



FORUM

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Cliff Read
President

Our visitors and potential members increase

I was pleasantly surprised by the great turnout at January's meeting. I expected more of our regular members to have already started their winter get-aways. We are seeing a steady stream of visitors and potential new members at our meetings indicating that our reputation and numbers are growing by word of mouth. I am also quite certain that the interest might be related to the speakers that have been booked, covering a wide range of topics and also the variety of both Social Clubs and excursions we offer.

At the meeting, I reviewed some information about our Social Clubs after meeting with the convenors. I missed stating one important fact - if you were to look at a generic monthly calendar consisting of four weeks there is at least one ongoing Escarpment Probus activity in sixteen of those twenty weekdays. Clearly, everyone has a lot of activities to choose from. Remember, if you have a new idea for a group that you would like to arrange, please go to the sign up tables and talk to Anna Strachan, the Social Chair.

The Activity group is planning a large number of events that promise to make the next few months a very busy time. Keep a close watch in the Forum to ensure that you are "in the know". 

Come join us at our new Velodrome

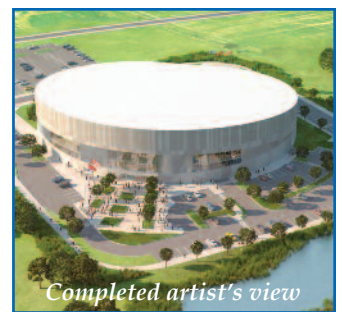
By Liz Read - *Activities Chair*

Indoor Track Walkers now have more choices about times and locations for walking. We have always encouraged members to show up on Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 am to walk at the Milton Sports Centre. It's only \$5 a year and since it's located above a skating rink provides a great location for a cool, brisk walk while watching skaters.

But now, we have another warmer choice of location for indoor walking: the new Velodrome 300 metre track. Under the final stages of construction, the Velodrome is accessed off of Tremaine and Louis St. Laurent. It costs \$25 a year for entry and you can see cyclists practising on the curved track as you make your rounds.

Ginger, who came to our Probus meeting and trained us on the Nordic walking poles, will be there each Monday at 6:00 pm. She's willing to help perfect our pole walking technique and answer any questions you may have about using the poles.

So...what are you waiting for? There's no better time to get walking! 



Completed artist's view



If you feel strongly about graffiti, sign a partition



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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR MARCH ONLY
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Will meet ONE WEEK LATER on 25th MARCH at 9:30am

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FORUM - ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

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The Escarpment PROBUS Club - Members may also pick up their copy at the meeting

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Our February Speaker

Electrical Safety in the Home

John Romanetti, Birnie Electric Ltd.
Current Safe Programme

John attended McGill University and grew up in the construction business in Montreal. He spent many years at the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) before joining Birnie Electric to continue his quest to help make people electrically safe in their homes.

He is currently (no pun intended) with Birnie Electric in the capacity (no pun intended) of Electrical Solutions Advisor.

John makes the point that electricity is the most powerful force in our lives and homes, except for our wives. Also, the first concern amongst disasters for Canadians is home fires. Thirty per cent of home fires have electrical causes.

Recent statistics for North America Electrical caused fires are: 111,400 fires per year, 860 deaths, 3785 injuries, \$1.3 billion in property losses.

After John's talk, any of us who might be interested in having an electrical safety analysis performed in their home, please contact:

John Romanetti
905-569-1818 X229, or jromanetti@bimie.com



January meeting addendum

After the riveting and moving talk given by Albert Wong at the January Escarpment Probus meeting, several members approached him with questions.

Their questions to Albert were, "how could they help, in any way, the causes which would improve the plight of the Afghan people" of which he spoke.

In an email from Albert, he referred to helping women in Afghanistan and highlighted an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) based in Chicago that he supports.

It is called Arzu Studio Hope and you can look up their website at:
www.arzustudiohope.org

Arzu, meaning "hope", transforms lives by empowering Afghan women to lift themselves and their families out of poverty through ethical, artisan-based employment, education and access to healthcare, thereby changing the way they see the world and their place in it.

