



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - October 2024

Mon., October 21

10:00 am

AGM

Paul Sharman

**Burlington City
Councillor**

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President's Message

This will be my final message as your president before the new management committee is installed at our October 22nd AGM.

Attendance was up from August at our September 9th meeting as members returned from summer vacation. We had a good turnout, with 77 present in person, including two guests. One member joined us on Zoom. We have added 18 new members this year, bringing our membership up to 168. This growth is a direct result of the success of our "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend" initiative, to which many of you have contributed. Your active participation in this approach has been instrumental in our growth. I am incredibly optimistic about our future and confident that we will reach our goal of 175 members by the end of this calendar year.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Shanni Philp, an Audiologist, presented on Hearing Problems and solutions, which was well received and sparked significant interest. She received more questions than any previous speaker in my memory, which is a testament to the level of engagement she generated. Her talk has been viewed 81 times on YouTube, and I encourage those who missed it to watch it, as it is still available.

We have been blessed with fantastic weather since our last meeting, which has been a busy time for our members:

- September 11th, Springhill Distillery Tour, Guelph.
- September 20th, Golf Event at Rockway Vineyards, St. Catherines.
- October 1st, Probud Day Flag Raising at City Hall.
- October 2nd, My Fair Lady, Shaw Theater, Niagara on the Lake.
- Oct 9th, Mike Hill Car Rally.

These were all well-attended, enjoyable events, reflecting the vibrancy and success of our club and a testament to our members' active participation. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to George Caughill, our events chair, for his outstanding job arranging these events. His efforts have truly made a difference and are greatly appreciated. We have an active club that we can all be proud of.

Our flag-raising event made the Burlington news! Please click on the link below:

https://www.burlingtontoday.com/local-news/social-activities-for-retired-people-its-easy-to-see-why-theres-a-waitlist-for-this-club-9604000?utm_source=Email_Share&utm_medium=Email_Share&utm_campaign=Email

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President's Message Continued

I will bring a copy of the Mayor's proclamation to our October meeting for everyone to see as we celebrate Probus month.

Members of the Probus Club of Burlington will attend our special Remembrance Day meeting on November 11th.

Under Mike Flintoff's leadership, plans for our Holiday Season Luncheon at the Burlington Golf and Country Club on December 9th are underway.

We have just passed the end of our September 30th fiscal year. It is time to renew your membership from October 1st to September 30th, 2005. The renewal fee will be \$60.00, allowing us to maintain our current level of operations and extend free parking for all meetings starting with our October meeting. This is an exceptional value at only \$5.00 per meeting. If you haven't already remitted your annual dues, I trust you will continue to support our club financially by renewing your membership.

As my term winds down, I'm humbled and grateful to have been entrusted with leading the best men's club in Burlington. I was blessed with strong support from our capable management committee members. I very much appreciated the guidance I received from past president Ken Medland. Thanks to his advocacy, our coffee sponsorship program is fully subscribed for the upcoming year. I'm eternally grateful to Mike Flintoff for chairing the winter meetings in my absence. Pat Lennon, our speaker's chair, and his committee are congratulated for continuing to attract outstanding speakers.

The new management committee will inherit a solid club. Our membership is at an all-time high, and we are in excellent financial shape!

Our subcommittees, Speakers, Events, Membership, External Publicity, and House remain active. I encourage you to consider joining one of them. These collegial committees 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. Please keep inviting your friends and neighbors as guests at our upcoming meetings.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as president and lead the management committee. It was an enriching experience! I look forward to seeing many of you at our October 22nd meeting.

John C. McArthur

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Guest Speaker - Paul Sharman

City and Regional Councillor;
Deputy Mayor Strategy,
Budgets, Process
Management and
Performance Measurement.
President, Halton
Community Housing
Corporation



Paul Sharman was first elected to serve on Burlington City Council as the Ward 5 representative in October 2010. Paul was re-elected in 2014 and again on October 22, 2018 and 2022. He is now serving his fourth term in office. He is thankful and honoured to have been given the opportunity to represent citizens' interests and serve members of his community.

