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

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Joanne Millichamp
President

Canadian National PROBUS Month declared

This seems like the Winter without end. Thank goodness for the Olympics these past few weeks, where we have all cheered the men's and women's hockey and curling teams to victory. Canadian athletes have had some amazing performances and made us all proud, which helped to take our minds off this terrible weather. Surely spring can't be too far away?

March has been designated as the first National PROBUS Month across Canada and it will also be the 6th month anniversary of our club.

There are many activities and events coming up so be sure to check the schedule on the back page of this newsmagazine. We are working on a Mystery Car Tour and Rally to take place in early June. Further details will be provided at the next meeting and in The Forum. We still need volunteers for this event, so think about helping out if you can.

Have a great month. 

THE SOCIAL SCENE

By Jeanne Reid - Social Chair

All of our newly formed groups are proceeding with wonderful reports on the success of the events. The Nosh @ Nite, Nosh+Natter and the 2 Book Clubs, have full rosters at this time but there will be a new sign-up sheet for a third group if there is sufficient interest.

Several members have proposed new clubs: Squash Club – Bill Turnbull & Chris Strachan; Ski Club – John Gallagher; Scotch Tasting Club – Michael Hooker; Golf Club – Ron Millichamp; and a Photography Club. Please sign up if you would like to join any of these clubs, if sufficient interest, they will be formed.

It has been very rewarding to see the members' enthusiasm in all our ventures. 

Membership

By Cliff Read - Vice-President

The Escarpment Probus Club continues to flourish and grow.

At our February meeting we welcomed several visitors.

Two of these visitors subsequently decided to join us bringing our total membership to 145.

Remember that if you have friends who are curious about Probus, they are welcome to attend a meeting as visitors. Introduce them to the Membership Chair so they can get a visitors name tag before the meeting starts.

Also, if any of your contact information needs to be updated or corrected, please contact **Jim Tschirhart**, Membership Chair, by Email jtschirhart@bell.net OR 905-875-0859 OR at our next PROBUS meeting. 

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Meets every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am at

MILTON SPORTS CENTRE

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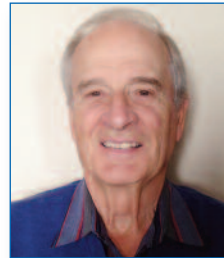
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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this Newsmagazine with our compliments.



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Published monthly and emailed in PDF format to all the members of The Escarpment PROBUS Club
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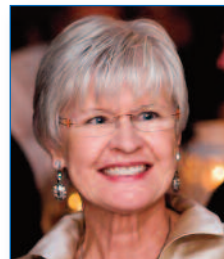
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON
Every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am
AT

The Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton, Ontario, L9T 6J5

FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular meeting. Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.

Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit or change any copy or pictures submitted.



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Our March Speaker

Majors Raymond and Joan Piercey (R)

Majors Ray and his wife, Joan, are born and raised Newfoundlanders. Prior to being trained as Salvation Army Officers they were both Day School Teachers.

Married in 1964 (50 yrs.) they served The Salvation Army in Newfoundland/Labrador; Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; P.E.I.; Ontario; Quebec; Alberta and Bermuda.

Some of their cities included: Montreal; Hamilton, On; Brampton, On.; Calgary, Alta.; and Hamilton, Bermuda.

As a combined ministry, they served 83 years with The Salvation Army.

Ray was active in Service Clubs for 20 years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

At the time of the September 11, 2001 tragedy, they were posted in Gander,



Newfoundland.

As a result of this they became actively involved with the awesome challenge and responsibility of assisting with the many 'new friends' who landed at the Gander airport.

They have a fascinating story to tell and look forward to sharing with our Club. 📖

Please see the related story on Page 4.

Additional March Speaker

Limiting winter damage in your garden

An additional talk at the March meeting will be presented by Marie Decker, the Assistant Director and Secretary of District 6 (ours) of the Ontario Horticulturists Society. She is also an Accredited GCO/RBG Horticultural judge and a member of Horticultural Societies. 📖

Our April Speaker

Ms Karen Clegg

Our April speaker is Ms. Karen Clegg formerly of Zimbabwe (previously Rhodesia), who owned a coffee plantation prior to President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe's rule.

She will talk about the situation in Zimbabwe then and now.

She is now a fair trade coffee grower in Canada.

More information to follow in the next edition of your Forum, stay tuned. 📖



Done reading your Probus Forum Newsmagazine?

Share it with your friends, neighbours and yes, relatives!