Arzu is an innovative model of social entrepreneurship with a mission to create economic stability for communities in need.

Of note, 100% of the artisan weavers are literate and have not lost a single woman in childbirth.



Garden Club – Zoomer Bloomers invite you to join us on our annual visit to Canada Blooms

By Jeanne Reid

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 - Time: 9:30 am to 5 pm - Place: Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto - Cost: \$42 (based on 20 people for the bus) and including admission.

The trip will include pick-up at Sports Centre at 9:30 Thurs. morning, Pre booking entrance at Canada Blooms of \$14 and a draw for 1 free ticket provided by Canada Blooms. I will take reservations at the Feb. meeting and collect the money at the March meeting. If we don't get 20 people for the bus, we will take the Go train from Bronte station as we did last year.

We will have lunch there in special rooms for group tours. There will be a line-up of speakers and workshops each day. Will advise when their schedule becomes complete for March 19th. If you like flowers, garden and good speakers on the subject, you will love Canada Blooms. Hooray, it will be SPRING.

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DIRECT
ENERGY
CENTRE

Let's

Play!

Let's practice our drinking for the new year

By Michael Hooker - *Convenor*

The Grapenuts took a month off in January, no doubt to recover from the combined effects of Christmas and New Year.

However, we are ready to blast off for the new year in February with undiminished vigour and unquenchable thirst!

We already have volunteer hosts for the next three months – first Monday and Thursday in each month.

Martin Capper is our Launch Chairman on Monday 2nd February – Groundhog Day. Who knows what exotic surprises Martin will come up with, to commemorate this most auspicious day. Stay tuned for our next report!

Monday 2nd February - 7:00 pm

Norma and Martin Capper

82 Miles Street, Milton

Phone: 905 693 0354

Email: martin@martincapper.com

They can host 12 people

Thursday 5th February - 7:00 pm

Michelle and Jim Tschirhart

287 Centennial Forest Drive, Milton

Phone: 905 875 0859

Email: mltschirhart55@gmail.com

They can host 10 people, plus themselves.

If you plan to participate, please notify your host no later than one week before, to allow time for the host to advise you of your individual cost. If you have to cancel please advise your host a.s.a.p., and if you need to cancel after the tasting cost is fixed (or if you don't show up),

arrange to settle up with your host . Please pay your host in cash when you arrive.

We already have several volunteers as hosts for the next few months:

Monday 2nd March: Megs Shellard

Thursday 5th March: Rosalind and Alan Jordan

Thursday 2nd April: Karolina Pironkov

Thursday 7th May: Joanne and Ron Millichamp

If you would like to host, there are more openings:

Monday 6th April: Ellen & Paul Crawford

Monday 4th May

Monday 1st June

Thursday 4th June

If you are interested, pick a date and let me know.

I'm looking forward to getting into our 2015 tastings, as I've been leading too sober a life for the past month, and I feel the need to drink some good wine!

One minor exception to this distressing state of affairs: On New Year's Eve, my daughter (who had just moved in to a new home in Burlington on 30th December) asked me down for her first dinner there. I decided to buy a good bottle of champagne as a house-warming celebration, to see the New Year in.

Rather than the Spanish "champagne" I would normally get (which really isn't too bad), I splurged on the real stuff - a bottle of Veuve Clicquot. That was quite a revelation - a beautifully fruity bubbly wine that made me understand why people are willing to pay that much for a bottle! 🇫🇷

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A seminar on time
travel will take
place last week
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Graffiti

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*Come and see
what I can do!*



At our March meeting, we will have a speaker informing us about the Lion's Foundation of Canada sponsored Dog Guides Training program. As a follow up, our members will have two opportunities to see the dogs being trained at their facility at 152 Wilson Street, in Oakville. See all the details on Page 10.



