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MILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

SUMMER SUNFLOWERS AT DAWN

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Cliff Read
President

August PROBUS meeting change of venue

Please remember that we will be having the August meeting on the 26th, a week later than usual, at the Milton Memorial Arena in the Lions Club Hall. It is located at 77 Thompson Rd. on the second floor and there is elevator access.

I would like to thank all those who participated in our Canada Day theme at our July meeting. It added a lot of fun and it was nice to look out to a sea of red and white. With the Pan Am Games fully underway, especially here in Milton, and the success our Canadian athletes have been enjoying, it felt right! I would also like to congratulate all of our members attending some of the many events and especially those who answered the call and volunteered their time and talents for these games. We will be looking forward to hearing stories at future meetings. Well done!

The upcoming meeting will also be your last chance to sign up for our Anniversary Dinner. It will be held at the Grand Chalet on Friday September 11th at 7:00 p.m. Based on the tremendous success of last year's dinner, you don't want to miss this event. The venue was lovely, the food was delicious and the music provided by Dr. J. seemed to suit everyone. As I recall, the dance floor was packed for the whole evening. Who knew so many of you had those kinds of moves?

Meanwhile, enjoy the summer weather. 



New Editor and Designer at the helm of your Forum

By Alan Jordan - *FORUM* Editor

After 2 years of producing your Forum, I am relinquishing the office of Editor and Graphic Designer and passing the baton to Peter Lasota, commencing with the September issue. I would like to thank all those who have contributed pictures, stories, cartoons (some of them unprintable) and jokes which have added interest and colour to our newsmagazine.

I would especially like to thank my wife, Rosalind, who is the proofreader, guardian of good taste and the fount of names and faces of our members.

I know that Peter, with his enthusiasm and style, will do a great job communicating all our adventures to you via your Forum. Good luck Peter. 

**AUGUST PROBUS MEETING ONE WEEK LATER
26 AUGUST AT LIONS CLUB HALL**

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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.

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 August Speaker

John McDonald - Historian

John McDonald, local author and historian, will speak about the origin behind the names of many of the communities that make up Halton Region.

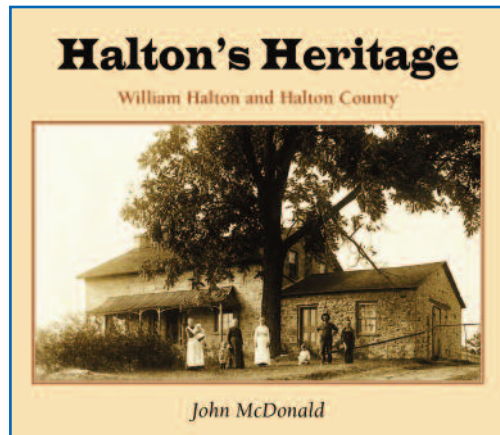
His colourful PowerPoint presentation includes several beautiful vintage and contemporary photographs of the area.

After four years of research McDonald also provides, for the first time, the life and times of William Halton, the man for whom our region was named and his many contributions to the development of Upper Canada (present day Ontario).

John was born in Milton and is a lifelong resident of Halton.

He has conducted extensive research throughout the Halton area since the early 1970's. This work has resulted in the publication of three books and numerous presentations to churches, schools, service clubs, historical societies as well as walking tours over the past 35 years. Halton Sketches was published in 1976 and Halton Sketches Revisited which was first published in 1996 is currently in its third printing.

After extensive research in England, Bermuda and Ontario a new book Halton's Heritage, introduced in October 2011, features the story of William Halton—the man our county (and region) was named for. This new book, which deals with the origin of place names, includes both written and pictorial essays for over 70 settlements in Halton.



John is a founding member of the Esqueving Historical Society and has been supportive of the Milton Historical Society and was awarded the Ontario Heritage Community Recognition Program "Certificate of Achievement" in 2003.

He graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in 1971 and served as a Member of Council on both Halton Hills and the Region of Halton for a 10-year period commencing in 1978.

On February 9, 2013 John was recognized for his community efforts and historical research when presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. 🇩🇪



Facts are the enemy of truth.



Don Quixote

Our September Speaker

Bruce Woods - Author

Bruce is happily married to his wife Joan and is proud of his 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

He was educated at the University of Western Ontario, Waterloo College and the Dallas Theological Seminary.

Bruce is the founder of Hamilton Baptist Non-profit Homes.

