most-authoritative automotive television program for 35 years.

Jim's work also appeared in a variety of magazines, newspapers and web sites around the world. He was a founding member of both the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada, and the North American Car of the Year jury.

Jim is an engineering graduate from University of Toronto, which gives his writing and commentary additional technical credibility.

He has been an active, licenced, professional-grade race driver since his early-twenties. He has competed or tested cars on tracks like Mosport, St. Jovite and the Canadian Grand Prix circuit in Montreal, on a variety of US circuits such as Watkins Glen, Road America and Road Atlanta, and on international courses such as the Nurburgring in Germany, Spa in Belgium, and Kyalami in South Africa.

He is also a three-time Targa Newfoundland Rally Open Division driving champion.



Jim has also been a life-long campaigner for safer roads and vehicles, which actually predates his journalism career.

He recently published his Auto/Biography - and if you knew him at all, you would know the pun is definitely intended. The book tells of his adventures in the car business on six of the seven continents. No, he never made it to Antarctica. The book will be available for purchase at the end of this presentation.

Jim lives in Halton Hills Ontario with his ever-indulgent wife Sandra. He keeps his lovely 1977 American Motors Hornet hatchback in his Barn.

Pat Lennon,
Speakers' Committee

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

**TO BE HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 16TH, 2022
AT 10.00 AM.**

Included in the motions to vote on at the AGM will be approval of the minutes of the last AGM. Click on the following link to review prior to the meeting:

[AGM Minutes - October 2022](#)

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Membership

I was away but understand we had a great guest speaker. Thank you, Al Ayre, for sparing for me.

We welcomed Donald Munnings, Bill Breukelman, Randy Shermet, Peter Mueller and Bert Killins to our club.

Current membership is at 171. If you would like a current roster, send me an email. We received 2 additional applications for membership. Keep up the good work your assistance is appreciated.

This growth is due to members promoting our group and bringing guests to the meetings. This year we added 34 new members. It is never too late to make new friendships. I just returned from a two-week guided tour of Peru. Bonded with another traveler and we really didn't have much in common but enjoyed each others company. That's what Probus is all about.

Membership renewal is now due. The yearly amount is \$50.00 unchanged from last year. This averages out at \$4.16 per meeting. Parking passes, for the year, are available at the Centres front desk. Great way to avoid the parking machine. Please see the treasurer or submit payment to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

If you haven't received your name badge, check the front desk.

Thank you for bringing out guests and spreading the excitement.

Gary Kirkwood,
Membership

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.

Jim Thurston, Chairman, Cheer Committee
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From the House

**TIRED OF STANDING IN THE RAIN/ SNOW AND FIGHTING WITH THE MACHINE?
HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!**

For ONLY \$33.00 you can get prepaid parking for ALL 11 meetings! That's a great deal and the frustration level will be ZERO!

See Dave Little at our next meeting and add enjoyment to your parking. And YES, payment can be made by cash or debit. It's a GREAT DEAL!!
DEAL!!

Ken Medland
House Committee Chair 2023/24



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Holiday Season Luncheon

The Holiday Season Luncheon will be held again this year at Burlington Golf and Country Club on Monday December 11th, 2023. The doors open at 11:00 A. M. The bar will be opened by 11:15 A. M. and the luncheon will start earlier this year at 12:00 P. M. sharp.

The price per person will be the same as last year at \$75.00. Those planning to attend should advise Mike Hill at mhill2@cogeco.ca and send payment to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com. Please advise Mike if you or your guest have any dietary or mobility issues.

John McArthur, Luncheon Committee



Next Month

Guest Speaker

**Adam Cappelli
Wills and POAs**

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2023/2024 DUES RENEWAL

We have just passed the end of our fiscal year (Sept. 30/23) so it is time to renew your membership for the October 1/23 – September 30/24 membership year. To the 116 members who have already renewed – **THANK YOU!**

Your Management Committee has set the renewal fee at **\$ 50**. This is unchanged from last year and will allow us to maintain our current level of operations with only a projected small deficit at the end of the 2024 fiscal year.

