



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - November 2025

**Monday, November 10**  
**10:00 am**

**Port Nelson United  
Church**

**Kevin Donovan**  
Toronto Star  
Investigative Reporter

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### **President's Message**

Greetings, fellow members,

As your newly elected President, I am delighted to send my first message and to extend my warm thanks for your confidence and support. I look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead and to working with an outstanding Management Committee dedicated to keeping our club active, engaging, and welcoming.

A special shout-out goes to our Speakers Committee of Jim Barnett, Danny Kraftcheck and Dan Lawrie, led by Pat Lennon. They have arranged terrific speakers over the year but especially this fall with two outstanding programs. In October, we were honoured to host the Mayor of Burlington, who shared valuable insights into our community's future. And this month, we are pleased to welcome Kevin Donovan, the Toronto Star investigative reporter who continues to follow the complex and still-unsolved murders of Barry and Honey Sherman—sure to be a fascinating presentation.

Finally, we have begun a new chapter for our club as we move our monthly meetings to Port Nelson United Church. We leave the Art Gallery of Burlington with countless fond memories after so many wonderful years, and we look forward to creating new ones in our new “digs.”

See you at the next meeting!

Keith Weaver, President

### **Special Events**

The first event for 2026 is a tour of the McMaster University Nuclear Reactor, on Wednesday February 25th. The tour will take 60-90 minutes and will not incur a charge. Because of their constraints the number of participants will be limited to 30. The sign-up sheet will be available at our November and January meetings.

The Committee is actively working on the programme for the rest of the year and we expect to be able to publish details over the next few weeks.

Colin Lindsay, Events Committee

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### Guest Speaker - Kevin Donovan

Kevin Donovan is the Toronto Star's Chief Investigative Reporter. His focus is on journalism that exposes wrongdoing and effects change. Over four decades he has reported on the activities of charities, government, police, business among other institutions. Kevin also reported from the battlefields in the Gulf War and the war in Afghanistan following 9/11. He has won three National Newspaper Awards, two Governor General's Michener Awards, the Canadian Journalism Foundation award and three Canadian Association of Journalists Awards. As the Star's editor of investigations for many years, Donovan led many award-winning projects for the paper. He is the author of several books, including the Billionaire Murders; Secret Life: The Jian Ghomeshi Investigation; and the "Dead Times" (a fiction novel). You can listen to his Suspicion podcast series wherever you listen to podcasts, and check out the Billionaire Murders documentary on Crave.

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Danny Kraftcheck, Speakers' Committee

### Membership

We held our first meeting at Port Nelson United Church, and I'm pleased to report the space was well laid out, with excellent sound and lighting—an ideal setting for our gatherings.

We welcomed seven guests, including four brought by Dan Lawrie—thank you, Dan! I've followed up with each guest and shared membership applications. It's a promising start to our new Probus year.



As we look ahead, a friendly reminder: annual dues of \$60.00 are now due. You can pay in person at a meeting by tapping your card, or send your payment via e-transfer to:

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

#### Stay Connected

If you have questions or need to update your contact details, feel free to reach out. We'll be issuing a refreshed club roster in January to ensure everyone's information is current.

Thank you all for a fantastic year. Your enthusiasm and support make my role a true pleasure.

Warm regards,

Gary Kirkwood, Membership

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### 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 November 10<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 e-transfer 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)

Take Note of the Seniors Active Living Fair at the Ron Edwards Family YMCA. Click on the following link for more information on this terrific event

[Senior Active Living Fair](#)

### Cheer Committee

I have just assumed the role of chair of the Cheer Committee.

Tom Williams is in the Hamilton General Hospital with pneumonia. He is expected to be there for a few days.

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.

John McArthur, Chairman, Cheer Committee  
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### Probus Golf News

Long range golf planning for 2026 is in progress.

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

Sign-ups for this event will commence in our March 2026 meeting.

Prior to the March meeting, the lunch meal and golf fee should be finalized.

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, December 15, 2025**  
**Holiday Season Luncheon**  
Burlington Golf & Country Club