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Alimony: bounty
after the mutiny
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Animated Noshers meet

By Jim McConvey - Noshers

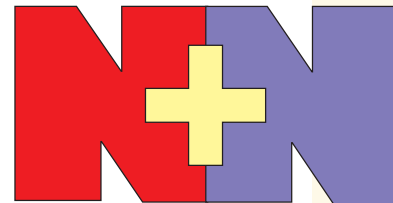
Above is a photo of our Nosh 'N' Natter group that met at our home in January. Present were: Gillian Reynolds, Betty McConvey, Christy Babcock, Megs Shellard, Bryan Reynolds and Gary Babcock.

Although we were small in number, the

Nosh 'N' Natter group was lively and animated.

Everyone enjoyed the evening discussing a range of topics including travel, grandchildren and current world events.

Looking forward to the next evening!" 🇺🇸



Quick, see this "instant classic" before it's gone

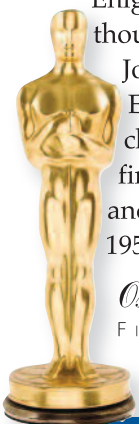
By Robyn Balfour - Convenor

The Oscar Nights Movie Club had a great evening as seventeen members came out for "The Imitation Game".

The group made an excellent pick with this film which has been nominated for a prestigious Oscar. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The story was intense; in 1939, the newly created British intelligence agency MI6 recruits Cambridge mathematics alumnus Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) to crack the Nazi Enigma code, which cryptanalysts had thought unbreakable. Turing's team, including Joan Clarke (Keira Knightley), analyze Enigma messages while he builds a machine to decipher them. Turing and his team finally succeed and save millions of lives and 2-years off the duration of the war. In 1952, the quiet genius encounters disgrace when authorities reveal he is gay and send him to prison. He committed suicide in 1954.

About eight folks joined up for a glass of wine or beer after the movie. Everyone in the group thoroughly enjoyed the show and the consensus was that this was a top-notch movie. 🇺🇸



Oscar Nights
FILM CLUB

Noshers never gnashers at night

By Paul Crawford
Program Chair

Another delightful evening was enjoyed with 21 Noshers at the home of Chris and Jack in beautiful Mississauga. The never boring Noshers rambled on a host of topics and lauded the hosts who were very generous with the desserts.

Mark your calendars for the coming year.

Feb 27 Marilyn
March 27 Ellen and Paul
April 24 Liz and Cliff
May 22 Ann and Ron
June 26 Gloria and Bob
July 24 Anna and Chris
Aug. 28 Rosalind and Alan
Sept. 18 Lorrette and Pete ?
Oct. 23 Josie and Peter 🇺🇸



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I earn a 7-figure salary. Unfortunately there's a decimal point involved.

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's

CAROUSEL

At the Stratford, Avon Theatre

Friday 19 June 2015 at 2:00pm

matinee show followed by dinner

Pick up and return at Milton Sports Centre



\$110 per person includes, bus, theatre ticket, dinner at Demetres and all taxes and gratuities

*35 orchestra tickets are reserved for us
Bus cost is based upon 35 participants*



Stop the press! President skunked!

By Martin Capper - Treasurer

Fourteen avid Card Sharps, including "Sunshine", braved the cold for our monthly fun, sorry I mean crib game. I didn't get to play him but Norma tells me there is a reason why Wayne has joined us - he's good at the game!

We started the night with 4 bottles of wine from the previous session and ended with 4 different bottles from this session - we are beginning to rival the varieties enjoyed by the Grapenuts and it all adds to the fun!

I was having a reasonably good evening until the tables changed and I came face-to-face with Betty - I thought I could count fast and she had lots to count - it was every hand.

The hot news of the evening was our President got skunked!

Next get together is Monday February 9 by



CARD SHARPS CRIBBAGE GROUP

which time we will know if the Groundhog has seen its shadow or not!

Thanks to all for making it a great evening and best wishes to those who couldn't make it due to the seasonal sniffles - in one case aka "a man cold"! 🇺🇸



The Sequel

BOOK CLUB

By Gretchen Greene O'Brien

"The Light Between Oceans" was our book choice this month – and much discussion ensued about the various characters, their predicaments and the life they led on a remote rock 100 km. south of Australia in 1926, tending a lighthouse.

