



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - October 2025

**Monday, October 20**

**10:00 am**

**Marianne Meed Ward**  
Burlington Mayor

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### **President's Message**

Greeting to all as we welcome the month of October. This month has much significance to each one of us since it signals the beginning of the fall season. The fall season is the favourite for many of us. There are many reasons for this such as the freshness of the air after a hot humid summer, the brilliant and amazing colours seen in our foliage and the abundance of many of our favourite foods available at this time of the year. For some of us it is time to close the cottage and end to the weekend madness of our ever-increasing traffic stress. For others it is time to plan our winter escapes to various places on the globe.

In Canada the month of October hosts one of our oldest traditions, Thanksgiving. This holiday is a classic one as it recognizes the origin of our culture here in North America and has been established as one of the key family celebrations in the year. Newfoundland lays claim to the first observance of this occasion. The English explorer Martin Frobisher held the first Thanksgiving celebration there in 1578, 43 before the feast at Plymouth in 1621. In any case this feast has been a significant marker in our history and remains such until the present time. In spite of its authenticity, many of our children and grandchildren are much more enthusiastic about Halloween at the end of the month.

For Probus Burlington Lakeshore it marks the end of our fiscal year. As such I would encourage each of you to personally attend the member's meeting on Monday October 20. This meeting is significant not only because of the interesting agenda itself, but also because it will include the Annual General Meeting of our club. At this time the new Management Committee will be elected, financial reports and projections will be presented for your information and approval. Your attendance and your participation are critical to the ongoing integrity of our organization.

It has been my privilege to serve you as President for this past year. I want to especially thank the other members of the Management Committee for their invaluable contribution and support which have made my job so much easier. I also want to thank each of you who have served on the many committees whose efforts have made the activities and events of the past year such a success. I also want to thank you, the general members, for your support and commitment to our club and making it the quality organization that we all enjoy. I would encourage you to participate in the election of the new Management Committee and then to continue to support them in the coming year.

Tom Williams

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### Guest Speaker - Marianne Mead Ward

Marianne Mead Ward is currently serving her second term as Mayor of Burlington. She is the longest-serving female mayor of the city.



A passionate advocate for smart, balanced development, Mayor Mead Ward is focused on ensuring Burlington remains a great place to live, work, and play while maintaining its natural beauty. Her leadership is marked by a dedication to listening to residents, fostering collaboration, and prioritizing transparency in municipal decision-making.

Mayor Mead Ward is the Chair of the Ontario's Big City Mayors Caucus, which launched the [Solve the Crisis](#) campaign calling on the provincial government to act on the homelessness, mental health, and addiction crisis. She is also a board member of AMO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, where she has been active in advocating for a new deal for municipalities with the provincial and federal governments.

Mayor Mead Ward also launched the [Elect Respect](#) pledge, a nation-wide campaign to foster respect, inclusivity, and safety in public life. *Elect Respect* started as a conversation between a small group of women in Halton, founded by Burlington Mayor Marianne Mead Ward called the Halton Elected Representatives (HER), who came together to share their experiences with harassment and abuse in public life and to stand up for a better way forward.

Prior to being Mayor, she served as a Burlington City Councillor from 2010 to 2018. Mayor Mead Ward has a degree in Journalism from Carleton University and worked for more than twenty years in journalism as a writer, editor, and broadcaster.

Jim Barnett, Speakers' Committee

### Membership

September's speaker surprised many with a topic that turned out to be both informative and engaging. The lively Q&A afterward showed how well it resonated with members.

This is what makes PROBUS so special—stimulating speakers paired with great fellowship. It's a winning combination that continues to attract new members.

#### Invite a Friend - Help grow our community!

Please continue to support the club by inviting a friend to join you at a meeting. It's a great way to share the experience and introduce others to what PROBUS offers.



#### Membership Renewal

We're kicking off a new PROBUS year! Annual membership is \$60.00, and parking is included. Please remember to pay your dues—either in person at a meeting or by e-transfer to: [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com)

#### Contact Me

If you have any questions or need to update your contact information, feel free to reach out.

We'll be issuing a refreshed club roster in January to keep everyone up to date.

Thank you all for a fantastic year—you make my job a pleasure.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership

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### Nominating Committee

Our Annual General Meeting will be held immediately following our monthly Members Meeting on Monday, October 20th.

The Nominating Committee will present the names of the below members who have agreed to run for election 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

### Annual General Meeting

In preparation for the AGM, it is recommended that you review the following document that will be presented and voted on at the meeting. Click to read: [2024 Minutes](#)

Please watch for a special email next week with the financial statements for your review.

### 2025 Holiday Season Luncheon

Our Probus Lakeshore Holiday Luncheon plans are well underway. Please plan to attend our marquee event which promises to be better than ever!

- **WHERE – Burlington Golf and Country Club**
- **WHEN – Monday, December 15, 2025; Doors open @ 11:15**
- **COST - \$ 75.00 per person ( Same as last year!!)**
- **MENU CHOICES – Turkey OR Salmon**

Sign up at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting  
OR  
Register by email to [davelittle1946@gmail.com](mailto:davelittle1946@gmail.com).

In the email indicate your name and the name of your guest. Also indicate the menu choice of turkey or salmon. Pay by etransfer to

[paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com)

**LET'S GET THE HOLIDAY SEASON OFF TO A GREAT START**

Mike Flintoff, Dave Little, Ken Snider( Holiday Luncheon Committee)

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### Cheer Committee

Information on the death of **Mike Hill on August 26<sup>th</sup>** was not made public until after our September Hi-lites was published. A number of our members did attend the Celebration of Life held at Carrigan Arms on September 21st. We extend our sympathies to his wife and Family. A donation was made to Carpenter Hospice in his memory.

**John Pegg** is still in Joseph Brant Hospital and is not improving. The daughter advises they will soon have to make some decisions regarding his future.

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 News

The Probus Lakeshore Club held our golf tournament at the Rockway Vineyards Golf Club on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The winning group with the lowest gross score of 358 consisted of Bert Killins, George Caughell, Jim Thurston and Keith Weaver. Congratulations guys!



A special thanks to Astra Belisario from Heritage Place for being our sponsor contributing a sleeve of golf balls, a bottle of water and a bag of potato chips to our participating Probus members.

Long range golf planning for 2026 is in progress. The Southbrook Golf Club is reserved for the Probus Annual Competitive Golf Tournament. The date is Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Walter Rosinski  
Golf Committee

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### Sponsorship

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by. Our sponsors that you had the opportunity to speak to were very professional in sharing proven knowledge about making retirement a positive experience .

They all commented on your desire to know more about the challenges for you and your loved ones and your ability to plan ahead for success.

I'm excited about the fact that they have all elected to come back next year.

Thanks to all of you for making our coffee sponsorship program a big success and we are excited about what we will be offering you next season. There are some surprises coming!

Stay tuned 😊

Ken Medland  
Sponsor Chair

### Technology Interest Group (TIG)

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](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com) and he will add you to our email list.



**Next Month**  
**Monday, November 10, 2025**

**Kevin Donovan**  
Toronto Star Investigative Reporter