

FORUM

MONTHLY NEWSMAGAZINE
FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB
MILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

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Cliff Read
President

How well do you know our members?

On behalf of the Management Team, I would like to extend warm wishes to all our Probus members hoping that you will enjoy all that is special at this time of year. Catching up with family and friends and, of course, good foods are only some of the things we look forward to each Christmas season.

To help put you in the "spirit", a lot of work has been put into both the planning and organizing of the Escarpment's Christmas luncheon for December 17th. After last year's tremendous success, we were delighted to once again return to the Crosswinds Golf Club where a delicious menu is always offered. We have secured fine entertainment to accompany this special event. In order to promote maximum participation, the event was subsidized from 50/50 monies. This benefits everyone and will help to maintain the lowest cost possible. It would certainly be wonderful to have a majority of our members attend.

During a planning meeting, one of the discussions centered on the reports given during our meetings. It was felt that if we were to shorten the number of reports, it might allow us to provide time for talks that you might find interesting. As a consequence, commencing in January, we will be introducing a new segment to some of our meetings - How Well Do You Know Our Members? This consists of a brief presentation about some of the people within our own Club and some of the things our members have been up to. I am looking forward to hearing these interesting stories.

Perhaps you would like to share details about your background or some of your travel experiences. If so, please talk to Paul Crawford for more details.

As always, there are a large number of activities taking place - both regular activities and special events. Sometimes it can be difficult to keep track of everything so make sure you check the Calendar of Events on the back page of every edition of your Forum. To our members who might be travelling during the holiday season, be safe and enjoy. 🇨🇦

*Start those
pictures and
stories coming!*

I would like to encourage you, our Escarpment Probus Club members, to submit photographs and stories of your travels in special places such as China, South Africa, Europe and Goose Bay.

Send any of your pictures and a short story of where you are and what you are doing to the Editor at: alan@jordanar.com

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Meets Wednesday 17 December 9:30am at

CROSSWINDS GOLF COURSE

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Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.

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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this Newsmagazine with our compliments.

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Our January Speaker

Albert Wong

Lieutenant-Commander

Lieutenant-Commander Albert Wong has had over thirty-five years of service as an officer in the Canadian Forces. He was the lead public affairs officer in handling the fallout from the Canadian Forces deployment to Somalia and was also relied upon to manage the public affairs aspects of crises with significant public and political attention, such as the inquiry into the catastrophic fire on board the submarine HMCS Chicoutimi.

Lieutenant-Commander Wong also has extensive public affairs experience at the international level. In 2000, he served as the military spokesperson for the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE). He was then assigned to serve as the public affairs advisor to the Multinational Stand-by Forces High Readiness Brigade for UN Peacekeeping Operations from 2001 to 2004. Based in Copenhagen, he assisted the United Nations Headquarters in New York in planning UN missions in Liberia, Ivory Coast and the Sudan.

In September 2005, Lieutenant-Commander Wong served as the Strategic Communications Advisor to assist the Government of Afghanistan in the development of human capacity at various central government agencies and ministries in Afghanistan.

Retiring from the regular force in December 2009, Lieutenant-Commander Wong continues to serve as a Public Affairs Officer in the reserve



force and was appointed Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in April 2013.

Albert started AKW Global Enterprises, a Public Affairs consulting firm specializing in strategic communications, stakeholder relations, and issues of national security and emergency management. Albert is also a partner with CLUES, a company offering web-based personality assessment, advice and direction to students, families, professionals and businesses.

Lieutenant Commander Wong was awarded the 2012 Chinese Canadian Legend Award in recognition of his career in the Canadian Forces and his contribution to the Chinese Canadian community in Canada. 🇨🇦

“When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.”