We are always looking for retired or semi-retired ladies and gentlemen who enjoy meeting involved and outgoing people with like minds. Please send them this publication with our compliments.



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Arguments are to be avoided; they are always vulgar and often convincing.

”

Oscar Wilde

The day the world held its breath

Our March Speakers Majors Raymond and Joan Piercey will be telling their story of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York. Here is another account of one person's experience of that attack

By Jerry Brown
Flight Attendant, Delta Flight 15
Verified by Snopes.com

On the morning of Tuesday, 11 September 2001, we were 5 hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic.

We received an urgent message and were ordered to land immediately. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 600 km behind us in Gander, Newfoundland.

Once we landed, there were already about 20 other airplanes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the U.S.

After we parked on the ramp, the captain informed all the passengers of what had just happened in the U.S.

The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to disembark the aircraft. Within a short time, more planes landed and Gander accumulated 53 craft from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. commercial jets.

In the evening, news filtered to us that the World Trade Center buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm. We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament.

We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the aircraft one plane at a time. At 6:00pm, Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11:00am the next morning. Passengers were distressed, but they simply resigned themselves to this news and prepared themselves to spend a night on the airplane.

About 10:30am on the morning of the 12th, a convoy of school buses arrived. We were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then registered with the Red Cross.

After that, the crew were separated from the passengers and we were taken in vans to a small hotel. We had no idea where our passengers were going.

We learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced to land there.

Two days later, we were taken back to the Gander airport. Back on the plane, we were reunited with the passengers and found out what they had been doing for the past two days. What we heard was incredible.

Gander and all the surrounding communities had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities into mass lodging areas for the stranded travellers.

High school students volunteered their time to take care of their "guests." Our 218 passengers ended up in a town



called Lewisporte, about 45 kilometres from Gander where they were put up in a high school. There was a dentist on call and both male and female nurses remained with the passengers for the duration.

Food was prepared by the residents and brought to the schools. Passengers were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals.

Everyone was given tokens for local laundromats to wash their clothes, since luggage was still on the aircraft.

When passengers came on board, everyone knew each other by name and were swapping stories of their stay, they had bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

And then a very unusual thing happened.

One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received from total strangers. He continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewisporte.

He said that he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of Delta 15. The purpose of the Trust Fund would be to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewisporte. He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travellers. When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, names, phone numbers and addresses, the total was for more than US\$14,000!

The gentleman, an MD from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well.

At this time, US\$1.5 million has been collected and has assisted 134 students in their college education.

I wanted to share this story because we all prefer good news stories. It gives me hope to know that some people, in a far away place, were kind to some strangers who literally dropped out of the sky.

God bless America...God bless Canada...and especially, God bless Newfoundlanders. 🇺🇸



Left: The Freedom Tower which has replaced the twin towers of the World Trade Centre.

It has taken 26,000 people eight years to build the new complex, which has gone over schedule and over budget several times.

The tower itself was originally expected to cost around \$3bn, but that figure now stands just shy of \$4bn.

The building is close to completion, however. It was topped out in August 2012, and a "spire" was later attached, taking its overall height to 1776 feet – a good 400 feet more than the original Twin Towers.

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Hate the sin,
love the sinner.

”

Mark Twain

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Thank you*

Second meeting causes passionate discussion

By Fay MacDonald
The Sequel Bookclub Convenor

Recently, we had the pleasure of having our 2nd meeting at the home of Patricia Kotack. The book to be reviewed was “Changing My Mind” by Margaret Trudeau.

The book is about Margaret Trudeau’s life while dealing with undiagnosed and later diagnosed bipolar disorder and manic depression.


She takes us from her life prior to marrying Pierre Trudeau through to his death, her second marriage and the tragic loss of her son and how she lived and how she survived.

I must be honest this book caused a huge discussion. A discussion that was very passionate in trying to understand mental disorders while at the same time deciding whether this book did mental disorders justice or was this a more self serving book. Was Margaret Trudeau partially responsible or was she a true victim?

Personal experiences were brought into the discussion confirming that mental disorder is

still widely misunderstood, we have a lot to learn and it has no boundaries as to who can be its victim.


Would we recommend this book? Tough one to answer. You either love it or couldn’t put it down fast enough. With that being said, I would suggest you decide for yourself.

Our next meeting will be 10 am Wednesday March 12th, at Catherine Parr’s home. The book being reviewed is “Cutting For Stone” by Abraham Verghese which is available through the Milton library. 



