



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - January 2024

Mon., January 8

10:00 am

Jeff Manishen
Criminal Defence

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President's Message

Happy New Year!

If all goes well, by the time you are reading this I will be in Palm Desert, CA. In my absence, our Past President, Ken Medland, will chair our monthly members' meeting at the Art Gallery of Burlington on Monday the eighth of January.

Our Holiday Season Luncheon show case event, on the eleventh of December, at the Burlington Golf & Country Club was a huge success again this year with 124 in attendance including a good representation from the Probus Club of Burlington. Thanks to Ken Medland, Mike Flintoff, Dave Little, Ken Snider and Mike Hill for all their hard work on the organizing committee to make it happen and bring it in on budget.

The event culminated our highly active 30th anniversary year. Edwin Taylor, our very first president in 1993 and still active in the club, was in attendance. I was pleased to recognize him and acknowledge his accomplishment over the years.

I was also honoured to introduce the other past presidents of our club in attendance - Bob Miller, Ron Luxton, Rodney Devitt, Jim Thurston, Bill Willson, Malcom Ramsay and my predecessor, Ken Medland. These are the leaders who have shaped 30 years of fellowship and fun for our members. Thanks to all of them for their many contributions.

Our club is in a strong financial position with 153 members and several applications pending. Our "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend" approach is working well. The attendance at our last two monthly meetings was at an all-time high of over one hundred.

Our membership chair, Gary Kirkwood, is adept at converting guests to members. I encourage each of you to bring at least one friend to our upcoming meetings to help us on our way to our goal of two hundred members.

I also encourage you to become involved with one of our sub-committees such as the Speakers, 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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President's Message Continued

Our speakers committee, under the leadership of Pat Lennon, continues to provide a lineup of impressive presenters booked through mid-year 2024.

George Caughill, who chairs our events committee, and his associates are planning some exciting new member experiences for next year. I am privileged to work with such a capable and dedicated management committee. They make my job easy.

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Zoom at our January members' meeting.

John C. McArthur

Guest Speaker - Jeffrey R Manishen



Jeffrey Manishen graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, was called to the Ontario Bar in 1977 and is a senior counsel in the law firm of Ross & McBride LLP. He practices criminal law on a full-time basis in Hamilton, Ontario. He was an Assistant Crown Attorney in Hamilton from 1977 to 1985. He has been certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Criminal Law since 1989. He has been recognized for his practice in criminal law by The Best Lawyers in Canada since 2006. He was recognized by his peers with the Ed Orzel Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, Hamilton Law Association, 2010. In 2016, he was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

He has lectured and instructed on substantive criminal law, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, trial advocacy, expert evidence and police training for the Law Society of Ontario, the Criminal Lawyers' Association of Ontario, the Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association, Osgoode Hall Law School and the International Association of Forensic Sciences. He is a frequent legal commentator on radio and television. He is currently the Past-Chair of the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area.

In 1983, he developed the concept of lawyers performing "Twelve Angry Men" on stage, an idea which has led to "lawyers' shows" being produced as fund-raising activities for theatre companies and charitable causes across North America. Among the shows he has performed in with the Hamilton Lawyers' Club at Theatre Aquarius include "A Few Good Men", "A Man For All Seasons" and "Witness for the Prosecution".

Pat Lennon, Speakers' Committee

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From the House

Wow, the House Committee is alive and well.

Here are some exciting updates, first we have added 2 new team members, namely Kevin Blozowski and Bob Elliot. They are joining Gene, Grant, and Guido. This group of talented people assists in greeting members and sales of the ever-growing 50-50 draw tickets.

A sincere thanks to all of you for a great job!

A year ago, we conceived the idea of asking key retirement homes to participate in sponsoring our coffee hour, and the response has been fantastic!

In addition to offering free coffee, it has proven to offer a much welcomed benefit of expert assistance in answering your retirement questions.

We are pleased that you are using this service and happy to report that this valued service has been completely signed up for 2024. If you can, please take a moment and thank our valued sponsors for their strong support!