King David

New meanings for old words

Laburnum	Rubbish French BBQ
Artistry	History of art
Measles	What artists use for self-portraits
Misfit	Great looking teacher
Sacrilegious	Bag worship
Phlegmatic	Battery operated handkerchief
Clamour	Mallet for opening clams

Pantomime	Silent Y-Fronts
Boomerang	Show displeasure to a dessert
Catastrophe	My cat has won a prize
Venezuela	A gondola with a harpoon
Bleach	A hole in the great wall of China
Disgruntled	A pig with laryngitis
Punish	Rather like a pun
Diagnostic	Welshman who is not sure if God exists

I see chicken in your future

By Catherine Parr - *Convenor*

Twenty-six of us had quite a tasty lunch at Casa Americo following our November meeting. I had a wonderful minestrone soup, but frankly the crab cakes I saw on many plates coming to the table made we wish I had ordered them too! Next time.

I look forward to joining you at our special Christmas Lunch Event at the Crosswinds Golf Club in December.


Please remember to save your "Two Can Dine for \$9.99" Swiss Chalet Coupons between



Lunch Bunch Banter

now and our January meeting. These coupons are printed on the lid of the Lindt Chocolate boxes which are part of the Festive Special promotion which is presently underway.

We will be going to Swiss Chalet for our January lunch outing.

I see chicken in your future... 



A Canadian in Australia

This guy from Canada took a holiday to Australia. While touring the outback on a hot day, he stopped in a pub for a drink. He was wearing a fur coat, heavy gloves and a wool toque.

Four Aussies sitting nearby couldn't help staring. One guy finally got up enough nerve to walk over to the man and asked, "Where ya from, mate?"

The Canadian turned to the Aussie and said, "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan."

The Aussie returned to his seat. One of his buddies asked, "Well, where's he from?"

The guy replied, "Ah, the poor bloke don't speak English."



“

The great question, which I have not been able to answer... is, "What does a woman want?"

”

Dumas



Guess Who Came to Dinner? - 2014

By Catherine Parr

Such fun! Auriel Halliday and her trusty sidekick, Joanne Millichamp, crafted a fabulous evening with mystery and adventure for our Probians. Held in various secret locations throughout Milton, everyone had a role to play in the October 25th adventure. Each participant was provided a recipe to prepare in advance and was instructed to meet at 100 Millside Drive.

To begin approximately approximately 40 Probians enjoyed the event, appetizers sumptuously created by Auriel and Joanne, accompanied by an abundance of wine.

Following cocktail hour, maps were distributed to each guest leading the way to an address. Everyone headed out to dinner not knowing whose house they were going to, who else was attending their party nor what the menu was. The hosts and their guests in each of 5 homes served a wonderful meal.

The hosts prepared the main course and provided the wines, coffee and tea and beautifully appointed dining tables. The guests' recipes had been cleverly designed so that each house received all of the courses and side dishes on the menu. The guests and hosts took turns serving and dishes from soup to dessert.

At the end of the evening, everyone's receipts for costs were tallied up and divided among the guests with the entertaining evening coming in at a remarkably low cost per person. I am guessing it averaged approximately \$20 per person from start to finish including the wines.

Part of the mystery to me was how on earth

did Auriel and Joanne orchestrate the details? Kudos to both! Thank you to the hosts for your gracious hospitality.

Rumour has it that because this was such a success that another "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" evening will take place in the spring of 2015.

October 2014 Menu:

Appetizers and Wine
Butternut Squash Soup
Green Salad
Maple Pork Tenderloin with Buttered
Lemon Green Beans, Potato-Celeriac
Mash and Braised Red Cabbage
Bread Pudding

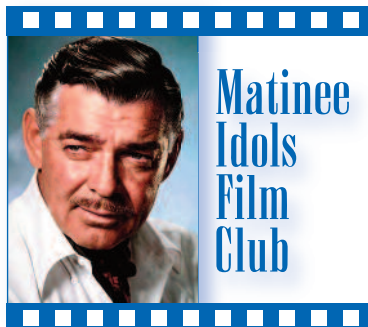
Recipes are available from:
Auriel Halliday at
Aurielh@gmail.com

“

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.

”

Sigmund Freud



*Idols
no
more*

By Jeanne Reid - *Convenor*

Regrettably, I am giving up my involvement in the Matinee Idols Movie Club. I have had to cancel the last 3 months movies for lack of interest. One movie Club, Oscar Nights, for the evening shows, is probably best for now.