It was a beautiful, yet tragic, story about a lighthouse keeper and his bride – and the choices they made along the way. Justice for one character means tragic loss for another – and yet we cared desperately for both characters.

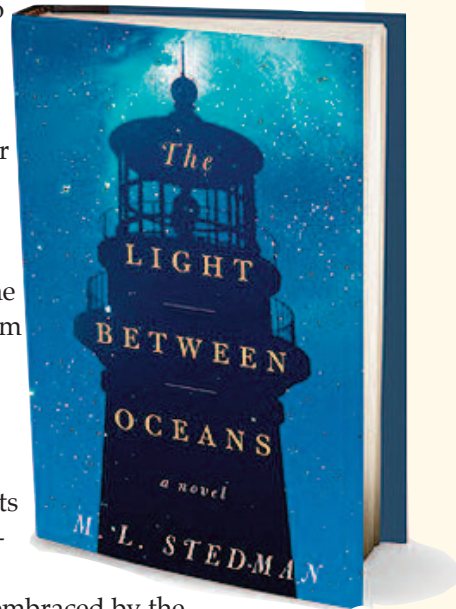
Would we recommend this book – YES!!!

As a bonus, Escarpment Probus member, Carolyn Rumley, gave a personal history of living in a Canadian lighthouse – from the tender age of 6 weeks, until she was 9-years-old.

The lighthouse that her father tended was located on Michipicoten Island, north of Sault Ste. Marie on Lake Superior, one of Canada's wildest lakes.

No electricity, no running water and no furnace! In spite of the lack of the amenities we take for granted today, Carolyn and her family blossomed. The remoteness of the lighthouse made them appreciate the landscape in a way that city dwellers never can.

Carolyn's insights enhanced our understanding of living in isolation and being embraced by the natural world. 🇺🇸



Michipicoten Island lighthouse today



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Down with gravity

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Every time I lose weight, it finds me again

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Graffiti



Guess who's coming to dinner again?

Sign up now for our next *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* on Friday, May 8th. We will meet at 5:30 pm to enjoy a glass of wine and a few nibbles before being given a map directing you to your destination. Neither the hosts nor the guests know who is going where . . . hence, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*

We will enjoy a 4-course dinner, with everyone making one part of the meal (soup - salad - veggies or dessert). The hosts make the entree and provide the wines for the evening. At the end of the evening the costs are split amongst the dinner guests, usually in the \$30 per couple range. Each house makes the exact same meal and you will be given a recipe to follow.

Everyone is welcome - singles and couples. This is a fun night and a chance to meet new people.

For further information, contact: Joanne Millichamp 289-878-2969 or

Auriel Halliday 905-336-2430.

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.



St. Patrick's Day Lunch & Entertainment

Tuesday 17 March at 2:00 pm

Fionn MacCool's

350 Dundas Street East at Trafalgar - in Oakville

Purchase your own meal and drinks

Participants provide their own transportation

Entertainment starts at 3:00 pm





And the winner is!



Don Evans was the lucky winner of the January Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw. Don took home \$102 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 🇺🇸



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.



Bad spellers of the world untie



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The Weather Network Tour

On Wednesday 15 April at 12:30PM
At 2655 Bristol Circle - near QEW/403 - Oakville

No admission charge, participants are to provide their own transportation.

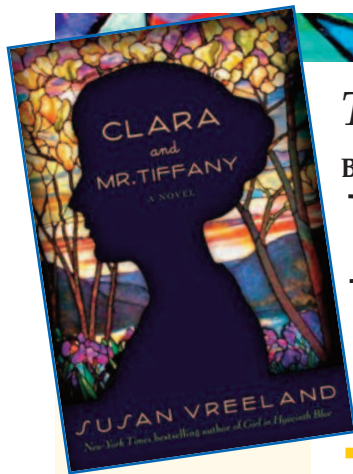
Carpool is recommended as visitor parking is limited

Maximum of 30 participants, names must be submitted one month ahead to the Network, therefore the deadline is the March Probus meeting without fail!