He has been interviewed this year by the CBC on TVO Steve Paikin's Agenda, also Crossroads TV and Kitchener/Waterloo Rogers TV Channel 20.

Bruce is a playwright, actor and has

appeared in a one-man drama for 270 performances.

His is also the author of the Canadian Best Seller "Between Two Women, A Stratford Story". Several other books he has written are: "Between Two Worlds, A Canadian Story" and "A Vancouver Romance, the Legacy of Bruce & Ruth Morton".

Bruce is a freelance writer for the Hamilton Spectator, The Hamilton Magazine and the Hamilton Public Library.

Bruce's topic will be, "Books as Theatre". You will certainly enjoy his humourous, informative and inspirational presentation. 🇩🇪





Red team winning 6-4

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

July was our first month with three groups, and we ended up with a good turnout at all three, thanks partly to a few of us who went to two tastings to make up the numbers. I don't

see a problem if you wish to participate in more than one tasting in a month - however it's important that this doesn't cause others to be turned away if the numbers are full.

So PLEASE if you do so, decide on which of the two is your "main" tasting, and let the second host know that you will be going to the other as well, so if necessary you can be

"bumped" from your second choice tasting.

Results

Thursday 2nd July - Ellen & Chris Wallhouse.

Theme: Summer wines - recommended by LCBO (Lorraine at Milton Super Centre LCBO). 2 whites, 2 roses, 2 reds.

And the winner is: Beringer California Collection Cabernet Sauvignon (USA). Score: 15.0. Price: \$9.95. LCBO 113001

Thursday 2nd July - Ann and Ron DuPont Theme: Ontario VQA blended wines.

The Winner: Pelee Island Night Glider Gamay Noir and Zweigelt blend. Score: 15.4. Price: \$11.95. LCBO 216028

Monday 6th July - Norma and Martin Capper

Theme: Attendees Favourites (Martin's dog narrowed the choice down to 6 - don't ask me how).

Best of the night: J. Lohr Los Osos Merlot 2013. Score: 15.6. Price: \$20.95. LCBO 27516.

I notice that all three "winners" were reds - that must show that (at least in the summer) we are a mob of real red-blooded Grapenuts! Good for us!

Since we started, the split of top wines are about 60% reds and 40% whites.

Our August Tastings (all start at 7:00 pm):

Monday 3rd August - Michael Hooker

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I can host 12.

Thursday 6th August - Gillian and Bryan Reynolds

Address: 378 Centennial Forest Dr., Milton
Phone: 905 878 1636

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Gillian and Bryan can host 10.

Thursday 6th August - Patricia and Ron Flannagan

Address: 6411 Chelsea Road, Kilbride,

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Ron and Patricia can host 12 people.

After you decide on your tasting please let your host know directly.

Here's the hosting schedule for the rest of 2015. If you see a problem, please let me know.

Thurs 3 September - OPEN

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Auriel Halliday & Don Evans

Mon 7 September

Joanne and Ron Millichamp

Thurs 1 October - OPEN

Thurs 1 October

Ireland trip 22 Sept - 3 Oct

Monday 5 October

Megs Shellard

Monday 2 November

Michelle and Jim Tschirhart

Thurs 5 November

Anna and Chris Strachan

Thurs 5 November

Dianne and Udo Tomson

Thurs 3 December

Liz and Cliff Read

Thurs 3 December - OPEN

Mon 7 December

Ellen and Paul Crawford

I'm still looking for hosts for Thursday 3rd September, Thursday 1st October, and Thursday 3rd December. If necessary we can cancel the second Thursday tasting for September and December. I've only scheduled one Thursday in October as several Grapenutters will be in Ireland at that time (and probably sipping on the many beverages that make Ireland famous), so I would really like another host for October.

Isn't this a great time of the year for sitting around and knocking back a few mouthfuls of wine, beer or whatever takes your fancy. Enjoy! 🍷

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If you are going through hell, keep going.

”

Sir Winston Churchill

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Mega Nosh a huge success

By Paul Crawford - Program Chair

A SUPER Nosh was held at Christy and Gary Babcock's beautiful home on the escarpment. All three Nosh groups joined together to enjoy a wide variety of appetizers and scrumptious desserts. The weather was perfect, the setting spectacular and camaraderie exceptional.

