



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - December 2023

Mon., December 11
11:30 am

Holiday Luncheon

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President's Message

Since my November message, Beverley and I have been fortunate to spend a short holiday in Sicily and the American thanksgiving with family in Connecticut. While we love to travel, we are always grateful to return to Burlington, one of the five most livable cities in Canada. The opportunity to enjoy fellowship with Probud, golfing and curling friends provides a respite from the news of the many conflicts around the world. Probud fellowship is an oasis we can all appreciate away from the surrounding tumult.

Our new management committee is functioning well. I am privileged to work with such a talented team:

- Our speakers' committee has very interesting presenters booked through August of 2024,
- Several exciting new member experiences are in the planning stage; and,
- Our Holiday Season luncheon is well on track. We will have a large attendance of around 125.

While we have lost several of last year's members due to death, illness and mobility issues, we are rapidly replenishing our ranks with new members. Several new members have joined so far, and our total membership is now back up well over 150. Our "Be a Friend Bring a Friend" approach is working well. I challenge each of you to introduce at least one new member this year to help us achieve our goal of 200 members!

This is the time of the year to enjoy the festivities of the holiday season with family and friends. Stay safe. Please be mindful of your hosts' hospitality and the winter driving conditions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Holiday Season Luncheon at the Burlington Golf & Country Club on December 11th.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to you and your families!

John C. McArthur

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Holiday Season Luncheon

LAST CALL FOR OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

We still have several tickets left for our gala HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Monday December 11, it's an event you don't want to miss!

Tickets are only \$75.00 for a gourmet lunch, accompanied with world-class entertainment and it's all at the Burlington Golf & Country Club!

Members, please remember to wear your name badges.

For tickets, please contact Dave Little at 905-681-6147 or davelittle1946@gmail.com

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

Membership

As the Probus year closed we retained 152 members - several left due to age and health reasons.

We still have a few members that haven't renewed their membership and trust they will continue to enjoy the club for another year.

In November we welcomed Bill Armstrong who give us a brief biography on himself. I always enjoy hearing these introductions.

We added a new member in November Larry Beatty and he will be at the next meeting.

Remember to let me know if you have any changes to your information or wish an updated membership roster.

Looking forward to another great year so bring out a guest so they can experience the fellowship and awesome speakers.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Gary Kirkwood,

Membership Chair,

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From the House

The house committee which previously was in charge of setting up chairs for our monthly meetings has recently expanded its duties! In addition to ensuring a proper and safe setup, we coordinate and confirm our valued sponsors who not only supply free coffee for our fellowship period but more importantly supply invaluable information on retirement planning.

We are always asked, "What should I do with the money I'm saving with my free coffee?.... Our answer, buy a 50-50 ticket or two and leave with a smile! Due to the efforts of our volunteer team, we are enjoying increased amounts in our winner's takeaways!

I have a great team of volunteers who man the greetings and 50 50 sales. THANKS to Gene, Guido, Grant, and our newest helpers.... Bob and Kevin, you continue to make my job easy!!

For those attending the Holiday Luncheon, we will be unveiling our new welcome banner which will be used at all our future events promoting Probus Lakeshore.

Due to the amazing efforts of Gary and all of you, we are closing in on 200 members. A great effort by all!

Tell your friends what a great club you belong to and bring them with you to our next meeting!

Be sure to say hello at our next meeting.

Ken Medland
House Committee Chair

Meetings in Person are the Best!

Showing some of the 100+ members at our last meeting at the Art Gallery
If you haven't been attending in person you are missing out on great fellowship and hearing outstanding speakers in person!



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Leigh Ann is one of our valued sponsors from Pearl and Pine retirement providing valuable information and guidance on retirement living. There's a lot to learn about what can be a critical time in your future life and professionals such as Pearl and Pine can assist you greatly

Our Special Sponsors



Jeanette from Fluid Senior Transitions offers advice and guidance based on many years of serving seniors. She is one of our valued sponsors and only too glad to assist you.

Cheer Committee

Mike Hill is in Joseph Brant Hospital with a badly broken leg. We wish Mike a steady and speedy recovery.

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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Next Month - Monday, January 8, 2024

**Jeff Manishen
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