



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - November 2023

Mon., November 13  
10:00 am

**Adam Capelli**

**Wills and POA's**

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### President's Message

I'm humbled and grateful to be your incoming president. It is a privilege to be entrusted with the leadership of the best men's club in Burlington.

Thanks to Ken Medland for his strong leadership during the past year. With Ken at the helm, backed by a very capable management committee, our club made great progress. I'm pleased Ken will continue to serve on our management committee and look forward to drawing on his advice.

Our new management committee is inheriting a very strong club. Our membership is at an all-time high and we are in excellent financial shape!

The management committee now has five new members, most of whom are relatively new to our club. They are all very talented with impressive credentials. This is strong evidence of our Be A Friend Bring a Friend approach which keeps our membership growing. We have a big challenge in front of us to keep up the strong momentum.

However, we are off to a good start:

- The speaker's committee has lined up an impressive roster of presenters through August of next year;
- We have committed coffee sponsors through until November of 2024;
- George Caughell, our events chair, is exploring several exciting member experiences in the coming year;
- We now have over 100 registered for our annual Holiday Season Luncheon, on Monday December 11th, at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. Please sign up as soon as possible as it is anticipated our attendance is going to surpass last year's event.

If you haven't already remitted you annual dues, I trust you will continue to support our club financially by renewing your membership. I also encourage you to become involved with one of our sub-committees such as the Speaker, Events, Membership, External Publicity and House.

These are all very important committees that are pivotal in ensuring the continued success of our club. If you are interested in becoming involved, please drop me an E-mail and I will forward it to the chair of the respective committee.

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### ..... John's Message Continued

Also, please keep bringing friends to our monthly meetings to keep our membership growing! I challenge each of you to introduce at least one new member this year to help us reach our goal of 200 members!

With all the world-wide conflicts, we are very fortunate to live in Canada and be able to enjoy our Probus fellowship. Thank you again for placing your trust in me and our new management committee. This is going to be an exciting year. I look forward to enjoying it with you!

John C. McArthur

### Guest Speaker - Adam Capelli

Adam co-founded Cambridge LLP law firm in 2010. Cambridge LLP now has three offices in Ontario and over 30 employees. Adam is managing partner of the Estates Group which presently includes 10 lawyers who focus on estate planning, administration and estate litigation. Adam has been certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Estates and Trusts Law which has been the sole focus of his practice for over 27 years.



Adam's extensive experience in resolving hundreds of estate disputes, arising from poor planning or bad advice, has enhanced Adam's problem-solving skills in complex estate planning matters. Adam advises executors, trustees, and attorneys in respect of their fiduciary obligations and he is often retained by beneficiaries and trustees in respect of bringing or defending a claim involving an estate or a trust.

The Canadian Italian Business & Professional Association (CIBPA) for Hamilton & Halton selected Adam as the sole recipient of its distinguished "Professional Excellence Award" in 2021. Adam's professional experience inspired him to produce and host two local weekly cable TV shows "Heirs & Omissions" and "Legal Ease", and more recently a weekly live webcast "WillPower Wednesdays", which examine many contemporary legal issues. Adam's expertise also gave him the opportunity to lecture estate planning in McMaster's DeGroote MBA program for several years.

Adam is one of the select group of lawyers who have successfully completed both the Certified Financial Planning (CFP) program and the membership requirements of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). For the last 15 consecutive years, Adam has been voted by his peers as one of "The Best Lawyers in Canada" in the area of Estates and Trusts Law.

Adam has lived in Ancaster for the past 30 years with his wife and two daughters. Outside of law Adam is passionate about live music and sports.

Dan Lawrie, Speakers' Committee

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### Membership

I wish to thank the nominating committee and membership for allowing me to serve a second term.

When I first took on this task, I was new to the club and a little hesitant in accepting.

It has been a learning curve but I have enjoyed the activity and mostly the great response from the membership continually bringing in guests that typically join.

Last year we added 34 new members and the future continues to be positive. I am currently processing 3 additional members.

Our club, as you know, has a lot to offer. Great fellowship, awesome guest speakers and non typical outings that are enjoyed by many.

Recently we had a member that needed transportation to the meeting and we were able to have a fellow member pick him up. Not sure he got back home so probably will be at the next meeting. If we can be of help let us know.

Remember membership dues are due. You can pay on line or at a meeting.

I still have several badges so if you are missing yours check the front table.

Let me know if you have any change to your contact information or require a membership roster.