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table at the
conclusion of
each Probus
meeting.*

Thank you

Go “Nuts’ next year!

By Michael Hooker - *Convenor*

The Grapenuts – November Antics:

Two more great tastings:

Monday 3rd November

Lorrette and Peter Shermet

Theme: Wines from the Loire/Rhone valleys

Winner: Domaine du Vieux Vauvert

Vouvray 2012 (Chenin Blanc)

Thursday 6 November

Anna and Chris Strachan

Theme: Wines with unusual names

Winner: Menage a Trois Red (Blend)

California.

Our December tastings are:

Monday 1st December (7:00 pm)

Michael Hooker – and Jeanne Reid

764 Coulson Avenue, Milton

Phone: 905 878 8953 - Status: Full House

Email: mhooker120@bell.net

Thursday 4th December (7:00 pm)

Liz and Cliff Read

1591 Stewart Crescent, Milton

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Email: Liz.read@cogeco.ca

Now’s the time to start “thinking 2015”.

Here are our tasting dates for the first 6 months of the year:

Monday January 5th

Thursday January 8th

PROBUS
grape
-nuts
WINE TASTING CLUB

Monday February 2nd - Groundhog Day, what would be an appropriate theme?

There’s a challenge for whoever wants to grab this day.

Thursday February 5th

Monday March 2nd

Thursday March 5th

Thursday April 2nd

Monday April 6th (Easter Monday)

Monday May 4th

Thursday May 7th

Monday June 1st

Thursday 4th June

These twelve dates are open – make your picks and let me know. First reply I receive gets the date! (And if you want to “bag” a date in the second half, also let me know – I’ll tag it with your name). Let me know how many you can accommodate, excluding yourselves.

For those who haven’t yet hosted, please volunteer – you choose how many you can COMFORTABLY host, and the effort isn’t great.

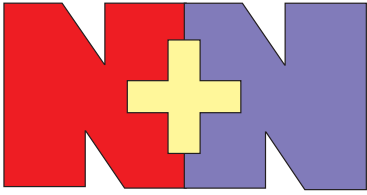
See the Grape Rules on Page 7. 

We like to know who you are!

Please wear your Probus Pin at all external Probus events

Reflect on the delicious winning wines from 2014

Date 2014	Hosts	Theme	Best Wine
Mon 2 June	Norma and Martin Capper	Italian (plus 1 “ringer”)	Epitome Malbec 2014 (Argentina)
Thurs 5 June	Megs Shellard	German	Gewurztraminer (Megs’ homemade)
Thurs 3 July	Rosalind and Alan Jordan	Canadian - Niagara	Small Talk Reisling / Gewurztraminer / Konzelman Shiraz
Mon 7 July	Jim and Michelle Tschirhart	Australian	Durif - 19 Crimes Shiraz 2012
Thurs 7 August	Auriel Halliday and Don Evans	South African - Stellenbosch region	Nederburgh Cabernet Sauvignon
Mon 11 August	Julie and John Flynn	Canadian Summer (“Slurping”)	Malivore Gamay
Thurs 4 September	Patricia and Ron Flannagan	Wines of Burgundy (France)	Domaine des Malandes Chablis 2012 (Chardonnay); Maison Louis Latour Burgundy (Pinot Noir) - a tie
Mon 8 September	Joanne and Ron Millichamp	Grapes of Italy	Batasiolo Bosc Dia Rei Moscato D’Asti
Thurs 2 October	Ann and Ron DuPont	Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir	Francois Lurton Sauvignon Blanc (France); Mirassou Reserve Pinot Noir (California)
Mon 6 October	Gillian and Bryan Reynolds	Alphabetic Regions - A to F	Schmitt Sohne Mosel Glod Riesling
Mon 3 Nov	Lorrette and Peter Shermet	Wines of the Loire and Rhone Valleys	Domaine du Vieux Vauvert Vouvray 2012 (Chenin Blanc)
Thurs 6 Nov	Anna and Chris Strachan	Wines unusual/different names	Menage a Trois (Red) - Blend (California)



Natterers enjoy a good time

Friday's Nosh 'n' Natter was held at the home of Barb Crowe and John Yardley.

