

# FORUM

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Cliff Read  
President

## *National PROBUS Month slated for March*

**W**hen you read this edition of the Forum, let's hope that spring is just around the corner - after all, the groundhog said, "only six more weeks of winter" - right? As usual, things have been hectic at Escarpment PROBUS. First and foremost, March has been designated as National PROBUS Month and Clubs all across our country were encouraged to plan special events or activities to raise the awareness of PROBUS in general.


Our Club has created a website - [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://www.escarpmentprobus.com) - that we hope will be of use to you, our members, as you try to stay up-to-date on the large variety of activities being offered.

Thanks go out to Martin Capper for all the work he has done in preparing this site. Martin took us through a short demonstration at the February meeting. Those of you who could not make the meeting are encouraged to check out the site and bookmark it for future reference so you can have easy access. As part of National PROBUS Month, we are also planning on sharing a special PROBUS celebration cake during the March meeting.

There were new initiatives mentioned at our last meeting. Watch for the Whisky Tasting Club getting underway. This will be your opportunity to get involved on the ground floor.

Those of you who like to read will be pleased to note that we are starting a bring one - take one program in March called the "Ravenous Readers Recycle Club". Bring in a book that you enjoyed and trade it for another brought by someone else. This should be a fantastic way to read current books.

Have you ever wondered about the relevance of some of our speakers? Our February speaker John Romanetti talked about electrical safety. I heard this week from one of our members who was very glad she had paid attention during his talk. It turns out she was told that there was a problem with her dryer. When the fuse was replaced there was a loud bang and then she was told the main fuse box would need replacing. After hearing John's talk she knew what the problem was and what to do. I am happy to say all is fine now. There are occasions when timely topics come in handy.

On a final note, please remember that the date of our March meeting will be a little different than usual because of the school's March Break activities at the Sportscentre. We will meet at the usual time on Thursday March 25th. 



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

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## Our March Speaker

### John Davies

John worked at Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) and retired after 31 years at TD Bank in January 2010 both here in Toronto and the US.

He was President of the Credit River PROBUS Club – 2013-2014.

John has always been interested in Dog Guides having worked with folks who had their

Dog Guides with them in the workplace.

He witnessed, first-hand, the amazing difference these companions made in the lives of those who have a physical or mental disability.

When he retired 5 years ago, he volunteered at the Dog Guide Training facility in Oakville.

His job entails working with the trainers, reinforcing the skills that the dogs need to be successful companions to their clients. Plus “other duties as assigned”!

To him, it is the best of both worlds – the love he has of dogs and knowing that he is helping others. 🇺🇸



*We're not just pretty faces - see what we can do!*



At our March meeting, John Davies will be 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.



Come join your Probus friends at the Harrop Restaurant for  
*High Tea*

**Friday 17 April at 2 pm - 345 Steeles, Milton**

*There will be fancy sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee*

*Also, wine may be purchased for those who wish it*

**The cost is \$20 per person**

*Sign up sheet will be at the March 25 Probus meeting*



## *Icewine not on the menu for the Grapenutters*

By Michael Hooker - *Convenor*

The Grapenutters are rolling through this wonderful winter season, relying on our love of good wine to keep us unfrozen.

Results from our February tastings:

**Monday 2nd February:**

**Norma and Martin Capper**

Theme: Groundhog Day (the movie) - "Deja vu" - 6 wines from Sauvignon grapes. The theme was secret - we all tried to guess, and finally after a lot of wild stabs, Cliff Read came up with the right solution, and won an appropriate prize from Martin! *See next Page.*

Winning wine: Cupcake Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, from California, LCBO 307975, price \$15.45, Score: 14 out of 20.

**Thursday 5th February:**

**Michelle and Jim Tschirhart**

Theme: Wines under \$20, recommended by

Beppi Crosariol, Globe and Mail wine columnist.

Winning wines:

White: Douglas Green Sauvignon Blanc, from South Africa. LCBO 367821. Price: \$10.95. Score: 14 (out of 20).

Red: Heartland Stickleback 2012, South Australia. LCBO 116574. Price: \$13.75. Score: 16.

*Our March tastings are:*

**Monday 2nd March,**

**hosted by Megs Shellard.**

**Thursday 5th March.**

**Hosted by Rosalind and Alan Jordan.**

If you plan to participate, please notify your host directly at least a week in advance, to allow time for the host to let you know your individual cost. If you need to cancel, please advise soonest. If you need to cancel later, please arrange to settle up with your host. Please pay your host in cash when you arrive. 🇺🇸

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Life is too important to take seriously.

”

Corky Siegel



## *Nutters take some local advice from the wine "experts"*

By Michelle Tschirhart - *Convenor*

A good turnout to judge some wines and a 'wine expert' writer from the Globe & Mail. We took our wine list from Beppi Crosariol's response to an inquiry about the 10 best wines under \$20. We were able to find four of our six at the LCBO and was given a suggestion for the two others we needed from an employee.

Some cheeses, meats and chocolate and we were off and judging!