*And the winner
is . . . again!*

John Gallagher was the lucky winner for the second time of the Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

John took home \$99.50 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 



Spring Wine Tour

***Join us on Wednesday 23 April, for
a wine tour to Niagara-on-the-Lake***

*Travelling by coach, we will visit 3 wineries
including the Niagara Teaching College.*

*We will also enjoy lunch at the Benchmark
Restaurant in the Canadian Food and
Wine Institute.*

This is a full-day trip and will cost \$90 per person.

*Payment will be collected at the
March Probus Meeting*

NOSH @ NITE

They came, they talked, they Noshed!

By Ron Du Pont
Nosh @ Nite Convenor

The Noshers met Friday January 24 at Ann and Ron's house in the country, just on the south fringe of Milton.

As it was a cold night, most were warming by the fire as we shared ideas and interests. Amazing how fifteen Noshers can keep up steady conversations and never run out of things to discuss. The hors d'oeuvres and snacks were varied, well presented and delicious.

We ended with desserts, tea and coffee before heading out into the cold again. 🇸🇪



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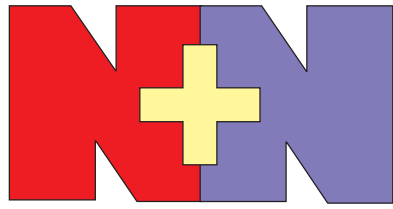
I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.

”

Sir Winston Churchill

*We like
to know
who you are!*

*Please
wear your
Probud Pin
at all external
Probud
events*



Reinvented Noshers celebrate new name

By Gillian Reynolds
Nosh 'n' Natter Convenor

Nosh 'n' Natter held its first meeting under its new name at Gill and Bryan Reynolds' home. There was a lot of noshing and nattering and, of course, some drinking, with a great variety of delicious appetizers.

Thirteen people were in attendance and a good time was had by all.

The next get together will be on March 7th at Joanne and Ron Millichamp's home. 🇺🇸

Milton Concert Presentations' concert

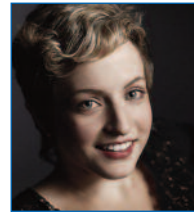
"Anything Goes"

to be held at the
Milton Centre for the Arts
April 25th at 8:00

\$33 tickets will be sold at the February and March Probus meetings



The original music that made the 20's roar! Songstress Barbra Lica joins Maestro Kerry Stratton and his Grand Salon Orchestra as they recreate the drive and energy of the jazz age. Melodies by Gershwin, Cole Porter and Jerome Kern, plus the dance music that will stay with you long after the night is over.



It is a very sad thing that nowadays there is so little useless information.



Oscar Wilde

The Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw takes place at every meeting.

Be sure to buy your tickets before the end of the break. The draw will be made before the speaker.

The amount won and the name of the winner will be announced at the meeting and in the following month's edition of the Forum.

A Loony gets you 1 ticket



A Tooney gets you 3 tickets



A Fiver gets you 8 tickets



KEEP CALM AND 50/50 WITH ESCARPMENT PROBUS

The Movie Clubs



AFTERNOON
Matinee Idols

EVENING
Oscar Nights

By Jeanne Reid - Social Chair

The Matinee Idols - Afternoon Movie Club

On Thursday, January 27th the newly formed afternoon movie club, The Matinee Idols, went to see 12 Years a Slave at the Silvercity Mississauga on Dundas St. at Ridgeway.



The movie was moving and powerful. It was certainly worthwhile to see although difficult to watch at times.

We went out for dinner afterwards at Milestones and enjoyed discussing the movie and movies in general. We had a wonderful time.

Future events will include a trip to TIFF Bell Lightbox in downtown Toronto, Queensway VIP theatre and special films and documentaries shown at the Milton Centre for the Arts. We shall also visit a small 30-seat theatre that we are able to rent in Guelph.

We are all looking forward to our next outing, also at the Silvercity, on Thursday, February 27. We are hoping to see The Monuments Men.

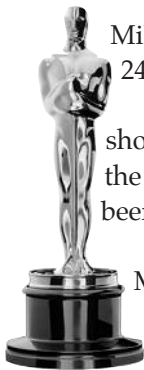
The March outing will be on the 27 at the Silvercity Mississauga, movie to be decided.

The Oscar Nights - Evening Movie Club

We saw The Monuments Men at the Milton Theatre on Monday, February 24.

We all had a great time after the show at a new pub and restaurant in the area trying different varieties of beer; it was a most enjoyable evening.