This is the day of a Probus meeting so after the meeting you would need to drive immediately to the tour. Carpools will be organized on that day.

We like to know who you are!

Please wear your Probus Pin at all external Probus events



The reviews are in "Clara"

By Sue Murray

Everyone enjoyed this book "Clara and Mr. Tiffany", reviews were three 6's and two 7's.

Well-written and very good descriptive content. Interesting details of New York, and the way of life in late 1800s and early 1900s.

Criticism; too much lengthy detail of the



making of the Tiffany lamps and windows, sometimes repetitive.

Good variety of characters but lacking in depth, no one you could "get your teeth into".

Great response to trips and activities in the coming year

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

Escarpment Probus has now launched several of the 2015 activities sign ups and our committee is delighted by the wonderful reception to the trips we've prepared.

The visit to the Hindu Temple on February 2nd involves 45 participants who received information about the time, location and expectations through an email notification. Our committee appreciates how convenient email is for contacting or updating our members with pertinent information.

Our E-blast message sent mid-January informing members about the gala for the Grand Seduction helped boost attendance at the Milton Film Festival event on January 24th.

Bid Euchre will commence at Grace Church on Thursday, February 19th at 1.30 p.m.

Concert-goers who will see and hear Kerry Stratton at the Milton Centre for the Arts will be able to pick up their tickets from Barbara Alderson. She will meet you in the lobby on February 20th before 8 pm. Barbara was able to get the group rate discount so your toonie will not be needed to make up the difference.

A large contingent of merry makers has signed up for the group reservation at Fionn MacCools at 2:00 pm on St. Patrick's Day. Brenda Hicks will send out an email ahead of that date to ensure she has a good handle on the number of people involved before she contacts the restaurant with final numbers. Members will have another chance to sign up at our February Probus meeting.

Our Weather Network Tour on April 15th (which takes place at 12:30 right after our Probus

meeting that morning) is almost fully booked. With only two spaces left, you can see there are a lot of meteorological buffs in our group, or else people who just want to know the answer as to why the weather is so unpredictable.

At our March meeting, we're going to have a speaker informing us about the Lion's Foundation of Canada sponsored Dog Guide Training program. As a follow up, our members will have two opportunities to see the dogs being trained at their facility at 152 Wilson St. in Oakville. A Spring Open House for general public is taking place on Saturday, April 18 from 9:30am to 3:00pm and you are welcome to go on your own on that day. This is a free event and does have a silent auction. On Wednesday, April 1st a special session at the facility has been arranged for just our Escarpment Probus members. We'll arrive at 11:30am, have a tour of the facility and meet the dogs. At 1:00pm we'll enjoy a lunch consisting of sandwich, juice or water, dessert and coffee or tea prepared by members of the Lion's Foundation. There is a \$10 fee for this luncheon. The sign up for this event will be available at our February and March meetings and is limited to 35 participants.



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Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana

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Graffiti





Veni, Vidi, Vici

We Went - We Bowled - We Ate

By Ann Du Pont

Twenty-nine Probus bowlers took over 7 lanes at Champs Thursday, January 15, laughing and cheering for two hours.

Some had never thrown a ten-pin ball before, but with the help of staff and each other, we managed to rack up an average of 86 points per bowler. Several said they plan to return with their family and grandchildren.

Shortly after 12:30, the buffet lunch was ready for us in the adjoining restaurant. Tender beef brisket, chicken wings, fries, salad, tea, coffee, and cake were enjoyed while we socialized and presented 12 prizes for our accomplishments.

Consensus was that we would like to try this again as everyone enjoyed the day and felt it was \$22 well spent.

Watch for our next bowling date! 🎳



THE SOCIAL SCENE

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

It is February and some of our members have already headed south to escape this cold winter weather. On the other hand, many of us have decided to stay in Canada and brave the elements. It is only natural that the cold winter weather makes us want to stay home alone but by joining social clubs it keeps us from feeling isolated and staves off the February blahs - sort of - so I encourage you to come out and enjoy the warm benefits of Probus membership.