We all had a wonderful time! 🍴



“
Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.”
Vivian Greene





*Mega
Nosh . . .
continued*





Seamus the Superdog picks the Grapenutters' winners

By Martin Capper - Treasurer

I am pleased to report that 14 enthusiastic Grapenutters enjoyed an evening of wine tasting recently. Rather than create a theme, I decided to ask the tasters for their own favourite wines. Some suggested specific wines others suggested types of wine. I put all the suggestions in a hat and asked Seamus our faithful boxer to draw 3 white and 3 red!

Unfortunately one suggestion of a specific wine was not available in the LCBO so I had to make an on the spot substitution of the same type from a different vintner with disastrous results (it scored lowest by a considerable margin!) Wine of the night was a J. Lohr 2013 Los Osos Merlot.

I was testing my laptop/TV connection so was able to display the scores in real time as per the attached schedule. I rush to add that this was as a guinea pig for the scoreboard for next week's cribbage competition!

We welcomed Lesley and Kamal to their first experience as Grapenutters! 🍷

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“

We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time.

”

Vince Lombardi



Sweet visit enjoyed by all

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

Pan Am Opening Ceremony viewing was a last minute addition to our schedule and the information was sent out in a mass email. Some of our members enjoyed watching the ceremony on the screen at the Milton Centre for Arts. One lucky couple in our Club, Dianne and Udo Tomson, won tickets in our draw and attended the event at the Pan Am Dome.

Honey Bee Research Centre at the University of Guelph on July 16th turned out to be a sweet visit enjoyed by all the participants.

McMichael Canadian Art Collection on Thursday, Aug. 6 has 17 confirmed art lovers who'll be on a private tour from 11:00 until noon followed by lunch at Aura by Cashew & Clive, the restaurant at the Museum. The location for this trip is 10365 Islington Ave., Kleinburg.

Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto on Wed. Sept. 9 is fully booked with 23 people being

accommodated on the bus. There is a wait list for those who are still hoping to join in.

Credit Valley Explorer Train ride on Thursday, Oct. 22 has 16 confirmed ticket holders sitting in four tables in the dome car. One of our members has found a conflict with date and is hoping someone might be interested in purchasing her ticket (\$74) for the train ride and lunch. Please let Liz Read know if you're interested.

Murder Mystery Lunch, The Love Bus, is a three act play that costs \$65 and you'll have a choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian main course. This event is being held at the Atrium Conference Centre, 5420 N. Service Road in Burlington (QEW and Burloak). A few tickets are still available.

Appetizers at Sobey's on Nov. 12 at 11:00am already has 16 signed up out of a possible 20 participants. You'll see a cooking demonstration and taste appetizers for \$20 a person. If we find enough interest, the class can be duplicated for another group of 20 participants on another date. Expect to hear more about this at the August Probus meeting. 🇩🇪

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THE SOCIAL SCENE

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

I shall be short and sweet this month and use this space to remind you to please sign up for the 2nd Anniversary Dinner. The only time you have left to do so is at the August 26th meeting being held at the Milton Memorial Arena in the Lions Club Hall so please bring your cheque books and sign up for another good time at a Probus event.

The Dinner will be held at the Grand Chalet on Steeles Ave., 11th September 2015 at 6:30pm. The dinner costs \$45 per person and includes a three course meal, coffee, tea and desert. This also includes a bottle of White and Red wine at each table. Following the meal we will be entertained by music from Dr J.

Remember, you only have the August meeting to sign up as I need to give the total number of attendees to the Grand Chalet two weeks in advance

of the event. I hope to see many of you sign up for this fun event, if it is anywhere as good as last year, and there is no reason to think otherwise, it should not disappoint. 🇩🇪



Cliff and Ron welcome our newest member, Liz Kirkby please introduce yourself.

“

I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters

”

Frank Lloyd Wright



And the winner is!

June Leach was the lucky winner of the July Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

June won \$95.00 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 🇺🇸



Our July Greeters

Our July Greeters found Michael Hooker and Catherine Parr handing out the smiles and hugs.

Interested in volunteering for this job? Please sign up at the Event Tables.

“

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.

”

Oscar Wilde



The 2nd Annual Escarpment Probus Anniversary Dinner

will be held on

Friday 11th September in the Grand Chalet on Steeles Avenue

The price is being held to the same as last year, \$45 per person for an Antipasto, Pasta, choice of Main Entree, Desert, Tea & Coffee with a bottle of Red and White wine at each table

Since he was such a hit last year we have gone ahead and booked Dr. J for this year's event, so everyone can get on their dancing shoes and swing to the rhythm of Dr J.