Our next outing will be Monday March 31 at the Milton Theatre, movie to be decided, so keep your eye on the Forum. 📺



Movie Reviews

12 Years a Slave

Reviewed by Carol Hyde

Powerful, compelling, unsettling, dark. 12 Years a Slave is not an easy movie to watch. All of us who attended the film were touched by the sheer brutality of the slave era as portrayed by a stunningly talented cast, all of whom deserve Oscars.

But ultimately it is the story, told simply, of the triumph of the human spirit even in the vilest of times.

Many of the scenes from the movie sickened me and will stick with me for a long time. Other scenes, especially of Solomon's face, ultimately brought a sense of hope.

In this movie you see all of man's sins turned against other human beings - lust, greed, hate,

jealousy, deceit, vengeance, cruelty. But you also see acceptance, kindness, respect, honesty and love that make this movie watchable.

This movie never lets you look away. It makes you uncomfortable. It forces historic reality on you. But you need to see it. 📺



Awarded
"Best Picture
of the Year"
at the 2014
Oscar Awards

The Monuments Men

Reviewed by Anne Marie Stockley

Four members of the group, lead fearlessly by Jeanne Reid, braved the cold to view this 2014 movie. Based on the book published in 2009, the film was shot in Germany and Britain.

The cast was superb: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman and Hugh Bonneville – Downton Abbey's Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham, with an almost unrecognizable Cate Blanchett in period clothes, and so many other character actors brought their experience to the screen.

The Monuments Men were an actual team of art experts who went into France and Germany in 1944 to protect the fine art that was being destroyed and confiscated by the Nazis. Hitler "wanted it all" and had planned a huge museum to display his contraband. The story has some interesting twists, especially the scene where Eisenhower gets the glory for art and artifacts recovered by the platoon while the men look on from a distance!

I won't give the plot away, but the conclusion of the movie was excellent. This movie did not get rave reviews, but you could enjoy this movie with friends and family.

We retired for libations to the Live Bait Alehouse, just across the parking lot from the Galaxy. Opening this past May, it is very comfortable and has a good selection of draft on tap and an excellent, affordable menu. Well worth a visit. 📺



One Liners

- Advertisement in a Caribbean shop:
Guitar, for sale ... cheap ... no strings attached.
- Ad in hospital waiting room:
Smoking helps you lose weight ... one lung at a time!
- Seen on a bulletin board:
Success is relative. More the success, more the relatives!
- When I read about the evils of drinking ...
I give up reading.
- My Grandfather is eighty and still doesn't need glasses ... he drinks straight out of the bottle.
- Sign in a bar:
Those of you who are drinking to forget, please pay in advance.
- Sign in driving school:
If your wife wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way.
- Behind every great man, there is a surprised woman.
- The reason men lie is because women ask so many questions.
- Sign at a Barber's salon:
We need your heads to run our business.
- A traffic slogan:
Don't let your kids drive if they are not old enough, or else they never will be.

Warplane Museum tour scores a perfect landing

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

Nineteen Probus participants enjoyed a two hour tour and lunch at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. The highlight of the collection is the Avro Lancaster Bomber, one of only two in the world that is still flying.

Above, our Escarpment Probus group posed in front of a Canair Tutor jet similar to the ones flown by the Canadian Forces Snowbirds squadron. One of our knowledgeable volunteer guides was a veteran who had flown a Spitfire.

The museum is hosting the Swing into Victory dinner and dance on November 8th this year. Our Probus group will be booking tables for this fun filled event where the orchestra performs under the wings of the bomber. Look for promotions in editions of The Forum. 🇺🇸

Please return . . .

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

Thank you



Bridge Club

By Jeanne Reid - Social Chair

On Tuesday, Feb. 4th we had a wonderful afternoon of bridge and Valentine's Day baking at Catherine Parr's residence.

Tuesday, March 4, we have a bridge afternoon planned at the home of Vickie Lenarduzzi's

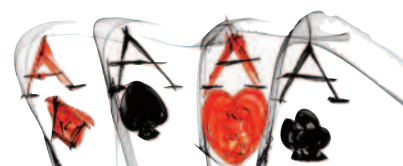
Our next bridge will be at Sue Murray's on Tuesday 1 April, at 1:00pm - no fooling! 🇺🇸



Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.



Mark Twain



Euchre Club

The first afternoon euchre group was played in January with 7 players and the second in February with 12 players.

We are hoping the numbers to stay at the same or grow. The next euchre afternoon is on Tuesday March 25th held at Paul and Ellen Crawford's home.