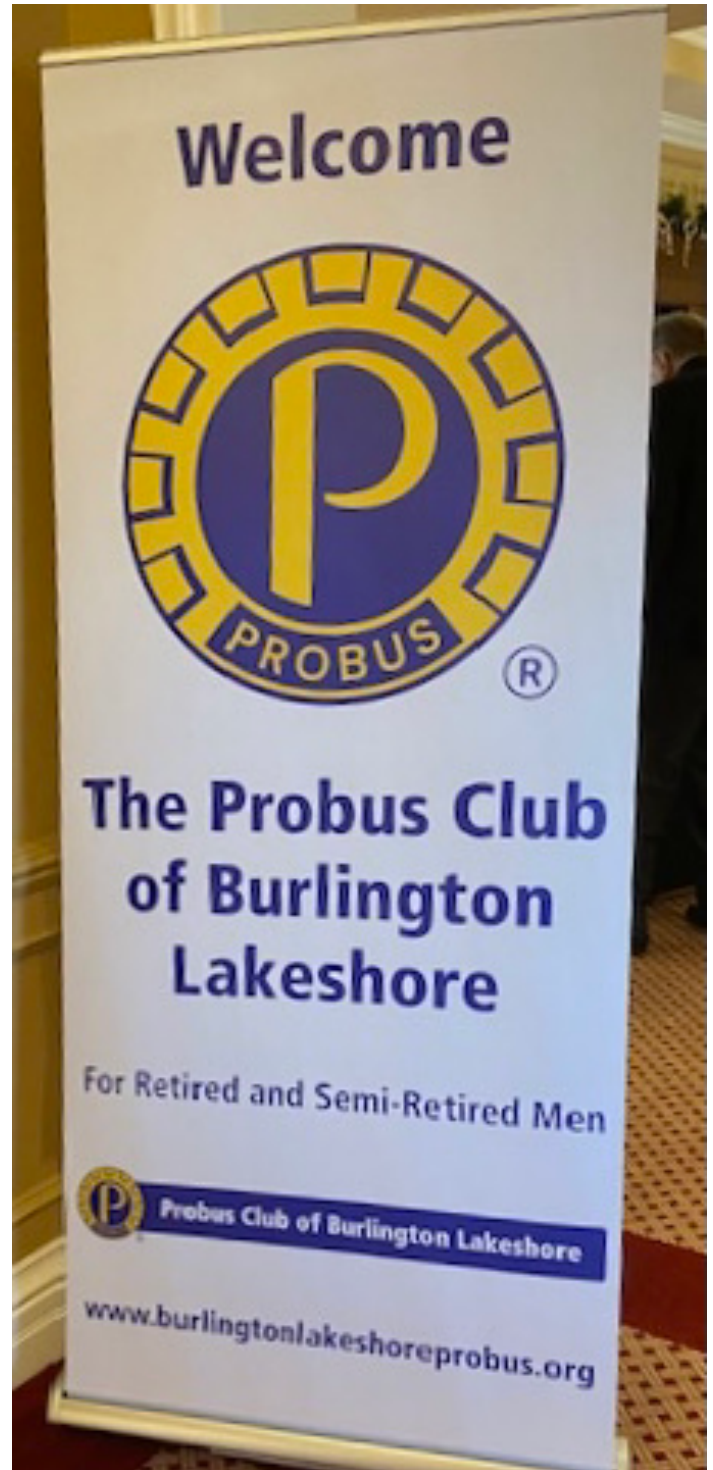
We will continue to improve what we offer at Probus Lakeshore and welcome your suggestions

As always, we are dedicated to making this the best men's club in Burlington.

On behalf of all of us at the House Committee. a safe and healthy 2024, it's going to be a great year 😊

Ken Medland
House Committee Chair

Our new banner was unveiled
at our Holiday Luncheon



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Membership

Another great year for Probus.

The membership grew and then dropped at renewal time. The majority of members not returning was due to health reasons. On the bright side we currently have 153 members with another 2 prospects filling out the application.

I believe we can add 25 or more new members given the awesome support you provide by bringing prospects out to a meeting.

The various committees have great plans for the coming year and the fellowship continues.

Please contact me if you have any change of contact information or wish an updated membership roster.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Gary Kirkwood, Membership

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Special Events

2024 Events so far:

Theatre

- Norm Foster- Melville Boys- Thursday August 15th Afternoon (\$40) 24 tickets reserved
- Shaw Festival- My Fair Lady- (May to Dec). costs and time TBA
- Hamilton Theatre Guild- Burn (June 8,9 or 15th) Approx. \$25 (afternoon)

Car Rally- October /24

Tours

- Howard Iron Works Printing Museum Oakville- 1HR- no charge Propose- Feb 12,13, or 14
- 40 Creek Whisky tour- 3rd week Sept
- Burlington Sewage Treatment Plant- No charge- Propose July
- Welland Canal Museum- possibly April
- Stories in the stones, Hamilton Cemetery- Propose the War of 1812 tour- May 20 or July 29th 1Hr, No Charge
- Hamilton Collective Arts Brewery- 45 min-\$25/ person or \$415/ 20 people (includes free beer)- propose March
- Hamilton Airport Operations tour (awaiting info)
- Hamilton Steam Museum- Propose April- 45 min tour approx. \$7
- Inland Waters Tour (no luck so far)

George Caughell, Events



Next Month - Monday, February 12, 2024

Dr. John Moore
Artificial Intelligence:
Promise or Peril

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Cheer Committee

Sadly, one of our long-time members, DAVID HERD, passed away on December 20. A card of condolence was sent to the family. Walking the Bruce Trail was one of his favourite joys; a memorial donation was made to the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Mike Hill continues to rehabilitate at the Wellington Long Term care facility. He encourages visitors.

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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The beautifully blended voices of the Harbourtown Sound Chorus provided added holiday spirit at the Annual Holiday Luncheon. Thanks, fellas!