“

If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars

”

J. Paul Getty



Zoomer Bloomers visit arboretum

By Gloria Pennycook - Vice-President

We had a glorious summer day to walk around the Guelph Arboretum with a very knowledgeable guide. The

Arboretum was founded in the early 1970s and has specialized gardens, botanical collections and gene conservation programs. It is open to the public from dawn to dusk and is used for teaching, research and is also a very popular place for weddings.

As we wandered through the beautiful grounds, we saw many different species of trees and shrubs. Our guide talked to us about every tree, suggested some great trees to be planted on our properties, discussed the issue of the



emerald ash borer (a forensic study has determined exactly where and when it arrived here). Many people thought that the Katsura and Kentucky Coffee trees were the best. We also saw native magnolias, beautiful but difficult to get. I know that I will be going back this fall to see the colours.

Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch at the Boat-house Tea Room in Guelph right on the river.

All in all, a wonderful outing - thanks to Doreen Bennick for making the arrangements. 🇺🇸

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each Probus
meeting.*

Thank you



Pan Am overshadowed

Forget about the Pan Am games - all the action was at 82 Miles Street when 24 Card Sharps gathered for a night of competition in the crib! The players were divided into 4 pools and each played 5 games on a round robin basis.

Winners were Steve (Pool A), Don (Pool B), Gloria (Pool C) and Gretchen (Pool D). Liz pulled out of the Pan Am games early and made it for the second half of the tournament which was fortunate for her as the iPad (her stand in) had a dismal showing having been beaten by both Don and Megs before Liz took over!

No one had a clean sheet and no one had a duck (for those who don't know that's a cricket



term for zero!) and each of the Pool winners won 4 games. Steve almost double skunked a nameless opponent with the highest winning margin of 57. Highest score of the night was 24 (out of a maximum of 29) and this was achieved by 5 players. For the members of the group who couldn't make it we will have a repeat later in the year but back to our normal routine in August! 🇺🇸



“

I've had a wonderful time, but this wasn't it.

”

Groucho Marx

Local grapes tested

By Ann Du Pont - Correspondent

A wine tasting was held on Thursday, July 2, at the home of Ann and Ron Du Pont. There were 11 people in attendance, including a guest from the "Other" Milton Probus.

Six wines were chosen conforming to the theme: "Ontario VQA Blends". We chose blends because they are often smoother and more drinkable than the more pretentious single grape wines. We chose Ontario to support local wineries.

1 - Union White VQA. This is a light & crisp blend of Riesling, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc. It scored the best of the whites.

2 - Crush Pinot Grigio Chardonnay VQA Blend. An aromatic & flavourful blend of Pinot Grigio & Chardonnay.

3 - 2012 Pelee Island Blanc de Blanc VQA, a light & crisp blend of Vidal Blanc, Chardonnay, and Geisenheim.

4 - Diamond 1914 Valour VQA. Medium bodied red blend of Merlot, Shiraz & Gamay,

5 - Stewn Two Vines Cabernet Merlot 2013 VQA. A medium bodied ruby Cabernet & Merlot blend.

6 - Pelee Island Night Glider Gamay Noir Zweigelt 2013. A full bodied & fruity red blend of Ganay Noir, Zweigelt, and Cabernet Franc. This was the top scoring red wine by a good margin.

The results were surprising in a few areas.

One participant, who claimed not to like white wine (we won't mention Lorraine's name) gave all the white wines a top score of 20.

The wines were accompanied by a selection of cheeses. Afterwards coffee, tea, and desserts were served while everyone continued the discussion of wine and other important topics. 🇺🇸

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Superb narrative and enchanting characters make this book a winner

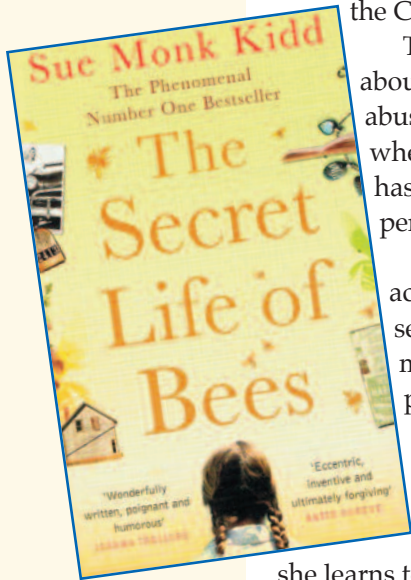
By Joanne Millichamp - Past-President
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

This novel is set in a small town in South Carolina in 1964, a time of change and chaos as people become more aware of the Civil Rights Movement.