If anyone is interested in joining please see our convenor Lorrette Shermet or email her at lorrette@sympatico.ca. 🇺🇸

The Real St. Patrick

Words, images, great music and dance to celebrate Ireland's patron saint, his life, the myths, legends and truths. With an all-star cast playing the harp, fiddle, whistle, piano, uilleann pipes, bodhran and dance, with a few "Paddy's Day" songs for good measure.

Monday 17 March 2014
Buffet 12:30pm Show 2:00pm

Featuring The Celts

with Anne Lederman - Paul Gribbon - Nonie Crece - Eugene Rea
- Gary Kreller - Daniel Carr the World Champion Dancer

At Bingemans Convention Centre
Kitchener, Ontario
Hot and cold buffet luncheon and show

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

St. Patrick's Day buffet lunch and entertainment at Bingemans in Kitchener on March 17, see details at left.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Wine Tour on April 23 all day-payment of \$90 will confirm reservation for those who signed up and is due by the March Probus meeting, a wait list has been created as we already have maximum participants

Anything Goes music of the 20's concert at the Milton Centre for the Arts on April 25 at 8 pm, sign up and payment of \$37 due by our March meeting

Bedtime Stories play at Milton Centre for the Arts on May 9 at 8:00pm, payment of \$24 due by March Probus meeting; content for adult audiences - tickets still available. 📺

Greeting Cards

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or moving out of the area and not re-joining our club, please advise

Lorrette Shermet at:
lorrette@sympatico.ca
or 905-878-1293.



**"To
infinity
and
beyond"**

We know that many of our Probus Members have travelled the world in search of adventure.

We would like you to share some of those experiences with us at one of our monthly meetings.

It could be a place close to home or an exotic location reached only by the most circuitous route.

If you have circumnavigated the world, we would love to hear about your adventure

For more information please contact Ron Millichamp at:
289-878-2969 or
or ronmillichamp@hotmailcom

MINI bio.

Several Probus Club Members have signed-up to give a MiniBiography of their memories, professional experiences and the highs and lows in this adventure we call life.

If you would like to contribute a five-minute MiniBio in the future, please contact:

Ron Millichamp at: 289-878-2969

or

ronmillichamp@hotmailcom



Fall into spring at Canada Blooms this year

By Jeanne Reid - Garden Club Convenor

We met on Feb. 12th at the home of Norma Capper with 8 members in attendance. Many ideas for our club were discussed: Milton Horticultural Society, various workshops and seminars, trips to Royal Botanical Gardens and a trip to Canada Blooms, (see promo below).

I have ordered 20 tickets for the group rate of \$14 per person (\$17 per if less than 20 people attend) for this year's presentation of Canada Blooms. The details are:

Canada Blooms

Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place


Thursday, March 20, 9:30am to 5pm

Please pay me at the event. All are welcome. Meet at Bronte Go Station at 9:30 am.

We have use of the tour room, Salon 103 for lunch. Sandwich and salad plate etc. approximately \$14. Beer and wine available. Lunch payable at the event.

Please let Jeanne Reid know if you would like to attend by March 16th.

Good News, we have a new convenor for the Garden Club who will take over from me in April.

For more information on this event, please contact Jeanne Reid, jreid345@cogeco.ca. 

Canada Blooms






THE FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

GO 'Wild!' at Canada Blooms 2014!

Experience North America's Largest Home and Garden Event!

Canada Blooms: Canada's Largest Flower and Garden Festival and The National Home Show will again co-locate, giving your guests an opportunity to enjoy 2 Great Events for 1 Low Admission.

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-  Easy loading and unloading of Bus Tour Groups.
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-  **Bus Tour Greeting Room**, for last minute instructions, place to meet up with friends, have lunch or wait for the bus.
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There is so much to experience at Canada Blooms:

-  Acres of stunning gardens designed by Ontario's premier landscapers
-  Canada's largest flower and horticulture show and competition including entries from around the world!
-  100s of hours of free gardening seminars, demonstrations and workshops by Canada's gardening experts
-  Designs by Ontario's most creative florists
-  The New Plant Showcase featuring the latest and greatest in gardening and landscaping
-  Green thumb shopping in the Blooms Marketplace...and more.

Ticket Information:

All taxes included in ticket prices

Group Tickets

\$14 (minimum 20)

Admission at the Door

\$20 Adult

\$17 Senior-\$16 Student

(Children 12 and Under - FREE)

Garden Tours

\$36 (10% off regular price!)