Dessert and coffee put the finishing touches on a great night. 🇺🇸

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PROBUS  
**grape**  
**-nuts**  
 WINE TASTING CLUB

*Capper  
 Grapers  
 Groundhog  
 Deja vu  
 all over again!*



*Intrepid Snow-shoers enjoyed the blistering cold at Crawford Lake recently. Above, from left to right: Patricia Flannagan, Ron Flanagan, Gillian Reynolds, Liz Read, Christy Babcock and Bryan Reynolds.*


## **Bid Euchre starts**

By Lorette Shermet - *Convenor*

**W**e have finally started playing bid euchre in 2015. Our very first game was held on January 23rd at Grace Church and we had 13 players attend.

Most of the players were new to the game. Two of the players had not ever played euchre but picked up the game quite easily. A big thank you to Bill Turnbull who patiently sat out and was our teacher for the afternoon.

The second game was played on February 19th again at Grace and we had 10 players out. We are still all new to the game and appreciate Corrine and Bill Turnbull's advice and teaching skills.

The next game will be held on Thursday March 19th at Grace church at 1.30pm. 

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The bureaucracy is expanding to meet the needs of an expanding bureaucracy.

”

*Anon*

# activities



## Something for everyone

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

If you enjoyed the “Entertainers” chorus and quartets who performed at our December luncheon, you will want to attend one of their performances of “A Potpourri of Song” on Saturday, April 25th. They’ll be at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School at 1:30 and 7:30 pm at 124 Dorval Drive in Oakville. Flyers will be available at our March meeting. Please arrange your own tickets by calling 905-336-5195. Tickets cost \$20 for seniors. Ron Millichamp can answer any questions you may have.

Our Weather Network Tour on April 15th, which takes place at 12:30pm right after our Probus meeting that morning, is fully booked. It’s a one-hour free tour of the facility on 2655 Bristol Circle in Oakville (close to 403 and Dundas). Since there is only parking for 10 vehicles, we’ll arrange car pools outside the Milton Sports Centre as we exit the building after our meeting. For this event, you’ll find yourself eating lunch in the car as you travel along. That’s a bit of an inconvenience but we’re just glad that we were accommodated with a date, as this is a very popular tour.

Don’t forget that you have choices of attending either the Open House on Saturday, April 18th at the Lions Club to see guide dog training in action, or to sign up for a tour on Wednesday, April 1st at 11:00am. The Probus group tour costs \$10 including lunch and is limited to 35 participants. Your last chance to sign up is at the March Probus meeting.

Dust off your Easter hats and fascinators: High Tea at Harrop House on Steeles has been organized for April 17 at 2:00 pm. Tea or coffee will be served with sandwiches and desserts for

\$20. Wine will also be available for purchase. Sign up ends at our April meeting. This special event has been organized by Lorrette Shermet and Jeanne Reid.

We already have a good group of participants for the Hamilton Art Gallery exhibit on Italian Baroque Masterworks. On April 29th at 11:15am. We’ll have a docent provide a tour followed by lunch at 12:30pm in a private room. The \$30 cost includes opportunities to visit other exhibits while you’re in the gallery. Car pools are being arranged. If you have any questions, check with Ann DuPont who is in charge of the arrangements.

As for the theatre trip to Stratford to see Carousel, we only need a few more participants to go ahead with booking the bus and confirming lunch at the restaurant. This trip takes place on Friday, June 19th and costs \$110 per person.

If you are still committed to attending the St. Patrick’s Day lunch at 2:00pm at Fionn MacCool’s Irish Pub (Trafalgar and Dundas near Longo’s) please confirm with Brenda Hicks [bphicks@sympatico.ca](mailto:bphicks@sympatico.ca) as she will need to reserve spaces. Brenda needs to know the numbers of participants by March 10th and she would appreciate it if people would get in touch with her – otherwise she’ll have to contact each name on the sign up sheet to ensure attendance. 🇺🇸

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I’ve enjoyed just about as much of this as I can stand.

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Anon

## Euchre

By Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

**T**his month’s euchre was held at the home of Lorrette Shermet. There were three tables and 12 players.

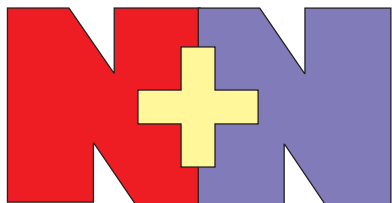
The big winner this month was Lorrette with a high score of 48 and our rookie Ann DuPont had the most lone hands. A good time was had by all.

The next euchre afternoon will be on March 17th and place to be determined.

We welcomed new players to our group Lorraine Randall and Stephen and Diane Comstock.



## Noshers Unite!



By Michelle Tschirhart - *Convenor*

Michelle and Jim Tschirhart hosted the February gathering. We had a large number of people turnout, three of which were new members, Avril O'Reilly, Susan and Larry Masson, welcome!

We enjoyed our food, drink and company and were able to set up our schedule for the remainder of the year.

March's gathering will be held at Megs home as she and Anne-Marie will co-host the event. 🇺🇸

## Disturbing material, moral issues confronted in this flick

By Pete Shermet - *Correspondent*

We chose to see American Sniper and went into the theatre with a blank slate, having only seen the trailer. I didn't realize until the end that it was a true story about U.S Navy Seal Chris Kyle. Directed by Clint Eastwood this movie was based on an autobiographical book by Chris Kyle.