As always, all were well fed and enjoyed each other's company. 📍



“

My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.

”

Henny Youngman

Ellen Crawford continues to demolish competition

By Martin Capper - Treasurer

Eight seekers of 29 or to put it another way, 8 people seeking to avoid “19” gathered for an evening of cribbage on Monday November 10. We enjoyed a Chianti produced by Don and a Malbec purchased by Ron! Both of these helped add to the fun! I



CARD SHARP CRIBBAGE GROUP

guess we wouldn't be Probus members if that wasn't the case!

Once again Ellen Crawford proved herself to be either the best crib player or the luckiest, her only loss being when she was partnered by the “unluckiest”! We had one player who managed to avoid winning any games! In the interest of ensuring that this person is able to continue playing with us the name will not be revealed!

We appear to have settled on 82 Miles Street as the home of the cribbage group and the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm as the date and time. Players at all levels, including starters are welcome. 📍

grape-rules

Dear Grapenutters:

If you plan to attend, please notify your host by 1 week before, to allow time for the host to advise you of the individual cost. If you have to cancel, please advise the host asap, and if you cancel after the tasting cost is fixed, arrange to settle up with your host.

If you are not renewing your Escarpment membership, or if you think you may not want to be involved for some time, let me know and I'll remove your name from our distribution list. However – you'll hear about our goings-on and tasting dates through the Forum Newsmagazine, and you can get involved again in the future. The Escarpment Probus Club membership is not “capped”, so we can always add a third tasting if the demand is there. 📍

Revised grape-rules



Nutters are duly warned not to appear at any classy GrapeNut occasion dressed in bright red wigs, disguised as hairy Scotsmen.

This applies especially to hairy Scotsmen, as noted in fuzzy attached photograph.

The RCMP have been notified. 📍

Cheque us out!

Please remember to bring your cheque book to all the Probus meetings if you would like to sign-up for any of the activities.

Thank you.



*Escarpment Probus
Christmas Menu*

December 17 • \$35 per person

SALAD

*Field Greens with goat cheese, cranberries, sunflower seeds &
balsamic vinegar*

ENTREE

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes with a Medley of Steamed Vegetables

Choice of the following:

Grilled Salmon - 5oz with lemon & chive wine cream sauce

NY Striploin - 6oz with Madagascar peppercorn sauce

*Pan Seared Chicken - 6oz with mushrooms, tomatoes
& wine demi glaze*

DESSERT

Lindt Chocolate Tartufo



Membership

If any of your contact information needs to be updated or corrected, please contact

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Membership Chair,
by Email
jtschirhart@bell.net
OR 905-875-0859



ZOOMER BLOOMERS!

Time to tuck-up the gardens in their beds

By Gloria Pennycook
Vice-President

The Zoomer Bloomers met at Crawfords to make a wonderful holiday table arrangement. It's amazing that even though we were all following the same basic instructions, each arrangement turned out differently, and all beautiful.

As this is the last time that we will meet until the spring, please keep in touch with any gardening tips and ideas through the winter months. Indoor plants are interesting



too. I see that amaryllis is now out in the stores. If you haven't tried growing one, do so this year. They are beautiful.

In March, Jeanne will once again organize a group trip to Canada Blooms. What a great

way to kick off the new growing season. If you have ideas for other events in 2015, please send them along to me at: gpennycook@icloud.com

Until then, happy holidays and happy gardening. 🌱

“Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.”

Red Skelton



And the winner is!