Min. 20 - Advanced Sales ONLY)

for more information contact:

info@canadablooms.com

Hours

Monday - Saturday

10am to 9pm

Sunday March 17

10am to 6pm

Sunday March 24

10am-5pm

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Your Group Tickets

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and return it via

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Fil Martino, Group Sales Manager:

416-644-5457

“

I am not young enough to know everything.

”

Oscar Wilde

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.

Lots happening at the Club

By Cliff Read - Vice-President
50/50 Draw

Once again this activity proved to be very popular. Ticket sales are still a bargain at 1 ticket for \$1, 3 tickets for \$2 and 8 tickets for \$5. February's draw was for \$99.50 and unbelievably John Gallagher our first winner, won for the second time. Congratulations John!

Greeters


I received a good initial response for people who are willing to assist as greeters in upcoming meetings. Essentially the expectation is that you would agree to come early to a meeting and welcome everyone as they arrive. There are still months left unassigned - see below - so please consider volunteering for this task. See Rosalind Jordan, our New Member Ambassador, at the next meeting.

MARCH	Fay MacDonald
APRIL	Megs Shellard
MAY	John and Julie Flynn
JUNE	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
JULY	Walter and Helena Murdock
AUGUST	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
SEPTEMBER	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
OCTOBER	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>

Coffee and Tea Volunteers

We also had an encouraging initial response for coffee and tea volunteers. Again the expectation is that for a particular meeting you would arrive early to put the coffee on and lay out all the necessary items. You would also need to clear up the kitchen area after the break. If you volunteer for a particular monthly meeting a detailed instruction sheet will be provided.

We will be looking for more volunteers to commit to this especially as we head towards the summer months - see below. If you want to help out please see Joanne and she will confirm your name on the signup sheet.

MARCH	Richard and Diane Armand
APRIL	Fay MacDonald
MAY	Lorette and Peter Sheramat
JUNE	Marilyn Armstrong
JULY	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
AUGUST	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
SEPTEMBER	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
OCTOBER	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
NOVEMBER	Jim and Gail Coulson 

Ponderisms

- 1-I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- 2-There are two kinds of pedestrians - the quick and the dead.
- 3-Life is sexually transmitted.
- 4-Healthy is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- 5-The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- 6-Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
- 7-Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- 8-All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- 9-How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- 10-Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out'? HMMMMM, how about eggs?
- 11-If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
- 12-Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- 13-Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

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America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.

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Oscar Wilde

Membership

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WINE PAIRING IN THE STONE AGE



“Simple rule of thumb; if it tries to eat us, serve with red. If it runs away from us, serve with white.”

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	MEET AT	CONVENOR
MARCH 2014			
Nosh 'n' Natter	7 March, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm	Joanne & Ron Millichamp	Michelle Tschirhart
The First Edition Book Club	10 March, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm	Joy Castello	Paul Crawford
Probus Executive Meeting	12 March, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
The Sequel Book Club	12 March, Wednesday - 10:00am	Catherine Parr	Fay MacDonald
St Patrick's Day Lunch	17 March, Monday - 12:30pm	Bingemans Con. Centre	Brenda Hicks
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	19 March, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
Canada Blooms	20 March, Thursday - 5:00pm	Exhibition Place	Jeanne Reid
Movie Club - Oscar Nights	24 March, Monday - 7:00pm	Milton Theatre	Jeanne Reid
Euchre Club	25 March, Tuesday - 1:00pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	Lorrette Shermet
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	26 March, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Movie Club - Matinee Idols	27 March, Thursday - 4:00pm	Silvercity Theatre	Jeanne Reid
Nosh At Nite	28 March, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	Josie Sandhu	Ellen & Paul Crawford
Track Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz & Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
APRIL 2014			
Bridge Club	1 April, Tuesday - 1:00pm	Sue Murray	Rosemary Thompson
Nosh 'n' Natter	4 April, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm	Anne-Marie Stockley	Gill Reynolds
Probus Executive Meeting	9 April, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
The First Edition Book Club	14 April, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm	Patricia Flanagan	Paul Crawford
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	16 April, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	23 April, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
N.o.t.L. Wine Tour	23 April, Wednesday	TBD	Liz Read
Track Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz & Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
MAY 2014			
Nosh 'n' Natter	2 May, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm	Carole & Alan Pond	Gill Reynolds
Probus Executive Meeting	14 May, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
The First Edition Book Club	12 May, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm	Shelly Woodcock	Paul Crawford
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	21 May, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	28 May, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Track Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz & Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
JUNE 2014			
Probus Executive Meeting	11 June, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	18 June, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	25 June, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	