



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - September 2025

**Monday, Sept. 8**

**10:00 am**

**Dr. Altaf Arain**

**Climate Change**

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### **President's Message**

The month of September is often associated with the end of things. The end of summer for one. In our younger days it meant the end of summer jobs, the end of freedom to enjoy every day unencumbered by the schedule of school or work. In the agricultural setting it is the time to evaluate the growth periods of spring and summer and to prepare to reap the benefits of all the hard work of growing the crops. This year, my wife who grew up on the farm, has made many comments on the lush fields of corn that we have seen this year while driving in the country. I saw a presentation on TV recently talking about the bumper crop of our fruits and vegetables this year in the Okanagan Valley in BC. This is good news for all of us in Canada since we can also enjoy the benefits of such success on our own kitchen tables.

September, however, also is a time of beginnings. For those in the agricultural motif it is a time to start the harvest and reap the benefits of summer growth. For those of us in the city it can signal the end of the hectic cottage schedule but the beginning of a quieter relaxed lifestyle at home. For most of us the beginning of a new school year is a distant memory but it is hard not to get caught up in the mood as we observe our grandchildren getting outfitted with school clothes and educational equipment. The preparations I have observed have radically changed from when I was getting ready for the school year. I remember getting a new lunch pail and a pack of sharp pencils. I see my grandchildren with new computers, cell phones and equipment that make my head spin as they try to bring me up to date with their everyday technology. I have one grandson who is leaving for University of Ottawa and this brings back memories of my first year at U of T. He is getting an apartment equipped with all the comforts of home while I was buying a month pass on the old commuter train out of Port Credit. No not the GO trains that we are all familiar with these days. It was a rickety old train that traveled at a snail's pace with multiple stops on the way to Union Station. One advantage we had was that the backs of the seats could flip either way so we could enjoy the company of our friends, play cards or whatever as we travelled along.

It is a time to consider a new year at Probud Lakeshore as well. A new management committee will be formed to take over leadership for the next fiscal year. The nominating committee will be presenting a list of individuals to serve on this committee. I would encourage each of you to carefully review this list and consider if this is the group of individuals that you would approve for the task. Nominations for these positions are open to you if you have any other suggestions.  
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### President's Message - continued

As I have mentioned before, there are many opportunities to serve on non-elected committees. You need only to let me know if you would like to contribute in any way.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable September. I look forward to seeing you at our next members' meeting on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy Labour Day!

Tom Williams

### Cheer Committee

Mike Hill - continues to be taken care of at Carpenter Hospice. His condition is grave. You need to check with his family now before considering a visit with him. Please keep Mike in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

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  
rmcgrath@sympatico.ca  
(905) 332-3941

### Guest Speaker - Dr. Altaf Arain

Dr. Arain is a Professor in the School of Earth, Environment & Society at McMaster University, with M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Hydrology from the University of Arizona. He founded and directed the McMaster Centre for Climate Change (2010-2014) and was awarded the science Research Chair in Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change.



His research focuses on climatology, hydrometeorology, and ecohydrological observations and modelling in forest and agricultural ecosystems. He leads long-term studies in the Great Lakes region on climate change impacts on hydrologic and biogeochemical cycles and established the Turkey Point Environmental Observatory near Lake Erie.

Dr Arain's team contributes to the national climate modeling through CLASSIC and MESH-CLASSIC modelling systems. His current work, part of the Global Center for Climate Change and Transboundary waters, explores how climate extremes affect ecosystem functions, streamflow, and water balance in the Great Lakes region. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers and is among the top 1% of Highly Cited Researchers globally.

Danny Kraftcheck,  
Speakers' Committee

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### Membership

August meeting was well attended and we hosted four prospective members.

I have sent applications to them for their consideration.



We did attract a new member who has moved to Burlington formally from an Oakville club.

We are coming to the end of our Probus year. Our membership dues go from October to end of September. Please see our Treasurer Ken at the rear table to renew.

Price remains at \$60.00 for the year and now includes parking. That is only \$ 5.00 per meeting and thanks to our sponsors it also includes coffee. Great fellowship informative and entertaining speakers make this well worth the membership.

Payment can also be made by e-transfer to [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com)

If you choose not to renew, I would appreciate a note letting me know.

Thank you for a great year, your support bringing guests, has resulted in 13 new members.

Contact me if you have any questions or change of your information.

Gary Kirkwood  
[gmgak@outlook.com](mailto:gmgak@outlook.com)  
Cell 905 577-5475

### Special Events 2025

Shaw Festival Play  
“Anything Goes”

1:00pm, Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$105

- Niagara on the Lake
- 31 tickets have been purchased and will be distributed at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- All tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged or held for credit
- If there are any questions please contact Malcolm Ramsay ([mramsay3@cogeco.ca](mailto:mramsay3@cogeco.ca))

Keith Weaver

Events Committee

### Sponsorship

THANKS!!!..thanks to all of our members who made sure they stopped by at our meetings to thank the various health care providers for sponsoring our no charge coffee program.

I am pleased to announce that it looks like we will have a full lineup for 2026 assuring us of free coffee and the unique opportunity to obtain free retirement advise!

Every one of the sponsors commented on how they enjoyed being part of our meetings and being a source of valued information....so

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### Technology Interest Group (TIG)

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probud 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](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com) and he will add you to our email list.



### Probus Golf News

The Probus Lakeshore Club will be holding our golf tournament at the Rockway Vineyards Golf Club on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We have reserved tee time slots for 36 to 40 golfers. The cost will be \$70.00, which includes green fees, golf cart rental and HST. During our August meeting, 30 members signed up, so there is room for those who haven't made their commitment.

Last minute sign ups for the tournament will continue to take place in our September meeting. We would like to have six more golfers.

So, please reserve this date in your calendar.

If you cannot attend the September meeting and want to take part in the golfing event, please email me at

[Walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca](mailto:Walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca)

Long range golf planning for 2026 is in progress.

The Southbrook Golf Club is reserved for the Probud Annual Competitive Golf Tournament. The date is Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Walter Rosinski  
Golf Committee



**Next Month**  
**Monday, October 13, 2025**

**Marianne Meed Ward**  
Burlington Mayor

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### Nominating Committee

At our September 8th Members Meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce the names of the members who have agreed to run for election at our October 20th Annual General Meeting as Officers and Committee Chairs for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

#### Officers

. President	Keith Weaver
. 1st Vice President	Brian Harrison
. 2nd Vice President	Mike Flintoff
. Secretary	George Caughell
. Treasurer	Ken Snider
. Past President	Tom Williams

#### Committees

. Membership	Gary Kirkwood
. Ext. Publicity	Stan Witowski
. Internal Comm.	Ron Shermet
. Speakers	Pat Lennon
. House	Dave Little
. Special Events	Colin Lindsay
. Cheer	John McArthur
. Golf	Walter Rosinski
. Sponsorship	Ken Medland

Other nominations will be accepted until the Annual General Meeting and may also be submitted from the floor during the Meeting.

John C. McArthur  
Chair, 2025/26 Nominating Committee