There are many activities and outings for

our members to participate in, wonderful clubs to join and lovely social events to go to, so it is my hope that all the members take the opportunity to socialize and enjoy all the friendly people that make up our Milton Escarpment Probus.

On a personal level, I have met and enjoyed the company of some lovely, interesting Probus members. Whether I have met them at some of the activities or events, usually followed by a chat over lunch, or at the Wine Tasting Club, Cribbage Club or at Nosh Night to name a few. My feeling is, we may all start off as strangers but it doesn't last long, one always comes away with the feeling that one has met some nice new friends or, at the very least, friendly acquaintances. It is usually easy to find some common ground with someone within the groups so I encourage as many of you as possible to fully participate in Probus.

In the coming months we shall be holding our annual summer Picnic on June 17th after our meeting. Our second anniversary dance is scheduled for September and of course our December meeting followed by the Christmas lunch. As usual, I will be looking for some volunteers to help make all these things happen. I have already been approached by some very willing participants, for whom I am extremely grateful, but it is also my hope that some of our new members would like to get involved. So, if you would like to help out with any of these venues, please get in touch with me. 🇺🇸

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Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again

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January's Super Meeters and Greeters and Smile Distributors were: Maureen and Tony Fariello Job Well Done!

Please return . . .

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

Thank you



**Grumpy
Git's
Guide**

It's been so long since I saw my luggage I can't remember what it looked like

By The Grumpy Old Git

The first law of travel states that if you're in a hurry to get away from the airport to catch a train or bus, your luggage will be the last off the carousel. Unclaimed bags can do eight or nine laps before your suitcase finally limps into view, battered, misshapen and unrecognizable from the last time you saw it, courtesy of the tender, loving care of the baggage handlers.

You can try anything: checking in early, checking in last, buying a fluorescent pink suitcase, painting a smiley face on it, tying bits of string or wool on the handle or heaven forbid, a Canadian flag address label, but nothing works.

Your bag is simply destined to be last - don't get Grumpy, deal with it! 🇺🇸



Dressed for the climate mate?

So what do you call a Kangaroo in Canada, yup, you gusted it, a woolly jumper. And here are two of the native species, Ellen and Paul Crawford in their natural surroundings, a Probus Meeting! 🇺🇸



The other guy?

No, it wasn't like that at all. Michelle Tschirhart sustained a broken arm in a skating accident.

A secret source indicated that she was training for the 2018 Olympics in Pyeong Chang, South Korea.

Get well soon Michelle. 🇺🇸

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Nuts just take up space where chocolate ought to be
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Graffiti

Come out and enjoy lunch with your new friends...

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

It's official, we love chicken! We set a record attendance at our January post-meeting lunch with thirty-five fun and frugal Probians sharing coupons at Swiss Chalet. I hope this will become an annual event!

Our February lunch reservations have been made at The Mohawk Inn located at 9230 Guelph Line, Campbellville. Please cut and paste <http://www.mohawkinn.com> into your browser to see both the menu (select Dining) and map. The



Lunch Bunch Banter

comprehensive menu has delectable choices sure to please everyone.

Guelph Line is just one exit west of Highway 25 on the 401. Please let me know if you are hesitant driving on the 401 and would prefer a ride; I am sure we can arrange one. Contact information is listed in the Activities and Social Events Convenors' Information in this publication. 🇺🇸

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News from the Probus Inklings Writing Club

By Jan Gooden - *Inkler*

The January meeting of the Inklings Writing Club held at Grace Anglican Church Thursday January 22 heard an interesting mix of Christmas and family stories.

In attendance were Patricia Kotack, Catherine Parr, Gillian Reynolds, Lorrette Shermet, Chris Cormier and Jan Gooden.

Patricia read her "Christmas Story"; it was an insightful and very funny story about Christmas now and then.

Lorrette read her story "My Christmas Dinner" that reminisces about Christmas dinners with her family here in Canada and

Tanzania where she spent a number of years when she was younger. The story about Christmas on Big Cedars Lake was insightful and very funny.