Sandy Cannell, our very newest member, was the lucky winner of the November Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

Sandy took home another record \$130.00 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 🌱

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. . . your name tags to the Membership table at the conclusion of each Probus meeting.*

Thank you



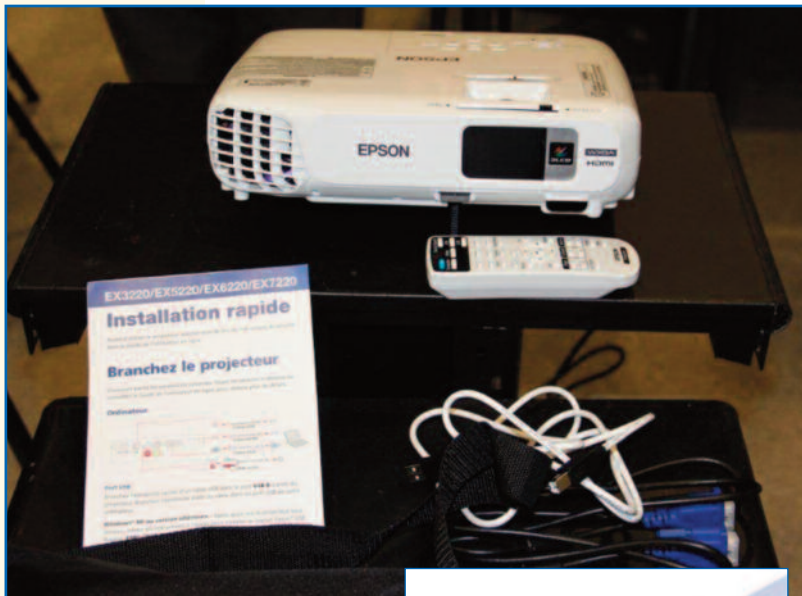
Time to move inside and enjoy the warmth

By Paul Crawford - Program Chair

The October hosts for Nosh@Nite were the Finnies. After months of meeting outside on decks and patios, we were back inside as the weather was not conducive to mingling out of doors. Looks like were back inside until next summer.

No matter the location, all in attendance had the usual relaxed enjoyable evening leaving with our palettes teased with new and exciting tastes and increased fellowship of talking with friends. 🍷

A new "member" joins our Club



By Paul Crawford - Program Chair

Welcoming our latest addition, our spanking new Projector. Instructions in 2 languages and multiple pictograms point out how easy the projector is to link up to a computer and use.

Fortunately the presenter's assistant remembered to fully open the shutter and we were in business with only a small amount of consternation when it initially did not project the image correctly. Now we know! 🍷

Membership up-date

By Jim Tschirhart - Membership Chair

Renewals are complete for 2015. At the end of the 2013-14 year we had 157 members, of which 23 have decided not to return for 2015-16 year.

In October, 4 new members applied and were accepted, bringing our total to start this year to 138 members.

Members not renewing will be sent one final email to inform them that if they join the Escarpment Probus Club within 2 years, they will not need to pay the \$20 initiation fee.

All new members will receive a copy of our bylaws once they have been accepted. 🍷



If you love your cup and the environment, show it!

Please bring your cup or mug to the next Escarpment Probus meeting and help us do our bit to make the world a little greener



*The Escarpment
Probus Club
Executive
wish all the members,
their families
and friends
a Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy 2015*

“

Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming.
1. Whenever you're wrong, admit it,
2. Whenever you're right, shut up.

”

Patrick Murray

The First Edition



Universal low rating for collectively town-read book

By Paul Crawford - Program Chair

The Book Club meeting in November was hosted by Cliff Read. We discussed the book "Mount Pleasant" which is the focus of "One Book One Milton".

The book had universal low ratings between 2 and 4, but that did not stop the group from having a stimulating discussion on the topics of personal entitlement, financial matters, personal relationships, the City of Toronto as an interesting site and what was the committee thinking when they chose this book for all of Milton to talk about.

Some of the group were going to the library that night to hear the author speak about the book. 📖

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The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once!

”

O. Nash



Bowling is FUN!

Probus bowling will take place on
Thursday, January 15, 2015
at 10:30am followed by lunch

Bring your cheque book and sign up at our next meeting to guarantee a spot.

Champs Family Entertainment Centre
on Bronte Street

This is a deal at only **\$22** a person including bowling, shoe rental and a bowling alley menu lunch

No previous experience is required



By Elinore Shannon - Convenor

Thank you Ginny and Rosemary for hosting a lovely afternoon of Bridge. We had three tables. Ginny outdid herself with a wonderful spread that was enjoyed by all.