The story gives some insight about what made the man, his values, and what he endured to become a Navy Seal. It also dealt with some of the hard decisions he had to make while performing his duties as a sniper during his 4 tours of duty.

It is very graphic and has disturbing scenes, while watching it you must put things into perspective and realize that he was doing a job, protecting comrades in arms, in a war zone.

While performing his duties as a sniper you could see that some of these decisions had a profound effect on his psyche, and he would have to deal with that after he decided to leave the Seals for his family's sake.

He suffered PTSD but the movie went on to show how he dealt with

it by helping other veterans returning from the war; injured physically or mentally, however he and a friend were ultimately gunned down by a young unstable returning veteran while trying to help that veteran through his ordeal.

You can read more at: [www.chriskyleamericansniper.info/chris-kyle-early-years.html](http://www.chriskyleamericansniper.info/chris-kyle-early-years.html)

As Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert would have said, "Two Thumbs Up"! 🇺🇸



“Common sense is instinct, and enough of it is genius.”

Josh Billings

# NOSH @ NITE



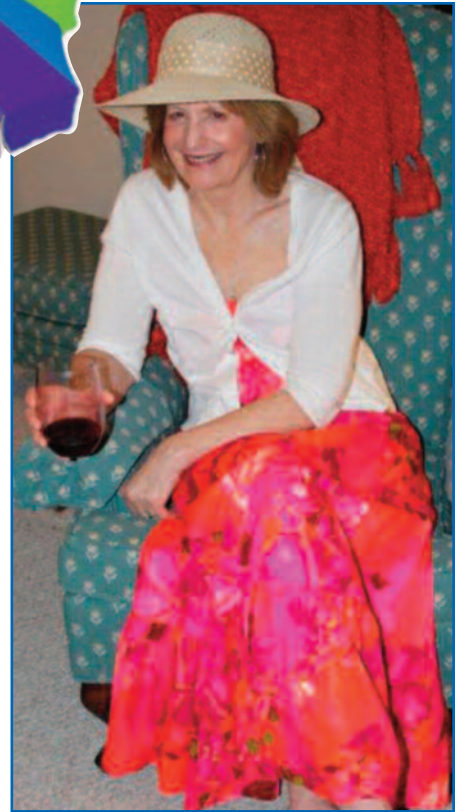
## Noshers enjoy an early summer

By Paul and Ellen Crawford - Convenors

On a Freezing Friday in February we banished winter and had a beach-theme Nosh at Marilyn and Ron Armstrong's warm and welcoming home. The bright colours and daring beach wear worn by the beach-bums were a great antidote to the bitter cold outside.

The mystery husband made a starring appearance and was totally into the beach theme apparel as well.

Another great evening of socializing and conversation was had by all. No seagulls or biting insects were invited. 🇺🇸





# The Sequel

BOOK CLUB

## Drama set against the Falls

By Patricia Kotack - Correspondent

**T**welve members of The Sequel Book Club braved the elements on Wednesday, February 11th to discuss our book for this month: *The Day The Falls Stood Still* by Canadian author; Cathy Marie Buchanan.

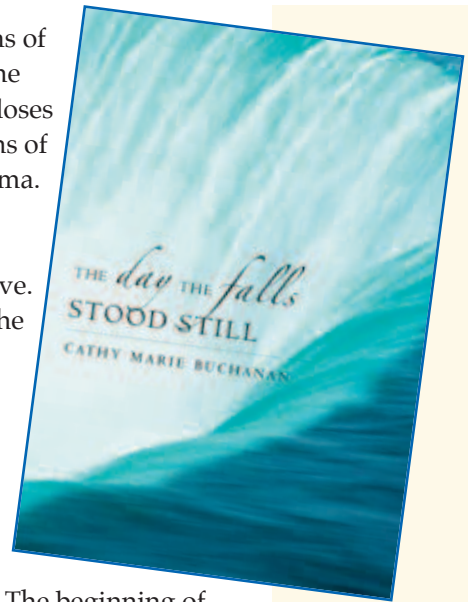
Buchanan offers us a dramatic story of romance and struggle set against the resounding backdrop of Niagara Falls. This carefully researched, capaciously imagined debut novel entwines the romantic trials of a young couple, from vastly different backgrounds, with the historical drama of the dawn of the hydro-electric power era and exploitation of the Falls natural resources.

The story follows the life of a family, also a community and an environment imperiled by

progress and the devastations of the Great War. But at the same time, Buchanan's tale never loses hold of the gripping emotions of Tom and Bess's intimate drama. The result is a novel that captures both the majesty of nature and the mystery of love.

Would we recommend the book – A Definite Maybe!