This is a moving coming-of-age story about 14 year old Lily, who lives with her abusive father. Her mother was killed when Lily was 4 years of age and she has blurred memories of what happened that day.

She runs away from home, accompanied by her black servant and sets out to find the true story of her mother's life with only an old photograph offering a clue.

She meets up with an eccentric trio of black sisters who live together. They offer her refuge and become her substitute mothers as she learns to tend to the beehives on their



property. The bees are the central motif in the novel and become Lily's unspoken guides. They suggest exploration, rebirth and their industrious care of the queen bee and ability to survive show Lily that she, too, can survive.

There are several themes in the book: the irrationality of racism (as Lily confronts her own prejudices), the importance of storytelling as a way to transcend one's circumstance, the search for love and belonging and the transforming power of love.

This novel has been translated into 35 languages and sold over 6 million copies. It is a touching, well written and insightful story and was awarded "Two Thumbs Up" by every member of our book club.

Another member suggested "possibly the best book we have read in the past two years", and we would recommend it unconditionally. 🇺🇸

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB
 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMBINED CLUB
 Dedicated to Fellowship and Participation

Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
 Commencing at 9:30 a.m.
 at the Milton Sports Centre

You are cordially invited to attend any of our monthly meetings.
 Enjoy a coffee and hear our speaker. We have many great activities and social events where you can meet great people.

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 Wine Clubs - Movie Clubs - Cribbage Club - Writing Club
 Ravenous Readers - Quilting Club - Whisky Club - Travel

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How often have you been talking to friends or neighbours and mentioned that you belong to PROBUS? "What's that" they say. "It's a great club for people who enjoy an active and interesting life with many outings and activities" says you.

They are interested, but what happens next?

Here's the answer.

Carry a couple of the cards above, present it to interested

people and have them attend our next PROBUS meeting. All the information is on the card along with our web site which contains everything you need to know about Probus Clubs.

If you would like them to contact you, turn the card over and fill in your name, telephone or email and have them contact you. Easy-peasy!

Help yourself to the business-size cards on the Membership Table at our next regular meeting. 🇺🇸

Ireland wins sipping tourney

By Chris Strachan - *Convenor*

July 1st was not only Canada's Birthday but also the D'Stillers monthly meeting. As host, Martin Capper decided the theme was Scotland versus Ireland, whiskies that is. Being Scottish, I could not wait for the games to begin.

The first representation for Team Ireland was Bushmills 1608 Reserve which is a blended whiskey. Bushmills, founded in 1608 is the oldest Distillery in the world, however it was a Scot, King James 1st, that granted Sir Thomas Phillips, Governor of County Antrim the license to distill.

Whiskey number two for Team Ireland was Middleton Very Rare, a blended whisky distilled by Jameson in County Cork. Jameson also makes Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey owned by a Scottish Whiskey company, what a crazy world we live in.

The two Whiskies representing Team Scotland were as follows:

Auchroisk 28 year old single malt.

Auchroisk which means, shallow ford across the red stream, aged 28 years and distilled in 1974. Auchroisk is one of the youngest distilleries in Scotland and was founded in the Speyside in 1974 which means that the whiskey we tasted must have been from one of the earliest production runs. The water source is Dories Well & Mulben Burn.

Royal Lochnagar Selected Reserve is a single malt.

Royal Lochnagar Distillery is situated in Deeside beside Balmoral Castle. It obtained its Royal Warrant from Queen Victoria in 1848 when she first visited the Distillery and enjoyed a dram of mature Lochnagar highland single malt whiskey.

The Distillery draws its water from the Scarnock Springs and uses locally grown barley. The Distillery only employs 8 people!

The four bottles that Martin supplied were unopened and no one had tasted these whiskies before so were we going to have a taste of heaven or a taste of hell...

By the end of the sipping that evening the following whiskies were graded as follows:

#1 - Bushmills 1608 scored an amazing 9 out of 10, well done Ireland.

#2 - Royal Lochnagar almost tied with a

respectable 8.9 out of 10, however I did not cry in my whisky by being beaten out of the number 1 spot, who says Scotsmen aren't good sports. I left all my crying until I returned home!

#3 - Middleton Very Rare scored 8.7 out of 10. This competition was turning out to be more fierce than I realized.

#4 - Auchroisk 28 year Old 8.5 out of 10. This whiskey is made by the youngest distillery. I guess there is a lot to be said for the experience of the older distillers.

