

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

April 2023

Coming up at our April 20th meeting we have 2 speakers from the Single Seniors for Tax Fairness advocacy group.

Jane Robertson and Katherine Cappellacci are from the advocacy group *Single Seniors for Tax Fairness*. They will discuss how the income tax system in Canada is set up to support senior couples who benefit from many tax breaks and wealth-transfer opportunities - meanwhile single seniors' shoulder larger taxes and feel that this is grossly unfair. The presentation will show the major discrepancies between senior couples and singles, offer solutions, and suggest how you can help.



Jane Robertson

Jane Robertson has been single all her life, and worked for forty years, mostly as a teacher and a small business owner. Three years ago she founded **Single Seniors for Tax Fairness (SSTF)** when she realized her tax bill was so much higher than it was for senior couples who enjoyed multiple tax breaks while as a single, she got none.



Katherine Cappellacci

Despite Katherine's age, she's incredibly passionate about advocating for single seniors. She has worked most of her life in the arts but is very passionate about helping others. She was made aware of the tax unfairness faced by single seniors through Jane and together they've been lobbying the government for change.

Upcoming Speakers

17 May - Catherine Morgan will talk to us about mental fitness, focusing on Positive Intelligence - the science and practice of developing mastery over your own mind so you can reach your full potential for both happiness and success.

President's message

Just back from a very informative tour of the McMaster Materials Research Institute. Some 14 of us were very impressed by the large amount of world class research including electrification of vehicles going on part of McMaster University's work. Some of the machines were absolutely amazing in terms of their speed and capabilities. My thanks to Dave Rokosh for setting it up and arranging the carpooling. Most of us then enjoyed a good lunch at Shoeless Joe's off Brant St. There are many other interesting places in and around Burlington that Club members might enjoy visiting - let's all put our thinking caps on.

As I mentioned at the March meeting, your management committee is working on a wide range of cost-saving, recruitment, and marketing initiatives to strengthen our Club in terms of long term financial sustainability. Our numbers are well down from pre-pandemic levels so we need both more members and more cost-savings to stay viable. The first cost-saving idea to be implemented is coffee sponsorship. At the April meeting, a representative from The Key will provide FREE coffee and information. Please see Bob Dickison's article in this newsletter. Thanks to Bob for setting this up.

I'd also like to thank Kevin Haraheer for stepping up to help find speakers for June, July and perhaps August. We still need someone to take on the role of Speaker Committee Chair. Kevin and I have both done it for a while and have lots of ideas. Thanks for your consideration.

Cheers, *Chris*

President Probus Men's club of Burlington

MONTHLY MEETING – COFFEE SPONSORSHIP

by Bob Dickison

At the last Probus Club Management Team meeting it was agreed that we would try something new and different for coffee. Our primary objective is to provide, those attending the meeting, with additional value. Commencing with the April 20th meeting we are going to invite outside organizations to sponsor our coffee, and in return they get to meet you and answer questions you might have about their services. They will be located near the coffee table and will be available to answer any question that you have about their services. Again, let me repeat that they are not there to sell you anything, rather to provide you information. We do hope that you find this of value.

For the April meeting we have invited 'TheKey' to come to the meeting. They will be represented by Amanda Ilines who has extensive experience in the senior industry and is knowledgeable about anything related to the aging process. Even outside of her role with TheKey, if you have any questions about navigating our health care system, planning for your future or that of a loved one, or better understanding age-related issues, don't hesitate to speak to her at the meeting!

TheKey is passionate about helping older adults live well in their own homes as they age, improving the quality of life for our clients and their loved ones. We can provide a variety of assistance in-home like meal prepping, light housekeeping, personal care, companionship and more.

Our caregivers can support you or a loved one after a hospitalization, surgery or with Alzheimer's/Dementia memory care support.

TheKey is changing the way the world ages and we are here for you!

Future events

Registration is now open for our **Golf Tournament Friday May 26, 2023** at the Flamborough Hills Golf Club. Register early to secure a spot for yourself and your guests and any prospective members - a great way to introduce our Probus Club. Click this [link](#) for the full details and instructions for registration and payment.

This is really your last notice for ANNUAL PARKING PASSES — If you tired of using the parking meter then consider purchasing an Annual Probus Meeting parking pass. These passes are still available directly from the AGB at a cost of \$3 times the number of remaining months/meetings in 2023. If you attend the vast majority of meetings this will save you money and the inconvenience of having to use that parking meter. To purchase one simply stop at the AGB reception desk, located just inside the parking lot door, and ask to purchase a parking pass for the Burlington Probus Club meetings."

Passings



Eric Sigvaldeson Passed away February 25, 2023 age 98

Member from 1992 to 2019

Obituary: <https://www.smithsfh.com/memorials/eric-sigvaldason/5148349/>

List of Your Probus Club Executive

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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). Currently we meet via Zoom but plan to get back to live meetings later in the Spring. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.

Do you have a major milestone to share?

If you have a major milestone birthday, anniversary or some other major event you would like to share with our members send them to Gary Hindley at Ghindley1@gmail.com to get them published in the next newsletter.

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 kdobson1257@gmail.com

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