



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - January 2025

Monday, January 13

10:00 am

**Ron Foxcroft**

**CEO Fluke Transport  
& Fox 40 Int'l**

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### **President's Message**

Happy New Year to each of you and your families. The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is now behind us. Although, if your home is anything like mine, there is still evidence of Christmas festivities lingering in the corners of the living room or family room. Each bit of wrapping paper or turkey bone is a remembrance of the joy that we have experienced in one way or another over the last few weeks.

As we turn our attention to the future, we have a clean slate to create our experience for the new year ahead. There is something energizing about the arrival of January. In one way it is just the next day after December 31 but in many other ways it is a new chance to organize our lives, complete unfinished projects and get a fresh start on new endeavours with renewed energy and resolve.

The same applies to our Probus Club. Looking back to last year we had a very successful year due to all of our hard work and commitment. Looking forward we have new challenges to move onward and upward. For example, we would like to increase our membership to 200 and beyond. Each of us can contribute to this goal by talking to our friends who might be interested and would benefit by joining our club. However, as membership grows, getting to know and welcome the new members can be more challenging. Let us make it a goal for each monthly meeting to meet and get to know more about a member you haven't interacted with before.

Another opportunity would be for you to participate in a planned event which you have never attended before. We have a very energetic Events Committee planning a roster of creative activities that you and your spouse will enjoy. Are there any events that would be of special interest to you? Please send these ideas to Keith Weaver and his committee for their consideration.

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### President's Message Continued

I am sure that Pat Lennon and his Speaker Committee would welcome your ideas for speakers for our monthly meetings.

If you have ever had a desire to be involved in a club committee, this is a great time to step forward. Let me or any of the MC know about your interest. We have several committees which really carry the load of our club activities and are an integral component in its success. We need your talents and skills on these committees and there are always opportunities to make a significant contribution here.

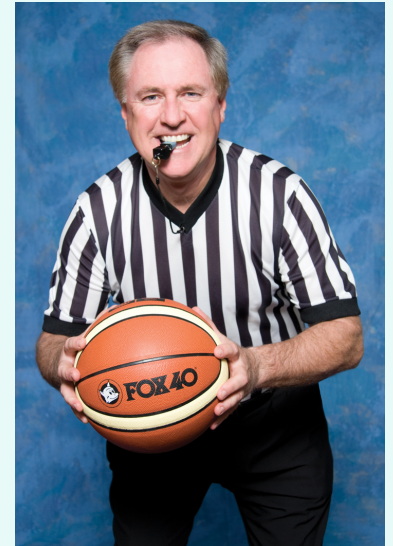
One final challenge that I would present is to ask you to reach out to some of our members who are approaching the New Year with difficult circumstances. I think particularly, but not only, of Ken Medland as he continues to recover his full mobility, but of Paul Lakin who is being cared for at the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice - Paul's status can be followed at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org), and of Dick Hames who is recovering in Joe Brant Hospital.

On behalf of the MC, I would like to wish you and your families every happiness and success for 2025. I look forward to sharing in the excitement with you all.

Tom Williams

### Guest Speaker - Ron Foxcroft

Ron Foxcroft was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2019. He was named Entrepreneur of the Decade by Profit Magazine and named to the Burlington Entrepreneur Hall of Fame. He has been named Citizen of the Year in both Hamilton & Burlington. He received an Honourary Doctor of Laws from McMaster University.



He is world renowned as a basketball referee with a distinguished career officiating NCAA Basketball and serving 21 seasons with the NBA.

Ron had an audience with the Queen at Buckingham Palace in 2015 when he was the Honourary Colonel of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

Today, Ron serves as CEO of Fluke Transportation and Fox 40 International, and he is the Chair of the Hamilton John C Munro Airport.

Patrick Lennon

Speakers' Committee

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### Special Events 2025

#### Amazon Warehouse (Brampton) Tour

- Wednesday February 19, 10am (tentative)
- Sign up required in advance, at the latest by January 13 meeting
- Email or call Keith Weaver or sign up at the January 13 meeting
- Tour is 60-90 minutes long, maximum 25 participants

#### Other Events Planned Until June (Further Details to Come)

April – Woodbine Mohawk Park  
May – Summit Station Dairy Farm  
June – 13<sup>th</sup> Street Wine Tour and Tasting

For Information contact Keith Weaver  
([keithsweaver@gmail.com](mailto:keithsweaver@gmail.com) or (289) 856-8523).

Further suggestions are welcome.

### Sponsors

So glad to finally be able to put together an update It's been a long 4 months of rehab with several more months before I can walk properly.

I have been helped tremendously by the support and love of my fellow Probus members..."thank you all".

Our very successful coffee sponsorship program is continuing with only 2 openings available .

Please let me know of any specific questions regarding successful retirement living you have. The knowledge you gain will make your retirement much easier and enjoyable!

I hope to see you at our January meeting and thank you 🙏 in person. Happy 2025 🚶‍♂️ ➡️

Ken Medland,  
Sponsors Committee



**Next Month -  
Monday, February 10, 2025**

**Dr. Matthew Miller**

Preparing for the next Pandemic

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### Membership

Happy New year to my fellow Probus members.

Since last January we added 26 new members. This is due to your efforts by inviting guests to the meetings. Keep up the good work.

Please continue to share the many things that probus means to you and spread the word.

This year the membership fees include parking. Simply Park and come in. No more machine hassles out in the weather.

We still have some members that haven't paid their dues. Please arrange to see Ken Snyder at the next meeting and settle.

If you aren't renewing, please let us know.

Revised membership rosters will be available in February should you wish one.

Contact me with any questions at [gmgak@outlook.com](mailto:gmgak@outlook.com)

Gary Kirkwood

Membership

**Be a Friend**

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### Cheer Committee

**Paul Lakin** - he is in the Bob Kemp Hospice, 277 Stone Church Rd E., Hamilton. He is room #5 and able to have visitors. If you decide to visit him you will need to use code #22357 to gain entry. I have spoken with him on the phone and he sounded pretty chipper and said he would love visitors.

**Dick Hames** – he is in recovery at Occupational Therapy, Joseph Brant Hospital, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor N, Room 408. I have spoken with Dick on the phone and he also would love visitors, but suggests you call him before visiting @ 289-659-7060. He expects to be there for a while yet as recovery is slow.

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.

Rod McGrath, Chairman, Cheer Committee  
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### Probus Golf.

The annual tournament between the Probus Lakeshore Club and the Probus Burlington Club is in the planning stage. For 2025, the Probus Burlington Club is organizing the tournament.

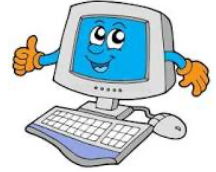
The tournament is scheduled for Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 at Flamborough Hills GC. Following the completion of the rounds of golf, a luncheon of hamburgers and salad will be served in the dining room. So, please reserve this date in your calendar.

Signing up for the tournament will take place in March and April.

Walter Rosinski  
Golf Committee

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com) and he will add you to our email list.



### Happy New Year!

Beverley and I will fly to Palm Desert, CA, with Walter Rosinski and Julia St. Jean on 1-1-25. Our vehicles were shipped in advance and are now there.

We will be in the desert until late April, and we plan to take our time to see some new sites while driving home. I will attend the Management Committee Meetings via Zoom but must view the winter Monthly Members Meetings on YouTube.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and to participating in our annual golf challenge against the Probus Club of Burlington on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at Flamborough Hills. Hopefully, we will be successful in retaining the trophy!

Have a Great Winter and Stay Warm!

John McArthur  
Past President