The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - November 2026

Monday, November 9

10:00 am

AGM

Ted Barris

The Battle of Britain

Management Committee 2025-2026

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President's Message

As my year as President of the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore draws to a close, I have been reflecting on what a privilege it has been to serve our Club. It has truly been an honour, and I am grateful for the encouragement and support I have received from so many members.

One of the greatest pleasures of this past year has been working alongside an outstanding Management Committee. Every member contributed in meaningful ways, bringing enthusiasm, experience, and a genuine desire to make our Club the best it could be. Whenever I needed help or someone to take on a task, I never hesitated to ask because I knew the response would always be positive. Their willingness to serve made my role as President both enjoyable and rewarding, and I am deeply indebted to each of them.

At our November 9 Annual General Meeting, members will be asked to elect the 2026–2027 Management Committee, a blend of new volunteers and experienced members continuing in their roles. We will also ask members to approve the 2025–2026 financial statements and the budget for 2026–2027. I am pleased that our Club remains in a strong financial position, providing a solid foundation for the year ahead.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Past President, including the responsibility of organizing next year's Nominating Committee.

— Keith Weaver, President

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** of the **Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore** will be held immediately following the regular General Meeting on **Monday, November 9**.

The business of the Annual General Meeting will include:

- **Approval of the Club's Financial Statements** for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2026.
- **Approval of the Budget** for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.
- **Election of the Management Committee** for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following members who have agreed to stand for election as Officers and Committee Chairs for the **2026–2027 fiscal year**. These nominations will be presented to the membership for election at the **Annual General Meeting on November 9**.

President	Brian Harrison
Past President	Keith Weaver
Vice President	Tony Lafromboise
Secretary	Tom Williams
Treasurer	Ken Snider
House	Larry Beatty
Sponsors	Ken Medland
Speakers	Pat Lennon
Membership	Gary Kirkwood
External Publicity	Mike Flintoff
Events	Colin Lindsay
Internal Communications	Ron Shermet
Cheer	John McArthur
Golf	Walter Rosinski

The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore is **run by members, for members**. We encourage members to consider serving in a leadership role and thank all nominees for their willingness to contribute their time, experience, and talents to the continued success of our Club.

Guest Speaker - Ted Barris



Ted Barris is an award-winning journalist, author, and broadcaster. His writing has regularly appeared in the national press and in magazines as diverse as Air Force, Canada's History, esprit de corps and Zoomer. He has also worked as host/ contributor for most CBC Radio network programs, NPR in the US and on TV Ontario. He taught journalism at Toronto's Centennial College for 18 years and has written a weekly column/weblog The Barris Beatsince 1983.

Barris is the author of 22 bestselling, non-fiction books, including a series of books on wartime Canada: Juno: Canadians at D-Day, June 6, 1944 … Days of Victory: Canadians Remember 1939-1945 … Behind the Glory: Canada's Role in the Allied Air War… Deadlock in Korea: Canadians at War, 1950-1953 … Victory at Vimy: Canada Comes of Age, April 9-12, 1917 … Breaking the Silence: Veterans' Untold Stories from the Great War to Afghanistan.

His writing has also been published in such anthologies as The Canadian Encyclopedia … Total Hockey: The Official NHL Encyclopedia … A History of Maple Leaf Gardens … Canada and the Korean War: Histories and Legacies of a Cold War Conflict and a volume of learned papers presented to the Canada-Korea Conference at the U of T.

Pat Lennon, Speakers' Committee

Holiday Season Luncheon

Our Probus Lakeshore Holiday Luncheon plans are well underway, and sign ups have been coming in fast and furious. Please plan to attend our marquee event which promises to be better than ever!

WHERE – Burlington Golf and Country Club
WHEN – Monday, December 14, 2026; Doors open @ 11:15AM
COST - $ 75.00 per person (No increase in 4 years!)
MENU CHOICES – Turkey or Butternut Squash Ravioli

Sign up at the November meeting or register by email to alaframboise@cogeco.ca. In the email indicate your name and the name of your guest. Also indicate the menu choice of Turkey or Butternut Squash Ravioli.

You can pay by e transfer to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

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

Your Holiday Luncheon Committee:
Brian Harrison, Tony Laframboise, Mike Flintoff, Ken Snider

Membership

October Meeting Highlights:

We were pleased to welcome three new members at our October meeting:

- **Tom Dilworth** - Former Senior Financial Planner with RBC. Tom enjoys curling and golf.
- **Geoff Rothwell** - Recently retired elementary school teacher with interests in sports and current affairs.
- **John Takach** - Retired Judge with the Ontario Court of Justice. John enjoys technology and golf.

🎉 **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER** 🎉

Annual Dues: $60 - *That's just $5 per month for:*

✅ *Monthly meetings*
✅ *Outstanding guest speakers*
✅ *Interesting outings and social activities*
✅ *Friendship and fellowship*
✅ *Free parking and coffee*

🎁 **EARLY BIRD BONUS!**
Renew by **November 6** and you'll be entered into a draw to win:

⭐**1 OF 3 FREE MEMBERSHIPS!** ⭐

Three lucky members will have their $60 membership fee refunded.

Preferred Payment Method – paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com

Don't Miss Out! Renew today, stay connected with friends, enjoy another great year of Probus activities, and you could even win your dues back!

Gary Kirkwood, Membership Chair
905-577-5475

Sponsorships

You are going to see a new and different approach to providing additional information to assist our members in making important retirement decisions before you are forced to.

Our partnership with the leading retirement homes has proven to be very successful for both parties and they will all be returning for the 2027 season .
This financial support will enable us to continue to offer our members Free Coffee AND the invaluable benefit of providing advice on all aspects of successful retirement planning.

NOW there will be more benefits for you to enjoy. Starting in January we will be adding health care providers to assist you with any pre retirement home needs and plans.

This is a first offering of this service by your Probus club and adds another benefit to your existing membership which already includes great speakers, outstanding events, fellowship and always the great factor called FUN 😎

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of these programs.
Ken Medland, Sponsorship Chair

Next Month
Monday, December 14

Holiday Season Luncheon

Burlington Golf & Country Club

Cheer Committee

Paul Loneregan is still at home in a hospital bed, recovering from chemotherapy. A recent CAT scan found no cancer. His lungs are not strong, and he is on oxygen. However, he is gaining strength and can now take a few steps around their suite with a walker. Paul enjoys having visitors. Please call his wife, Jane, at the telephone number in our roster to arrange a convenient visit time.

Jim Barnett continues to receive dialysis three times a week at the Burlington campus of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. He is gaining strength and recently attended an event recognizing him as a 50-year member of the Burlington Golf & Country Club, where he is a past president.

A condolence card has been sent to Mrs. Muriel Howe regarding the recent untimely death of our member Gerry Howe.

Also, please join me in extending condolences to our member Dave Chambers on the recent passing of his wife, Louise.

Please get in touch with me or any member of our Management Committee if you become aware of an illness or bereavement.

Your Probus Cheer Leader,
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