There was a fairly divided opinion from the group as to those who loved it and those who couldn't get beyond the first 100 pages. Personally, I can totally relate to both camps. The beginning of the book is not a page-turner but once the story unfolds and you become involved with the characters, it was hard to put down. The one point everyone agreed on was the interesting history relating to the beginning of the power plant in Niagara Falls and the effect on our environment. As always, we enjoyed a warm, lively discussion which covered many topics and differing viewpoints - a great escape from that Frigid February Feeling! 📖



# St. Patrick's Day Lunch & Entertainment

**Tuesday 17 March at 2:00 pm**

## Fionn MacCool's

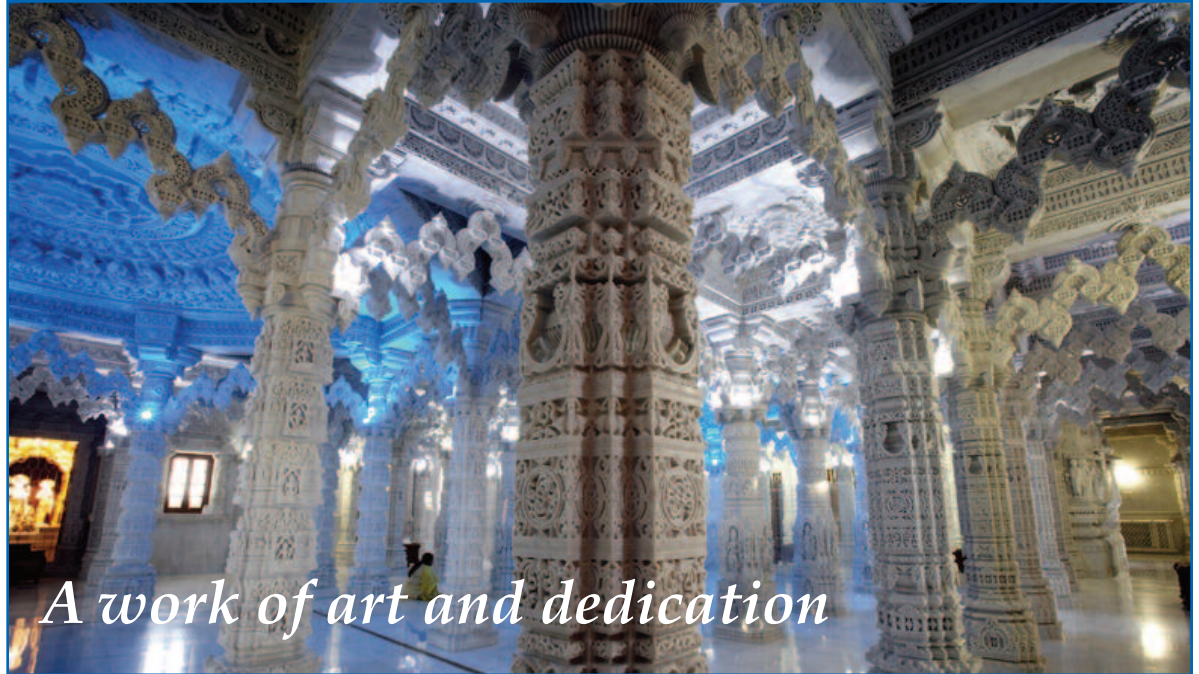
350 Dundas Street East at Trafalgar - in Oakville

**Purchase your own meal and drinks**  
Participants provide their own transportation  
**Entertainment starts at 3:00 pm**



“  
If you're happy,  
you're successful.  
”

Anon



## *A work of art and dedication*

By Ron Millichamp - Correspondent

**T**wenty-five hardy souls braved the February deep-freeze to visit the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Toronto.

The Mandir is a traditional Hindu place of worship and was built in 2007 with over 6,000 tons of marble and limestone.

We first watched an informational video at the 'Haveli', which is the entrance courtyard built using intricately hand-carved figures of dancers, musicians, peacocks, elephants and lotus flowers.

The next stop was the Museum, which took us on a journey of discovery into India's over 10,000-year-old heritage. Uniquely crafted exhibits educate visitors about India's contributions in art, architecture, science and education.

Next, we visited the Mandir, which is the actual place of worship. Words cannot describe the workmanship of the marble interior. 24,000 pieces of stone were carved in India by 1,500 craftsmen.

The stone was crafted into pillars, ceilings (40 of them and each one different) and figures of deities and assembled on site in Toronto, a jigsaw puzzle we couldn't even imagine.

Interestingly, the whole site was constructed without the use of nails or steel, using ancient techniques. It was an interesting and informative visit.

To end the morning in style, we then visited

Humber College and enjoyed lunch in the dining room prepared by student chefs and staffed by hospitality students. 🇺🇸



**Many thanks to Peter Shermet and Bob Finlay who brewed the coffee and steeped the tea at the February Probus Meeting.**

**Also, Peter exercised his cooking expertise by making the Banana Bread and Cookies for this occasion. Delicious, thanks guys!**

“

If you understand what you're doing, you're not learning anything.

”

Anon



## And the winner is!

Joyce Scott was the lucky winner of the February Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

Joyce won over \$100 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 🇩🇪



*February's Meeters and Greeters and Hand Shakers were: HRH Catherine Parr and Sue Murray who was unavailable for a photograph*

“

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

”

Anon



**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 SOCIAL SCENE

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

As announced at the February meeting, due to the popularity of the Book Clubs and Nosh Nights we have decided to start a third group for each group. Until now the existing Clubs have managed to incorporate new members into their groups however, they have now reached their saturation point and can no longer accommodate any new members.