After the main event we continued to taste other whiskies one of which was Glenlivet Archive single malt, a gold medal winner in 2005, 2006 and 2007 in International competition. The score was 8.8 out of 10.

We then sampled Bushmills 10 year old single malt, a tremendous taste to the palate. This one scored 8.7 out of 10. This was another evening of great whisky tasting.

Since Ireland won this round Scotland will be looking forward to a rematch in the future.

Our guest for the evening, who shall remain nameless, said his first thought was that we were trying to poison him. He started with a grinning facial expression, however by the end of the evening he was grinning like a Cheshire cat.

The sippers and the DD's then enjoyed watching the Canada Day fireworks from Martin's deck. My thanks to the DD's who made sure we all got home safely.

Next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday Aug 5th at the home of Michael Hooker. 🇺🇸



THE D'STILLERS

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.



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He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death.

”

H. H. Munro
(Saki)



Probus Radial Railway tour a runaway success

By Ron Millichamp - *Writer*

After an enjoyable drive through the countryside, 30 of our members visited the Halton County Radial Railway on July 7th. After two streetcar rides, we then visited the barn where we saw various historic electric railcars.

Wow! I walked into the museum barn and there was a Montreal and Southern County Railway commuter train with the signboard indicating Croydon as the third stop. Croydon is the town where I was brought up, how's that for nostalgia?

After the visit we adjourned to the Heaven on Seven pub for a delicious lunch and beverages. We celebrated the anniversary of Betty & Jim McConvey with a vocal salute. We jokingly suggested singing, "Who's Sorry Now", but none of us could remember the words! A good time was had by all.

Special thanks to Jack Willekes for putting together the route and material for the tour. 🇺🇸



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I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them.

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Ian Fleming

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.

Murder Mystery by A Comedy Conspiracy



Sunday October 18th, 2015 at 1:00 pm
Murder Mystery Timeline of Events

- 1:00: Meet & greet - cash bar. Chat with the actors and view any clues provided – you are the detective!!
- 1:45: First Course Served
- 1:55: ACT 1 - Characters & relationships introduced - pay close attention!!
- 2:10: Main Course Served
- 2:35: ACT 2 - **MURDER**
- 2:50: Dessert & Tea / Coffee Served
- 3:10: ACT 3 - Investigation, audience balloting, arrest (hopefully) and awarding of prizes for winning ballot & best costumes

Main Course Choices: Beef, Chicken, Vegetarian

Location: The Atrium, 5420 North Service Road, Burlington

Cost: \$65.00 p/p Including Lunch & Murder Mystery

Payment Must be Made at Sign-up to Reserve your Spot

Please see Ron Millichamp at the Activities Desk to sign up
or contact Ron at ronmillichamp@hotmail.com

“

I have not failed.
I've just found
10,000 ways that
won't work.

”

Thomas Alva
Edison

Membership

If any of your
contact information
needs to be
updated or
corrected,
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OR 905-875-0859

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DAY OF THE MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
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AUGUST 2015

Group of Seven Tour	6 August, Thursday	McMichael Art Collection	Liz Read
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MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE

AUGUST PROBUS MEETING ONE WEEK LATER 26 AUGUST AT LIONS CLUB HALL

Probus Executive Meeting	20 August, Thursday - 7:00pm	Martin Capper's Home	Cliff Read
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Gill & Bryan Reynold's	Michelle Tschirhart
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	1st Monday & Thursday - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
The D'Stillers - Whisky Club	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Michael Hooker's Home	Chris Strachan
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st & 3rd Monday	Susan Holloway's Home	Diane Comstock
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1:00pm	TBD	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	The Capper's Home	Martin Capper
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	Summer Hiatus	Fay MacDonald
Golf Club-Probus Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday	Burlington Springs GC	Ron Millichamp
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Galaxy Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
Euchre	Summer Hiatus	Patricia Kotack's Home	Lorrette Shermet
Bid Euchre	Summer Hiatus	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ellen Crawford
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	The Jordan's Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch	3rd Wednesday - Noon	TBD	Catherine Parr
Inklings - Writing Club	Summer Hiatus	Summer Hiatus	Gillian Reynolds
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan

SEPTEMBER 2015

Ripley's Aquarium	9 September, Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	16 Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Cliff Read
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	1st Monday & Thursday - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st & 3rd Monday	Susan Holloway's Home	Diane Comstock
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	Carolyn Rumley's Home	Fay MacDonald
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