Paul is a cost and performance management specialist. As a consultant for over 30 years, he has facilitated change initiatives in organizations around the world such as the US Army, DuPont, AT&T and Toyota Motor Credit Corp. He is sought after as a thought leader in the field of Enterprise Performance Management. Paul led the New Jersey based global Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) as its President and CEO. He was named as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People" in the US accounting world in 2005, 2006 and 2007 by "Accounting Today". He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Thomson Reuters publication Cost Management for ten years. One hundred of his articles have been published in professional journals around the world.

Jim Barnett, Speakers' Committee

Membership

Once again, a great meeting well attended and informative guest speaker. Our golfing outing was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We welcomed one new member at the podium Ron Shermet. Ron collects hickory golf clubs. Two guests attended and I am working on them to join our group.

This growth is due to members promoting our group and bringing guests to the meetings. So far this year we have added 18 new members bring our current total to 168.

Would like to add a few more so please Be A Friend and Bring A Friend to our next meeting.

Please contact me if you have any changes for your contact information.

If you would like an up-to-date membership list, please contact me at gmgak@outlook.com

GARY KIRKWOOD
Membership
Chair

**Be a
Friend**

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Annual General Meeting Notes

Our October meeting will include our AGM. To prepare for the meeting, please review the Financial Statements that have been posted here at the end of HiLites.

As well, you may wish to refresh your memory by reading the minutes from the 2023 AGM by clicking on the following link.

<http://burlingtonlakeshoreprobus.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AGM-Minutes-Oct.-2023.pdf>

The new Management Committee will be introduced at the AGM. Check out the slate by clicking this link:

<http://burlingtonlakeshoreprobus.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2025-MC.pdf>

Cheer Committee

Ken Medland, our immediate past president, is in Joseph Brant Hospital recovering from surgery. Recently he was transferred to the Rehab Wing in the North Tower. Visitors would be welcomed by Ken.

Your Cheer Committee contacts or visits 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
50thirsty05@gmail.com
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Probus Golf News

Our Probus Golfers hit the links on Friday, September 20 for our annual fall tournament at Rockway Vineyards GC. It was a great day amid the vineyards with the sun shining, a gentle breeze and the occasional banging of bird repellent devices in the vineyards.

The low gross score was recorded by the Dennis Colameco team with a four-man team score of 341. (One chap on that team had the best



score of his life with a 79.) Second place goes to the John McArthur three man team with a factored score of 365.3 and third place goes to the Bert Killins team with a team score of 368.

Everybody reported having a good time at Rockway so we will likely try to play at that course again. The next golf event to look forward to will be our May 2025 "Challenge Tournament" where our club goes head to head against the Burlington Probus Club. This tournament has been won nine times by each club over the past eighteen years so in 2025, we will have a chance to take the lead in the number of victories.

Cheers,

Bill O'Brien, Golf Committee

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**Next Month -
Monday, November 11, 2024**

**The meeting will begin at 9:30 with
our speaker presenting at 10:00**

Guest Speaker: Chris Leworthy

Disaster & Bravery at Dieppe - 1942

Members of the Burlington Probus Club
have been invited to join us on
Remembrance Day.

**Please be sure to be on time in your
seats at 9:30 am.**

Holiday Season Luncheon

Our Probus Lakeshore Holiday luncheon plans are well underway.

You will not want to miss our marquee event which promises to be better than ever.

Mark your calendar- Monday December 9th 2024 with doors opening at 11:15am.

More to come at our October meeting where sign-up will also be available.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or input, please feel free to contact your Holiday Committee.

Mike Flintoff (Chair)

Technology Interest Group

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in technology including but not limited to computers. We help solve each others technology and computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am at the Burlington East Presbyterian Church on Walkers Line and have an option to join via Zoom. The cost is \$5 per meeting. 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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2024/2025 DUES RENEWAL

We have just passed the end of our fiscal year (Sept. 30/24) so it is time to renew your membership for the October 1/24 – September 30/25 membership year.