The next Bridge will be a Christmas Bridge at Jeanne Reid's home on Tuesday, December 4 at 12:30pm.

Anyone interested in starting an evening Bridge game, please contact me at 905-878-1876. 📞



JOIN YOUR PROBIAN FRIENDS AT

Kerry Stratton: Tchaikovsky's Passion
Featuring: Christoph Seybold, Violinist

Milton Centre for the Arts
Friday 20 February 8:00pm

Price: \$36 each

Get swept away with the Toronto Concert orchestra's performance of irresistible melodies from Swan Lake and Sleeping Beauty, as well as the fire and ice of Tchaikovsky one and only violin concerto with European star soloist Christoph Seybold.



Cruising Europe

By Megs Shellard

Recently, Barb Alderson and I plus three other ladies from the Milton area went on a River Cruise on the Danube. For those of you who have considered a cruise, it is an excellent way to travel, as you glide along the river and are able to see all the sights as you pass. You also stop at many interesting places.

Our trip started in Sofia, Bulgaria, where we spent a couple of days sightseeing, which included dinner at a local restaurant and a live folk show. Then it was off to Vidin to pick up our boat, the Amadeus Brilliant. From there we travelled through the Iron Gate Gorge. Unfortunately, the weather was not too kind to us as it was a little misty but it was fascinating to see how close we were to either side of the river watching the storm thunder through the gap.

Our next stop was Belgrade in Serbia, then on to Pecs (pronounced Pesh) and Budapest in Hungary. In Budapest we visited a local market, which is somewhat like the St. Lawrence Market in Toronto. The first floor was for produce, meats, etc. and the second floor was for crafts. It really was something. On leaving Budapest, it was quite a sight to see the lights of the city. Spectacular!

Bratislava in Slovakia was our next stop and then it was on to Vienna in Austria. It was amazing that in St. Stephen's Square I heard someone calling my name and who should I see but 2 friends from Mississauga. It really is a small world!


From there we passed through the Wachau

Valley which is one of the finest landscapes in all Europe.

Passau, Germany was our last stop on the river. The weather, up until this time, had been quite good, but in Passau we had lots of rain and this continued on our journey by bus to Prague in the Czech Republic. It was rather cool in Prague too, but a very lovely city.

The architecture during the trip was so different from anything that I had seen in other parts of Europe, with fantastic steeples on the churches and very elaborate castles. The TV pictures are nothing compared to actually seeing them.

I think the highlight of my trip was the visit to the Jewish Quarter in Prague, particularly a special synagogue that has been built to commemorate the Jews from Prague who were murdered during World War II. Their names, dates of birth and death (if known) were recorded on the walls of the synagogue. It was very touching to realize that these were just a few of the people who actually died in the concentration camps.

Many of the places we visited were recovering from the Communist regime. Some have advanced reasonably quickly, but others are a little slower. I would definitely recommend such a trip. 



Top left:
Budapest
Parliament
Building

Bottom right:
Prague
Astronomical
Clock





By Liz Read - *Activities Chair*

On November 8, thirty of our Escarpment Probus members made their way to the Canadian Heritage Warplane Museum. Once inside we were delighted to see how the hangar had been transformed into the setting for its annual Swing Out To Victory Dance. The Lancaster Bomber (above) the centerpiece of the Museum's collection, was polished up and acted as a compelling backdrop for the forties-style dinner and dance.

Once the dinner was over, the Toronto All Star Big Band set up under the wings of this vintage airplane and provided music from the war and post war era. Contributing to the overall visual appeal, many couples were dressed in period costume. Winston Churchill, including the chomped-on cigar, was spotted in the building. There were uniforms representing every branch of the Armed Forces and the dancing itself was fun to watch. The event organizers provided a group lesson for those who needed a refresher on how to do the

Jitterbug or the Jive. The sheer speed of the required footwork and the tempo of the music brought back memories of a different era.