By renewing your membership you will continue to enjoy many benefits such as -

- Monthly meetings at the Art Gallery of Burlington with in person, Zoom and You Tube participation options.
- Highly educational and informative, top quality speakers.
- Access to special events (plays, tours) at reduced group prices.
- Fun and fellowship with your co-members.

At a cost per meeting of \$ 4.16, we feel your \$ 50 renewal fee represents exceptional value. We hope you agree and that you will express your agreement by renewing at your earliest convenience.

Payment can be made in one of three ways (# 1 is preferred!) –

1. \$ 50 Interac e-Transfer through your online banking system; Recipient Name is Probus Burlington Lakeshore; Recipient email is paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com
OR
2. By \$ 50 cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore; mail cheque to our Treasurer, Dave Little at 2071 Wellington Ave., Burlington, ON, L7R 1P4
OR
3. In person at the September 11 meeting, by cheque, Credit Card or Debit Card. Debit is preferred as the cost is less for the club.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your renewal in our Probus Club.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership Director; Dave Little, Treasurer

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FREE!

Halton Retirement Expo Sunday, October 22nd 11am-4pm

Burlington Senior's Centre | 2285 New Street, Burlington

Many Senior centric vendors including Halton Retirement Residences, Downsizers, Transitions Specialists, Local Senior Organizations and More!



To Register Visit: www.HaltonRetirementExpo.com

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NOTICE TO READER

TO MEMBERS OF PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

Based on the accounting records of your Club and the information provided by your Treasurer, I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore for the year ended September 30, 2023. I have not performed an audit or review engagement and accordingly I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Burlington, Ontario
October 2, 2023



Z.M. NOVAK CPA, CFE

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
For the year ended September 30, 2023
(with comparative figures for the year ended September 30, 2022)

	Actual 2023		Actual 2022
REVENUE			
Membership fees (includes one time \$ 25 initiation fee)	\$ 8,865	\$	5,385
Club events-net	922	-	168
50/50 Draws	1,320		292
Interest	200		-
	\$ 11,308	\$	5,509
 EXPENSES			
Administration	\$ 252	\$	166
Meeting hall and Equipment Rent	4,648		2,759
Coffee Expense (net of revenue)	57		435
Membership	296		583
Newsletter & Website	310		380
Probus central fees	441		432
Speakers	2,283		2,100
Bank and credit/debit card processing fees	210		109
Memorials	310		384
Miscellaneous	-	13	65
Total Expenses	\$ 8,793	\$	7,413
 Revenue greater/less than expenses	\$ 2,515	-\$	1,905


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 (with comparative figures for 2022)

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash in bank	\$ 14,684	\$ 10,135
Investments-Guaranteed Investment Certificate	5,000	5,000
Prepaid expenses-deposits for future events	500	500
Total assets	\$ 20,184	\$ 15,635
LIABILITIES		
Deferred revenue-events	\$ 1,950	\$ 266
Deferred revenue-membership fees	5,800	5,450
Total liabilities	\$ 7,750	\$ 5,716
NET ASSETS		
<u>Unrestricted reserve</u>		
Balance beginning of year	\$ 9,919	\$ 11,824
Current year revenues greater than expenses	2,515	- 1,905
Balance end of year	\$ 12,434	\$ 9,919
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 20,184	\$ 15,635

Approved on behalf of the Management Committee:



 Ken Medland, President



 Dave Little, Treasurer

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PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE - FISCAL 2024 BUDGET

	Fiscal 2024 Budget	Fiscal 2023 Actual
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Membership Fees	\$ 8,220	\$ 8,865
Club Events - Net	-	922
50/50 Draws - Net	1,375	1,320
Interest	163	200
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Total Revenue	\$ 9,758	\$ 11,308
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<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Administration	\$ 250	\$ 252
Meeting Hall rent	4,833	4,648
Coffee Expense	1,100	57
Membership	400	296
Newsletter & Website	450	310
Probus central fees	525	441
Speakers	2,200	2,283
Bank and credit/debit card processing fees	300	210
Memorials	350	310
Miscellaneous	100	- 13
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Total Expenses	\$ 10,508	\$ 8,793
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Revenue greater/(less) than expenses	<u><u>-\$ 750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,515</u></u>