Catherine read her story "Pay it Forward" that was showcased in the January 1 edition of the Champion newspaper, under letters to the Editor. It was about what a

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Good Samaritan did for her Granddaughter and how she Paid it Forward by giving a Christmas gift to a Charity raffle showing us that there are good people out there, you just have to find them.

Gillian's story "Christmases" was funny and very touching as she told us what she thinks Christmas is all about. Some of her past Christmas's were heart-warming as she read about one of her childhood letters to Santa and her disappointment when she didn't get what she asked for. Christmas is about family not commercialization.

Jan read the first two pages of her story entitled "My Life Story", which she is in the process of writing and we learned about her birth and some of the story about her parents and the times that they lived in. It was funny when she told us that she remembers going down to the end of the garden to go to the outside toilet. Thank goodness for modern inventions and toilet paper.

We look forward the next meeting on February 18 and listening to more great stories from our members.

Why don't you pop in and join us? 🇺🇸



Afternoon Euchre Starts

By Lorrette Shermet - *Convenor*

Ten of us met at Ann and Ron DuPont's place on Tuesday January 13th to play Euchre. We had three tables, one had four players and the other two tables had three players.

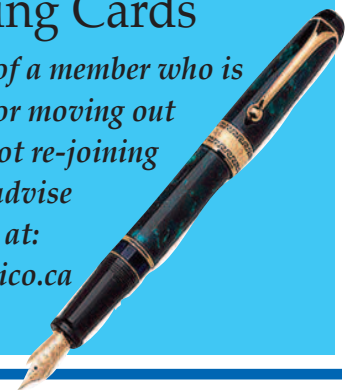
We collected a dollar from each player at the beginning and we played 6 games, 8 hand in each game.

Ginny won the highest score, Paul had the most lone hands - five, which is the highest I have seen at any game and Ron won the person with the least score. The DuPont's put on a nice spread of tea, coffee and dessert once we finished playing. A great afternoon was had.

If you like to play euchre please join us, the third Tuesday of the month. We do rotate from home to home and the next game on Tuesday February 17th will be at my place 611 Foster Court, Milton at 1 p.m. 🇺🇸

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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Dead owls don't give a hoot

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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	MEET AT	CONVENOR
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FEBRUARY 2015

Hindu Temple Visit	2 February, Monday - 10:00am	The Temple	Ron Millichamp
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	2 February & 5 February - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	9 February, Monday - 7:00pm	The Capper's Home	Martin Capper
Book Club - First Edition	9 February, Monday - 1:00pm	Paul's Home	Paul Crawford
Probus Executive Meeting	11 February, Wednesday	Cliff's Home	
Book Club - Sequel	11 February, Wednesday - 10:00am	Patricia's Home	Fay MacDonald
Euchre Club - Afternoon	17 February, Tuesday - 1:00pm	Lorrette's Home	Lorrette Shermet
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	18 February, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
Lunch Bunch	18 February, Wednesday - Noon	The Mohawk Inn	HRH Catherine Parr
Kerry Stratton Concert	20 February, Friday - 8:00pm	Milton Centre for the Arts	Liz Read
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	25 February, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Inklings - Writing Club	26 February, Thursday - 1:00-3:00pm	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	27 February, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	Marilyn's Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	Second Tuesday of each month	Milton Galaxy Cinemas	Robyn Balfour

MARCH 2015

Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	2 March & 5 March - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Book Club - First Edition	9 March, Monday - 1:00pm	Diane's Home	Paul Crawford
Probus Executive Meeting	11 March, Wednesday	TBD	
Canada Blooms	19 March, Thursday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Jeanne Reid

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR MARCH MEETING ONLY

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Will meet ONE WEEK LATER on 25th MARCH at 9:30am

Lunch Bunch	25 March, Wednesday - Noon	5th Wheel Tuck Stop	HRH Catherine Parr
Inklings - Writing Club	26 March, Thursday - 1:00-3:00pm	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	27 March, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	Paul & Ellen's Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	1 April, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
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Even cash gets old eventually

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

Cheques only please!