Some people have indicated that they are reluctant to join the groups as they do not have room in their homes to host so many people, so it was suggested that membership in each group be capped at 10 - 12 with the host having the right to cap the number invited to their homes. Please feel free to sign-up for these newly formed groups, when enough members are interest we shall get started by selecting a date and time for the meetings and

selecting a Convenor for each group.

Also announced at the meeting was the start up of a Scotch Tasting Club. However, after some heckling from the audience members, who suggested it be a Whisky Club to allow for the inclusion of Irish and American whiskies, it was decided that we would indeed change this to the Whisky Tasting Club. The Convenor for this group is Chris Strachan. Once you have signed-up, the group will decide on the dates and time for the meetings. Although it is mostly men who tend to join these Clubs, there are no restrictions so ladies, if you also like the idea of tasting different Scotch, Whisky or Bourbon please consider joining this Club, as always, all members are welcome.

Please also note that the sign-up sheet for Greeters and Coffee Makers are at my table so I hope some of you will sign up for these rewarding functions. 🇺🇸

“

I didn't know it was impossible when I did it.

”

Anon

Please return . . .

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

Thank you

*Rodgers & Hammerstein's*



*At the Stratford, Avon Theatre*

*Friday 19 June 2015 at 2:00pm*

*matinee show followed by lunch*

*Pick up and return at Milton Sports Centre*



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

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

## Lowlight Liz loses!

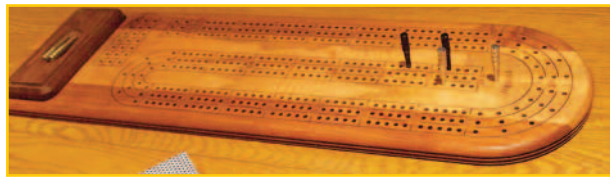
By Martin Capper - Treasurer

Fifteen card sharps turned out for an enjoyable evening of cards, companionship, fun and of course wine! Highlight of the evening was Ron Millichamp's score of 24, which if memory serves, ties our highest score record!

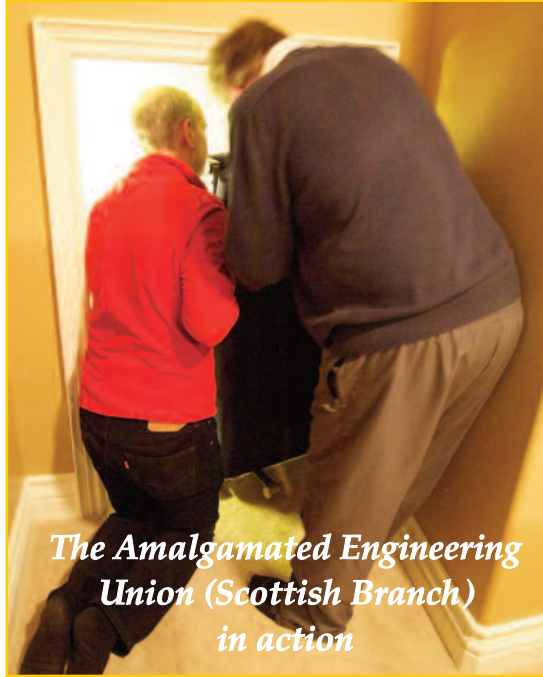
Lowlight, if it can be called that, was Liz's winning streak coming to an end! This was Liz's third night of crib from starting, we thought, as a novice!

The evening wasn't entirely taken up by crib. Learning of a foldaway bed having become stuck in our closet Cliff offered to demonstrate skills learned in a prior life of furniture removing! (who knew)? For the longest time only the soles of his feet were visible but even his skills came to naught! Not to be outdone, the Amalgamated Engineering Union (Scottish Branch) tackled the problem.

The next get together will be Monday March 9 at 7:00pm. 🇺🇸



## CARD SHARPS CRIBBAGE GROUP



*The Amalgamated Engineering Union (Scottish Branch) in action*

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Of course there's no reason for it, it's just our policy.

”

Anon



*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.

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Thank you*

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

## *5th Wheel classic diner menu*

By Catherine Parr - *Convenor*

Our March lunch reservations have been made at the 5th Wheel located at 40 Chisholm Drive, Milton.

One of our Club members has recently attended this restaurant with a large group for lunch and recommends it. She assures me that the food is very good and is certainly worth a visit.