The Longo's cheese pairing event will be a big help to those who will be entertaining friends and family this Christmas as well as those Probus members who have joined our wine tasting and Nosh@Night groups. Between the cheeses, crackers, breads, fruits and nuts, lunch should have been taken care of for those who signed up.

Meet at the Longo's (near the Home Depot off Thompson Road) upstairs Loft at 11:00 a.m. on December 15.

The other December event is the Colm Wilkinson concert at the Milton Theatre of the Arts on Dec. 5. Ticket holders who would enjoy going out to dinner before the show will meet at East Side Mario's, across the street from the MTA at 5:30 pm.

Our December meeting is the last chance to sign up for bowling and lunch at Champs Family Bowling on January 15. Don't miss it. 📍

“

A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong.

”

Rodney Dangerfield

Become "sociable"

By Anna Strachan - *Social Chair*

A big thank you to our members for really coming through and supporting our Christmas Celebratory Lunch by signing up at the November meeting. We started with 43 participants and at last count we had 101 with a few still pending. It is only by supporting events

THE SOCIAL SCENE

such as this that we, as individuals, make Escarpment Probus the success it is and will continue to be in the future.

It is nice to see that some of our new members have already become involved by signing up for some of our group activities, Cribbage, Bridge, Gardening Club etc.

Alas! I did not create any sign-up sheets for the Nordic Pole Walking, Trail Walking or Cribbage Groups. Going forward I shall rectify this so if you wish to join any of these groups you may do so by either contacting me at anstrac1945@yahoo.ca or by telephone at 905-878-0812 or by contacting the Convenors directly.

All of the Convenors' contact information is contained on Page 2 in every edition of your Forum. 📍



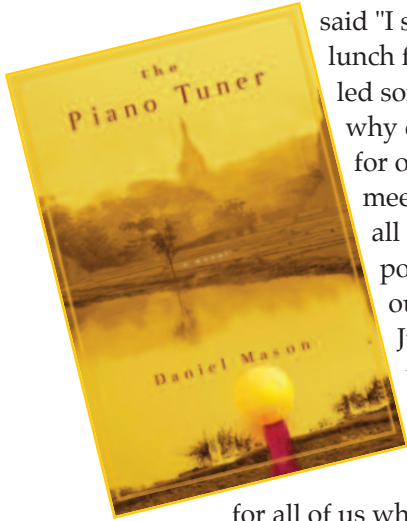
November's super Meeter/Greeters and occasional Huggers were Jim and Gail Coulson. Great job!



Sarah's Key unlocks discussion

By Fay MacDonald - Convenor

This month we had another great meeting at Joanne Millichamp's home. Only 6 members were in attendance, but I was told that a very interesting discussion took place around Sarah's Key.



There was so much chatting, no one left till 12:40 and Joanne jokingly said "I should have made lunch for us all". That led someone else to say why don't we do that for our December meeting. So, we have all decided to have a pot luck lunch after our next meeting. June is hosting and the book chosen by Chris is *The Piano Tuner*.

I think I speak for all of us when I say that the Sequel Book Club is not only looking forward to some great discussion but great food and lots of socializing!

I'm going to digress a little as I missed

The Sequel

BOOK CLUB

submitting my column last month.

So, let me begin by mentioning some very exciting news. It came to our attention that one of our very own special members got ENGAGED! Well of course we just had to do something. So in Sequel style we came together at Lorene's home under the guise of reviewing the book. But, then near the end, we showered Lorene with a special something for her and Malcolm to enjoy. It is not everyday that one of us becomes engaged! Of course we had to get all the facts from the blushing bride to be, as this was such exciting news. We are all so very happy for Lorene and Malcolm and will be wishing them the very best when they tie the knot on November 29th in Cambridge.

Wishing everyone the Very Best this Holiday Season! 🇺🇸

“

Give me the luxuries of life and I will willingly do without the necessities.

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Frank Lloyd Wright

A feast for the ears and hearts

By Catherine Parr

Six members of the Inklings Writing Club gathered to share their writings on November 27th.