Gary Kirkwood,

Membership Chair,

[gmgak@outlook.com](mailto:gmgak@outlook.com)

### From the House

I had an exciting and busy introduction to my new post as Chair of the House. It certainly gave me an insight into what a great job Doug Woodward did during his term! Thanks, Doug!

The planning for our meeting starts well in advance of our actual meeting. We confirm the sponsors of our coffee program, inform the AGB of our setup and number of attendees, arrange for greeters and 50/50 sellers, and prepare for a "PLAN B" in case of anything falls between the cracks.

We have introduced several beneficial and fun events designed to not only aid the club financially but also assist you in planning and navigating the road to a successful retirement.

Our coffee sponsorship has proven to be a huge success with sponsorship filling each month enabling you to spend your coffee money on more productive items such as our 50/50 draw.

Speaking about our 50/50, the winner's share has been steadily increasing, with last month's draw a record \$ 186.00!!!! This was due to several factors; a record-setting 100+ members in attendance and the strong efforts of Gene, Guido, and Grant... well-done team 😊. We are always looking for new greeters, and energetic ticket sellers, [please see me at our next meeting or by email, kenmed1620@gmail.com](mailto:kenmed1620@gmail.com)

Due to strong and innovative changes such as these, we have been able to remain at the prestigious AGB which is a huge plus in attracting speakers and sponsors, while maintaining our annual fees at an amazingly low price of \$ 50.00, for the upcoming year!

That's all for now folks, see you at our next meeting on November 13, and be sure to bring a friend. He will thank you forever

Ken Medland

House Committee Chair

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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.

Jim Thurston, Chairman, Cheer Committee

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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](mailto:mhill2@cogeco.ca) and send payment to [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com). Please advise Mike if you or your guest have any dietary or mobility issues.

John McArthur, Luncheon Committee

### Special Events

Although no events are yet scheduled for 2024, here is a list of possibles:

#### Theatre

Norm Foster  
Shaw Festival  
Hamilton Theatre Guild

#### Tours

Welland Canal Museum  
Hamilton Steam Museum  
40 Creek whisky  
Hamilton Brewery  
Burlington Sewage Treatment Plant  
Stories in the Stones ( Cemetery tour)

George Caughell, Events

### Harbourtown Sound

As the membership knows, Harbourtown Sound will be performing at our December 11 Holiday Luncheon. Below is a flyer describing their Holiday Spectacular performance at Mohawk College on December 2. It promises to be an exciting and entertaining show





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A CAPPELLA SHOWCASE AND HARBOURTOWN SOUND CO-PRESENT

## HOLIDAY Spectacular



with Special Guest  
**TIM  
WAURICK**



**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 2 pm & 7 pm**

McIntyre Performing Arts Centre, 135 Fennell Ave. W., Hamilton

**\$45**

Gold Seating  
(Limited Quantity!)

**\$35**

General Seating

**\$20**

Children/Youth/Students

[2:00pm, Matinee Show Sat, 2 Dec 2023 Book Tickets](#)  
[2023 Book Tickets](#)

[7:00pm, Evening Show Sat, 2 Dec](#)

If you're looking for some great, family-friendly musical entertainment this holiday season, then look no further!

A Cappella Showcase and Harbourtown Sound choruses are proud to co-present our "Holiday Spectacular" show on Sat., Dec 2. We have two shows, at 2 pm and 7 pm, where we'll feature wonderful holiday music of the season, as well as swing, soft rock, pop, jazz, traditional and inspirational music, all performed in the barbershop style.

You'll also be treated to our very special guest, a cappella singer extraordinaire, Tim Waurick! With an incredible five-octave singing range, Tim is a musical force of nature. He is currently the tenor in the award-winning [Vocal Spectrum](#) quartet, and is a sought-after coach of men's and women's barbershop quartets and choruses worldwide.

[A Cappella Showcase](#) is an International Championship women's chorus based in Waterdown, Ont. ACS teaches women of all ages to sing and perform in four-part a cappella harmony. Formed in 1996, ACS has participated in Harmony Inc.'s international competitions and is proud to have been named International Champions in 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2019.

Formed in 2003, [Harbourtown Sound](#) is a vibrant men's a cappella chorus that's part of the Ontario District of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS). HTS has competed at the BHS International Convention on several occasions, and is proud to support local charities while serving, educating and entertaining community, business and charitable organization members in the greater Halton-Hamilton region.

Both A Cappella Showcase and Harbourtown Sound choruses are directed by Jordan Travis.