There is a lunch buffet available and a soup and salad bar as well. The all-day breakfast has Cheese and Veggie Omelettes for vegetarian fare. Lasagna, Beef Dip and Meatloaf are a few of the large combo meals. Traditional sandwiches such as Club, Philly and Smoked Meat and hot sandwiches such as Hot Turkey and Hot

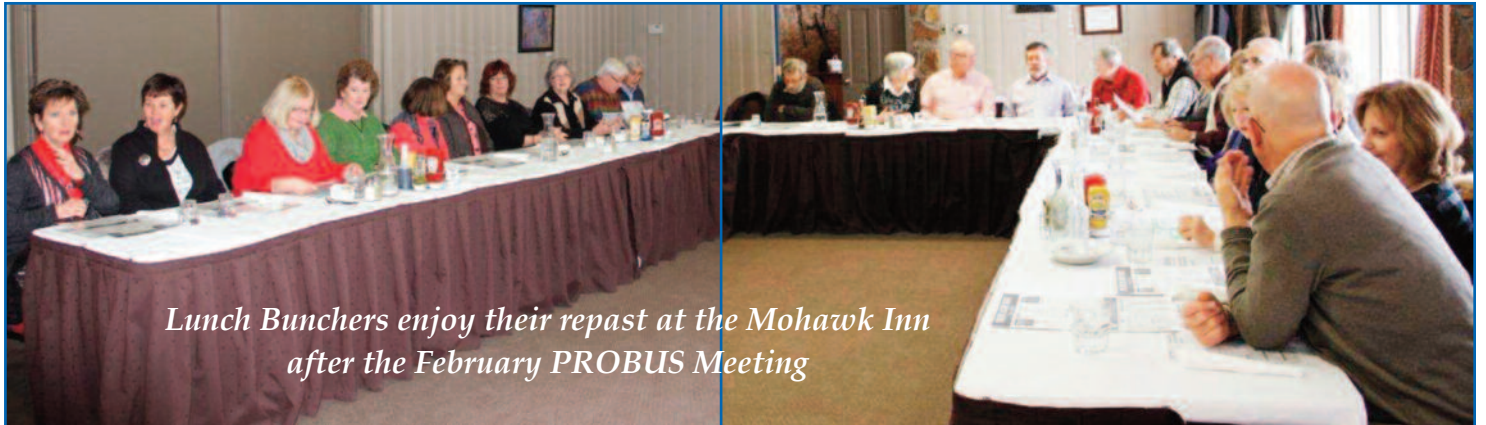


## *Lunch Bunch Banter*

Beef are just a few of the lunch plates available. Burgers, pork chops, liver and onions - you name it, are among the choices on this classic diner menu.

Please cut and paste: [www.5thwheel.com](http://www.5thwheel.com) into your browser to see more menu items (under "Select a Meal").

Twenty-eight Probians enjoyed lunch at the Mohawk Inn Chophouse following our February meeting. I hope to see a great turnout again after our March meeting! 🇺🇸



*Lunch Bunchers enjoy their repast at the Mohawk Inn after the February PROBUS Meeting*

## *Great trips: High Tea and Canada Blooms*

Jeanne Reid & Lorrette Shermet - *Convenors*

Harrop Restaurant High Tea, 345 Steeles, Milton. Come and have High Tea with us on: Friday, April 17th at 2 pm. There will be fancy sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. Also wine can be purchased for those who wish it. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up sheet will be at March 25 meeting.

Don't miss your chance for the Canada Blooms Trip - Thurs. March 19. Bus leaves Walmart parking lot at 9:30 am. We will be returning at 5 pm. Fee for bus and show entrance is \$42.

All reservations must be in by March 6 so we can confirm 20 people for the bus. If we don't get 20 people, we will take the GO Train from Bronte Station at 9:30 am.

Draw for 1 free ticket and plant coupon gifts will be given. Everyone will buy their own

lunch at Direct Energy Centre but we will eat together, if you wish, in Hall G on south side of the building.

For more information please contact: Jeanne Reid, 289-878-9920 or [jreid345@cogeco.ca](mailto:jreid345@cogeco.ca) 🇺🇸

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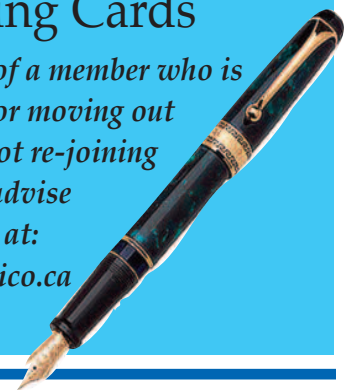
Children are natural mimics who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners.

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Anon

## *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](mailto:lorrette@sympatico.ca) or 905-878-1293.*



# PROBUS grape -nuts

WINE TASTING CLUB

## Grapenuts - Duties of the host

By Michael Hooker - *Convenor*

- Decide on wine “theme” for tasting.
- Buy wine/ advise participants of cost/ collect from each participant. If participant doesn't attend, ensure he/she reimburses you.
- Have wines ready to drink (e.g.: chilled, opened - as appropriate), in bags (to hide what they are), and numbered.
- Have wine glasses, water, small snacks (not elaborate), plain crackers, coffee/tea available. (I have 8 plain wine glasses available for host to borrow). Dessert at end - this is NOT a dining club, so please don't get elaborate.
- Have wine evaluation sheets and pencils available. We use the American Wine Society evaluation sheet and guidelines.
- Get a volunteer to host next month's meeting, if necessary.