Christine Cormier read her vivid piece of poetry, "A Feast for the Eyes", written especially for the meeting. This beautiful work is featured on Page 16 of this FORUM and is a "must read".

Lorrette Shermet presented a descriptive narrative, "50 Years Ago", following her husband from his first day of school as he developed and retained lifelong friendships. Delightful anecdotes traversing more than 50 years of comradery were captured in this heart-warming story.

Gillie Reynolds read from her collection of memoirs, a personal recollection titled, "First Love". A lively 15-year old girl coming of age in Liverpool, she meets her first love. Although they married others, their "heart-over-head"

relationship remained in her memory, the first stirrings of innocent love proving to be a most significant life event.

Catherine Parr read two short pieces of fiction.

June Leach was an enthusiastic audience and will be presenting at the next meeting.

Alan Jordan read one of his internet-published articles, "The Long Way Home". This true story of "temporary madness" follows the sailing of a newly acquired 27-foot yacht from her port in Penetanguishene to her new home in Port Credit. The 18-day journey was eventful, insightful and even included sailing tips!

When the Inklings meet again at Grace Anglican Church on January 22nd, 2015 we hope you will join us. We will be sharing writings about winter experiences. 🇺🇸





A Feast for the Eyes

By: Christine Cormier

A Probus Inklings Writing Club Member's first submission

**A feast for the eyes,
Sunshine bounces off each leaf
Revealing the trees full autumn enchantment.**

**In tangerine and crimson splendour,
The leaves twirl, having one last dance with the breeze
Sharing their blaze of beauty with us.**

**Steadfast and determined,
The ground gently holds each leaf
Casting a reflection for all to see and remember
Of the once magnificent splash.**

**Both mesmerizing and enchanting,
The landscape transforms our world
Revealing nature itself as a work of art
For us to ponder and dissect.**

**The cycle complete,
The tree stands rigid and tall
Staking its claim to its spot for the winter ahead.**

**Refusing to move, holding tight,
The tree shares its soul in each stately, well planned branch
Adding dazzling architecture, now, to our world.**

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	MEET AT	CONVENOR
DECEMBER 2014			
Bridge Club	4 December, Thursday - 12:30pm	Jeanne Reid's Home	Elinore Shannon
Colm Wilkinson	5 December, Friday	Milton Theatre of the Arts	Liz Read
Card Sharp Cribbage	8 December, Monday - 7:00pm	Martin Capper's Home	Martin Capper
Book Club - First Edition	8 December, Monday - 1:00pm	Ellen Crawford	Paul Crawford
Probus Executive Meeting	10 December, Wednesday - 1:00pm	Anna Strachan's Home	
Cheese Pairing	15 December, Monday - 11:00am	Longos - Thompson/Maple	Liz Read
Euchre Club - Afternoon	16 December, Tuesday - 1:00pm	Paul & Ellen's Home	Lorraine Shermet

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Meets Wednesday 17 December 9:30am at

CROSSWINDS GOLF COURSE - LUNCH

ESCARPMENT PROBUS	17 December, Wednesday - 9:30am	Crosswinds Golf Course	
Nosh@Night	19 December, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	Auriel & Don's Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Inklings - Writing Club	25 December - Cancelled	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	31 December, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	Monday & Thursday	Various	Michael Hooker

JANUARY 2015

Book Club - First Edition	12 January, Monday - 1:00pm	Sue Murray	Paul Crawford
Probus Executive Meeting	14 January, Wednesday	TBD	
Family 10-Pin Bowling	15 January, Thursday - 10:30am	Champs, Bronte Street	Liz Read
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	21 January, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
Inklings - Writing Club	22 January, Thursday - 1:00-3:00pm	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Night	23 January, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	Jack & Chris' Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	28 January, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	Monday & Thursday	Various	Michael Hooker



Say hello!

Meet the newest members of our Escarpment Probus Club: Sandy Cannell, Wayne Heath, Lynn Salem and Avril O'Reilly. Please make our Newbies at home and welcome them to all our events. **F**