

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

December 2023

Upcoming Speakers and meetings

18 January - Allen Teska of FPS will do a tax talk,

-We will resume the lunch at the Squire after our meetings

15 February - Hailey Patry. Happiness Expert

21 March - Adam Shoalts - Arctic Explorer

Here are articles from Oct 14 from the Hamilton Spectator and Toronto Star about Adam Shoalts.

https://www.thespec.com/entertainment/books/canada-s-explorer-of-the-wild-launches-new-book/article_41b42008-d93c-59fe-8d54-fff03d4d509b.html

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Our President's Year End Message

Just back from another excellent matinee outing arranged by Dave Rokosh - Brigadoon at the Shaw Festival in Niagara on the Lake. Some 22 members and spouses enjoyed a very enthusiastic performance of this Lerner and Lowe classic romance set in a Highland village that only comes to life once every hundred years. The Festival Theatre even has a cafe with a good light lunch selection. As the Scots would say, it's a wee bit of a drive but well worth the trip. The Shaw is doing A Christmas Carol next year...



2023 was a momentous year for our Club, and for the world in general. Your management committee focused on taking action to ensure the long term financial sustainability of the Club though reducing costs and keeping annual membership fees reasonable. At the same time, we knew we needed to retain and expand membership by offering more Club outings such as plays and tours of local attractions.

Huge cost savings have been attained by moving the monthly meetings to the Burlington Central Library's Centennial Hall. As well, parking at the Library is free! We still have some teething issues to work out with the a/v system but our tech gurus Bob Dickison and Gary Hindley are on the case. Tom Evans managed our part of the annual golf tournament very well - even managing to essentially break even! Dave Rokosh and Jim Jones did a great job arranging Club outings - the most memorable to me were the Canadian Warplane Memorial Tour and the Norman Foster Outlaw play at Balls Falls Conservation Area - the latter was preceded by a picnic lunch in a beautiful natural setting. We also started meeting for breakfast prior to the monthly management committee meetings - all Club members are invited and attendance has been good, it's a great opportunity to share ideas and concerns with committee members.

Kevin Harraher has continued his excellent work in finding well prepared speakers on a variety of interesting topics. Bob Dickison has found coffee sponsors so coffee is now free as well. And there's no more "toonie bucket"! Finally, thanks to Neil Berger joining the management committee with his marketing expertise, we now have a PROBUS banner to attract people to our meetings. Annual membership fees have been increased from \$50 in 2023 to \$60 for 2024 but I believe we're continuing to provide a lot of bang for the buck. Thanks to all our coffee sponsors. We owe a special vote of thanks to Gary Hindley for producing and circulating excellent newsletters and meeting notices.



I personally thank all of you for continuing to support our Club, and I thank all the members of the management committee for stepping up to ensure we are the best run PROBUS Club in Burlington (if not the world). Some really interesting speakers are lined up for 2024 and some very informative tours and other Club outings are under active consideration.

There is no Club breakfast or meetings in December. Your management committee wishes you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New

Year. Looking forward to seeing some of you at the Christmas Luncheon on 11 December at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. Our next breakfast meeting

will be on Thursday 4 January at the Harvest Table on Fairview Street. The next Club meeting will be on Thursday 18 January at the Library.

Cheers, Chris 2023-2024 President Probus Club of Burlington

Greeters (really) wanted!

Are you new(ish) to the Probus Club? Do you see a lot of faces that you would like to get to know better? Then you will enjoy becoming one of our greeters! All you need to do is arrive at 9:30 and shake hands! (No test afterwards!) Contact either Keith Dobson kdobson1257@gmail.com or Ian MacIntyre macdaddy0087@gmail.com to get your name on the list.



Are you a social media whiz? Do you have an hour or two a month to offer? Would you like to help your Probus Club reach out? If you answered yes to these questions, please contact Keith Dobson, first Vice President.

Membership news

Brian Tregunno attended as a guest of Ian MacIntyre
Ross Hoffman as a guest of Gary Hindley

Ian MacIntyre introduced our newest member: John Baric

John Baric retired at the end of 2020 after a successful 40-year career with Shell, mainly in research and development of refining technology and technology sales, focused on production of clean fuels (ultra low sulphur diesel and gasoline) and heavy oil upgrading.



Prior to retiring John and his family spent 18 years living in The Hague, The Netherlands, enjoying travelling throughout

Europe, Middle East, and Asia. Now that the family is back in Canada travel is focused on visiting the Caribbean islands for vacations.

John is married to Jacqueline, and they have two sons, both living in the GTA. In sports, his passions are soccer (he has played and coached) and golf (keen to improve his game since retirement).



We are sorry to report that long term member Jim Allan passed away on November 4th. His obituary can be viewed by clicking this link for the [Smith's Funeral Home website](#).

Bill Valcour spoke a few words about Jim.

Coffee Sponsor in November



Coffee at the November meeting was co-sponsored by Pine & Pearl (represented by Brenda Sutherland and Leigh Anne Davidson) and RBC Financial Services (represented by Amal Helbah-Dawson).

The Pearl and Pine Retirement Residence is located in downtown Burlington, steps from the lake and shops. They offer vibrant all-inclusive resort style living for respite stays or permanent residency. You can choose from one of their elegantly appointed suites, and age in place with them. For more information go to their website: [Pearl & Pine Retirement Residence in Burlington, Ontario \(pearlandpineretirement.com\)](http://pearlandpineretirement.com)



Amal's main focus is helping clients navigate investments and implement strategies to help meet their unique financial goals. One area of specific interest is helping clients with their Retirement Planning (before and during retirement) helping clients in their senior years to create income, manage cash flow and preserve capital or continue to grow investments to create an enduring legacy.

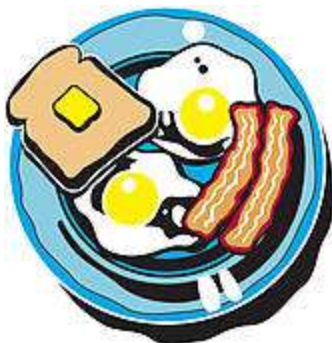


Future Events

Holiday luncheon December 11th. Those planning to attend should notify Mike Hill at mhill2@cogeco.ca indicating entree preference, either Salmon or Turkey. Payment at \$150 per couple can be made by eTransfer to paymentsprobustlakeshore@gmail.com. For details click [here](#)

Annual Golf Tournament - The 2024 annual Interclub Golf Tournament with the Lakeshore Probud Club is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 24th, 2024. More details to be provided later. Mark your calendars. Thanks, Thomas L. Evans Email: "tomevans1933@gmail.com"

PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON BREAKFAST



All club members welcomed

at
HARVEST TABLE
3350 FAIRVIEW AVENUE

THURSDAY January 4th
8:30am

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Computer Interest Group



We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each others computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting). We meet 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. **We will meet again January 2024**

Do you enjoy being a member of Probus?



If you do, then, no doubt you have friends who would also like Probus. Do them a favor and invite them to join you as a guest at one of our meetings. We have many interesting speakers over the next few months!

Should you need an application form for friends who would like to join us this year, you can visit our website at <https://www.probusclubofburlington.ca/> or email Keith Dobson at kdobson1257@gmail.com

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