- If you take photos, please forward one or two of the best to Alan Jordan at [alan@jordanar.com](mailto:alan@jordanar.com) for inclusion in our Forum.
- Summarize evaluation sheets, to get group evaluation. Share the details of each wine with your crew of tasters.
- Email me a brief report on the tasting:
  1. Names of participants.
  2. Names of people you had to turn down (if any). This will help indicate if we need a third group.
  3. “Theme” of the tasting.
  4. Information on the winning wine(s), showing: Name and type of wine; winery name (if not apparent from wine name); type/ grape; where from; cost; LCBO number; average score (out of 20).
  5. Anything else of note.
- Host acquires “ownership” of whatever is left in the bottles after tasting is finished. (but don't pour with too heavy or light a hand!)
- Host needs to watch for any signs of over indulgence and take action if concerned. Each participant also has a personal responsibility for his or her own sobriety - if in doubt, ask for a drive or call a cab.
- Make sure you enjoy yourself too! 🍷

**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.**

## Idyllic Ireland Tour 10 Additional Spots Available

This 12-day tour runs from September 22nd to October 3rd. The trip includes visits to Belfast, Dublin, Derry, Galway and Cork. Scenic tours of the Ring of Kerry, the Killarney Lakes, Connemara and the Giant's Causeway are also included. We will visit castles, gardens, and yes, a few pubs as well.

The tour had originally sold out a few weeks ago, but the Tour Company has organized an additional bus, which means that 10 more spots are now available.

Brochures are available at our meetings, or call Joanne Millichamp at 289-878-2969 for more information.



## "Love, Love Me Do"

By Lorrette Shermet - Correspondent

Five Inklings met this on February 26th at Grace church. We welcomed a new member Avril O'Reilly.

The five of us were Patricia Kotack, Jan Gooden, Gillian Reynolds, Avril O'Reilly and me, Lorrette Shermet.

The theme for our story was "Love" it was quite appropriate for the month of February. Through the different stories told we heard about secret, romantic, unconditional, emotional, pleasurable and everlasting love.

Our first storyteller was Jan and the title of her story was "Love" and she wrote about her experience of meeting the son she put up for adoption 36 years later and some of the emotional feelings she encountered meeting him once again.

Gillian's story was titled "The Loves of My Life" (censored). Gillian shared different dating experiences she had and meeting and marrying the love of her life, Bryan on February 8th, 1969.

Avril shared a poem that she wrote, a

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"Tribute to her Dad". She spoke about the many crossroads in his life on his journey from Ireland to London, England.

Patricia shared two stories; a short poem that she had written about her husband Alan after his death 18 months ago, it was very moving and a short story encompassing a lot of the Beatles song titles such as "Love, Love Me Do", "Love Will Keep Us Together", "Love Makes The World Go Round" and "Puppy Love" to name just a few.

Last, but not least, was Lorrette who wrote a story "How she met her husband Pete, 44 years ago". She claims she was at the right place at the right time, when Centennial College was having a pub night.

All stories were very well written and inspiring. 🇪

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No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

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Eleanor Roosevelt



Italian Baroque Art is most often associated with dynamic movement, overwhelmingly-rich colors and compositions, and the creation of new pictorial subjects. The style known as Baroque (c. 1590-1715) was centered in Rome, Naples, and Bologna and subsequently spread to other international cities, including Madrid, Paris, London, and Amsterdam.

## Art Gallery of Hamilton

### *Illuminations*

### *Italian Baroque Masterworks in Canadian Collections*

*Guided tour by specially trained Docents in groups of 12 to 15*

*Wednesday 29 April at 11:15 am*

*Followed by lunch in a private room in the art gallery at 12:30 pm*

*Cost: \$30*

*Suggest carpooling as there is paid underground parking.  
\$2.50 per hour – daily maximum \$9*

*Be sure to sign up at our next meeting  
to book a spot for our art gallery tour and lunch*

*Stay as long as you wish after lunch to explore the other exhibits:*

*Art for a Century - 100 pieces for the 100th anniversary*

*Selected masterpieces from their permanent collection*

*The Disappearance of Darkness*

*Kim Adams: Bruegel-Bosch Bus*



## Ravenous Readers Recycle Club

By Ellen Crawford - *Convenor*

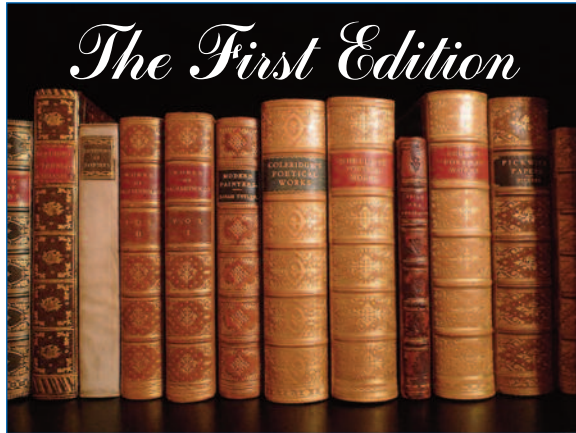
Bring a book - take a book when you join the Ravenous Readers Recycle Club.

Every month at the Probus meeting, bring a book that you have read and enjoyed.

When you arrive, sign the form and deposit your book in the bin. At break time you may select a book. When you have taken a book, please initial beside your name.



If you have not chosen a book at this time you may do so at a subsequent meeting.