Your Management Committee has set the renewal fee at **\$ 60**, which is an increase of \$10. This will allow us to maintain our current level of operations and extend free parking for all meetings. We will have a small, budgeted deficit at the end of the 2025 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.
- **Free parking for all meetings**
- Exceptional value at a cost per meeting of \$ 5.00.

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

1. \$ 60 Interac e-transfer through your online banking system; Recipient Name is Probus Burlington Lakeshore; Recipient email is paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

OR

2. In person at the October 21 meeting, by cheque, Credit Card or Debit Card.
Debit or credit card is preferred as the cost is less for the club.

3. By \$ 60 cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore; mail cheque to our Treasurer, Ken Snider at 616 Andrea Court, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4J7.

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

Gary Kirkwood, Membership Director; Ken Snider, Treasurer

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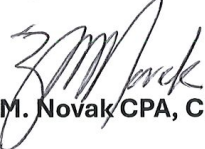
NOTICE TO READER

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, 2024. 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 4, 2024


Z.M. Novak CPA, CFE

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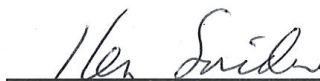
PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
 (with comparative figures for 2023)

	2024	2023	
ASSETS			
Cash in Bank	\$ 10,318	\$ 14,684	
Investments - Guaranteed Investment Certificates	4,000	5,000	
Prepaid expenses - deposits for future events	500	500	
Total assets	\$ 14,818	\$ 20,184	
LIABILITIES			
Deferred Revenue - events	\$ 200	\$ 1,950	
Deferred Revenue - membership fees	60	5,800	
Total liabilities	\$ 260	\$ 7,750	
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted reserve			
Balance Beginning of year	\$ 12,434	\$ 9,919	
Current year revenues greater than expenses	2,124	2,515	
Balance end of year	\$ 14,558	\$ 12,434	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 14,818	\$ 20,184	

Approved on behalf of the management committee:



 John C McArthur, President



 Ken Snider, Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For the year ended September 30, 2024

(with comparative figures for the year ended September 30, 2023)

	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
REVENUE		
Membership Fees (includes one time \$25 initiation fees)	\$ 8,545	\$ 8,865
Club events-net	1,556	922
50 / 50 Draws	1,727	1,320
Interest	263	200
	\$ 12,091	\$ 11,308
 EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ -	\$ 252
Meeting Hall and Equipment Rent	4,798	4,648
Coffee Expense (net of Revenue)	102	57
Membership	1,074	296
Newsletter and Website	727	310
Probus Central Fees	459	441
Speakers	2,280	2,283
Bank and credit / debit card processing fees	261	210
Memorials	210	310
Miscellaneous	55	(13)
Total Expenses	\$ 9,966	\$ 8,793
 Revenue greater / less than expenses	 \$ 2,125	 \$ 2,515

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PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE - FISCAL 2025 BUDGET

	Fiscal 2025 Budget	Fiscal 2024 Actual
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Membership Fees	\$ 10,401	\$ 8,545
Club Events - Net	-	1,556
50 / 50 Draws - Net	1,650	1,727
Interest	-	263
	\$ 12,051	\$ 12,091
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Administration	\$ 250	\$ -
Meeting Hall Rental	5,093	4,798
Parking	2,310	-
Coffee Expense	200	102
Membership	1,150	1,074
Newsletter & Website	1,000	727
Probus Central fees	500	459
Speakers	2,280	2,280
Bank and credit / debit card processing fees	300	261
Memorials	350	210
Miscellaneous	100	55
	\$ 13,533	\$ 9,966
Total Expenses	\$ 13,533	\$ 9,966
Revenue greater / (less) than Expenses	\$ (1,482)	\$ 2,125