



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - December 2024

Monday, December 9

11:15 am

**Holiday Season
Luncheon**
Burlington Golf and
Country Club

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President's Message

December is a time for reflection. Remember the resolutions you made back in January? How did you do? It's a time to look back on another year in our lives and assess our goals and expectations and compare them to our accomplishments. I'm sure that most of us have accomplished a lot over the year but probably have left overs to add to our new list for January.

Personally, I started the year in the hospital on my birthday getting a new hip. It has been a great success and I am functioning well again. On the other hand, some of our members are still struggling with recovery from illness and other setbacks including our faithful former past president, Ken Medland. I would also draw your attention to Paul Lakin's illness as he has been admitted to the Hamilton General Hospital. We should remember and support those of our membership who are in hard circumstances as we enjoy the wonders of the holiday season with our families. One of the strengths of our club is the support we give to those who are in times of challenge. I would encourage each of us to take some time in the frantic activities of this season to remember and connect with those members.

I'm sure each of you have stories and anecdotes that you could report for 2024. As members of Probud Lakeshore we have had a very successful year. We are members of a very healthy and active group. We have enjoyed 11 great members' meetings with interesting, stimulating and entertaining presentations. Our membership has grown to 167 members and more are joining every month. We have had many opportunities for social activities including theatre, tours, the car rally and golf tournaments. In fact, we were victorious in the inter club tournament this year wresting the trophy from our friends at Probud Burlington. I would encourage you to continue this trend as the larger our group gets, the more creative we can be with our activities and events.

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President's Message Continued

Please continue to talk about Probus to your friends and bring as many as possible as guests and potential new members. I am honoured to be surrounded by a committed group of leaders who give sacrificially of their time and energy to make our Club the best men's club in Burlington and beyond. I could probably fill the rest of my message recounting examples of just that but I am going to mention only one of the many by thanking Mike Flintoff and his committee who planned the Holiday Luncheon this year. Mike has put in many hours leading this group to make this year's Luncheon an event to be enjoyed and remembered by all.

So, at this time we look back over a very successful year under the leadership of John McArthur and an industrious management committee. We are poised for another great year where we can go above and beyond past performance. In the meantime, on behalf of the 2025 management committee, I extend to you and your families a most blessed holiday season and celebration. May we finish the year strong and refreshed, ready to face the challenges of 2025.

Tom Williams

Cheer Committee

Unfortunately this is mostly bad news with a couple exceptions –

- Ed Shaw, a former member passed away September 30th
- Alice Sterling, wife of current member John Sterling passed away Nov 6th
- Peter Jewell, a former member for many years passed away Nov 19th
- Doug Woodward, a current member passed away Nov 21st – Funeral Dec 14th at Smith's on Guelph Line
- Paul Lakin is in Hamilton General Hospital and reportedly is improving.
- Ken Medland is recovering in Wellington Park Care, 802 Hager Ave., Burlington – Visitors reportedly welcome

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.

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Membership

Our group is strong thanks to the members efforts by inviting prospects to our meetings.

So far this calendar year we have signed 20 new members. Still a few more in the wings so hoping to add a few more.

Why should you suggest membership in our group?

Fellowship: Ranks high with monthly meetings and outings to places of interest.

Events: High on my list of was the car rally. Consider it for next year come with your partner for a fun and challenging day.

The Walland Canal Museum was informative and to think this awesome waterway is just down the road.

Guest speakers: this year were entertaining and informative.

Jeff Manishen on Criminal Defense, Halton Police on scams, Canadas part in the Civil War, Effects of Climate Change on the Wine Industry, Climate change on our Golf Courses, and our recent Remembrance Day presentation by Chris Leworthy on the battle of Dieppe. These are just a few and the lineup for the coming year is more of the best.

Great Meeting Venue: Parking included with your membership. Simply Park and come to the meeting.

If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership. You can pay with cheque or forward by e transfer to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

I will issue revised membership rosters in the new year upon request.

Trust we will continue to build and enjoy this awesome group.

Enjoy the Christmas holiday and give the gift of inviting a friend to join Probus.

GARY KIRKWOOD
Membership Chair

Be a Friend



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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.



**Next Month -
Monday, January 13, 2025**

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