## Narrator with autism

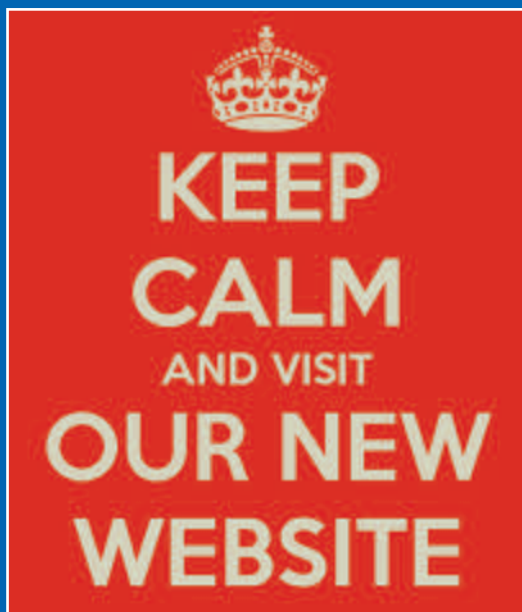
By Paul Crawford - *Program Chair*

The Curious Incident of the dog in the Night-time.

This book rated very well with the group with many 7's and 8's given.

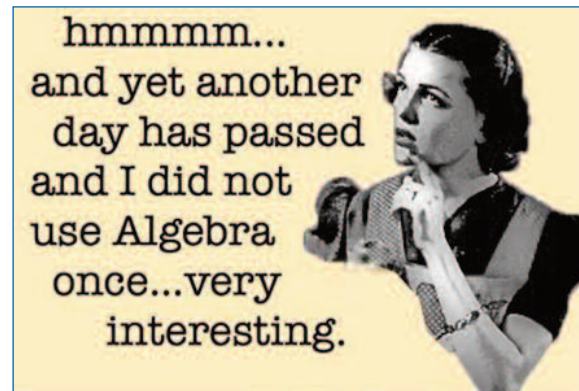
The central focus was a teenaged boy with autism who was the narrator of the book.

This led to discussions about how autism has effected the lives of book club members through family or work. The book is an easy read as it flows well.



Our Escarpment PROBUS Club now has its own website at [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://www.escarpmentprobus.com) with all the up-to-date information on activities, social events, pictures of some of the past fun and games and an archive of all our Forum Newsmagazines

**Check it out!**



# ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>MARCH 2015</b>			
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	2 March & 5 March - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Nosh+Natter	6 March, Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Megs Home	Michelle Tschirhart
Book Club - First Edition	9 March, Monday - 1:00pm	Diane's Home	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	9 March, Monday - 7:00pm	The Capper's Home	Martin Capper
Probus Executive Meeting	11 March, Wednesday	Paul Crawford's Home	
Book Club - Sequel	11 March, Wednesday - 10:00am	TBD	Fay MacDonald
Bridge Club	12 March, Thursday	Vicky's Home	Elinore Shannon
St Patrick's Day Celebration	17 March, Tuesday - 2:00pm	Fionn MacCool's	Brenda Hicks
Euchre	17 March, Tuesday - 1:00pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Canada Blooms	19 March, Thursday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Jeanne Reid
Bid Euchre	19 March, Thursday - 1:30pm	Grace Church	Lorrette Shermet
<b>SPECIAL NOTICE FOR MARCH MEETING ONLY</b> ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Will meet ONE WEEK LATER on 25th MARCH at 9:30am			
Lunch Bunch	25 March, Wednesday - Noon	5th Wheel Truck Stop	HRH Catherine Parr
Inklings - Writing Club	26 March, Thursday - 1:00-3:00pm	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	27 March, Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Paul & Ellen's Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
<b>DEADLINE</b> 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
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	Second Tuesday of each month	Milton Galaxy Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
<b>APRIL 2015</b>			
Dog Guides Tour	1 April, Wednesday	Lion's Club House	Liz Read
Nosh+Natter	3 April, Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	The Pond's Home	Michelle Tschirhart
Wine Tasting - GrapeNuts	6 April & 9 April - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Bridge Club	7 April, Tuesday	Rosemary's Home	Elinore Shannon
Book Club - Sequel	8 April, Wednesday - 10:00am	TBD	Fay MacDonald
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	13 April, Monday - 7:00pm	The Capper's Home	Martin Capper
<b>ESCARPMENT PROBUS</b>	<b>15 April, Wednesday - 9:30am</b>	<b>Milton Sports Centre</b>	
Lunch Bunch	15 April, Wednesday - Noon	TBD	HRH Catherine Parr
Weather Network Tour	15 April, Wednesday, 12:30pm	The Weather Network	Liz Read
Bid Euchre	16 April, Thursday - 1:30pm	Grace Church	Lorrette Shermet
Harrop High Tea	17 April, Friday - 2:00pm	Harrop Restaurant	Jeanne Reid
Euchre	21 April, Tuesday - 1:00pm	Chris Cormier's Home	Lorrette Shermet
Inklings - Writing Club	23 April, Thursday - 1:00-3:00pm	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	24 April, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	TBD	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Italian Baroque Masterworks	29 April, Wednesday - 11:15am	Art Gallery of Hamilton	TBD