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Cliff Read
President

Escarpment Probians, time to get up and get out

The outdoor season has finally begun. This means, of course, that barbecues, gardening and cottage getaways are underway for many of our members. Naturally, our Club has responded by organizing numerous weather appropriate events. While the hearty Trail Walkers braved the outdoors throughout the winter, both the Pinseekers (golfers) and Zoomer Bloomers (gardeners) are now joining them outside.

Arrangements are being finalized for a number of outdoor excursions. The Annual Picnic is set for right after the June 17th meeting. Plan on joining in the fun with activities, a picnic lunch and fellowship.

For the second year there will be an Escarpment PROBUS Bike Tour. This year you will have the option of either a longer or shorter version, both of which include a stop at a pub in Paris for lunch at the halfway point. If you are interested in this activity, be sure to sign up for details. Also, you should be saving July 7th since this is the date for a scenic Auto Tour and visit to Halton County Radial Railway Museum.


My appreciation goes out to all the individuals who have spent hours organizing these events. April is Volunteer Month and you have provided our members with a great deal to look forward to.

As always a calendar of events can be found in the Forum or at our website, see below. 

Quilters' Club commences

By Diane Comstock - *Convenor*

The "Piece Makers" met on Wednesday, April 8 to discuss the proposed Quilting Club. Four members were in attendance with one absentee. The members have a varied level of expertise from newbie to a 30 year veteran, some favouring hand sewing and others loving their sewing machine. It was decided that we would meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 1-3pm at the home of Diane Comstock. During the meetings,

members will work on their own projects, discuss quilting techniques, assist others with quilting questions, and share their favourite quilting books and/or gadgets. From time to time, we plan to arrange to attend quilting shows or go on a quilting shopping spree! If you love quilting or would like to learn, consider joining us. 



Piece Makers

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

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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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**NEW
ACTIVITIES**

Our May Speaker

Keith Pitts

Our Cross-Border Shopping Resource

For over ten years Keith has split his time between his business and home in the U.S. and Canada.

In response to the well-believed myth in the U.S. that we Canadians enjoy “Free Health Care”, Keith began writing his Blog, 2SIDESOF49, in 2010, focusing on the retail price disparity between the U.S. and Canada.



In response to his readers, Keith published “The Canadian Cross-Border Shopping Guide” in 2013 providing Canadians with insights, tips and tricks to maximize their duty free savings whether they are new to cross-border shopping, regular travellers or Snowbirds.

Keith has been a guest on CITY TV, featured in the Toronto Star and numerous other publications and radio shows.

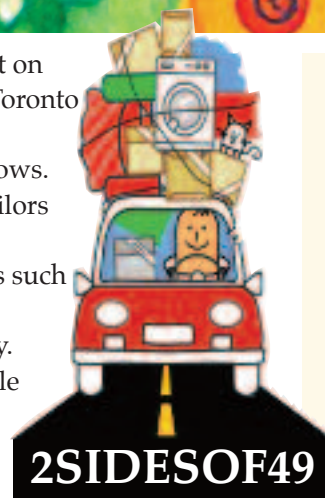
As a speaker, Keith tailors his presentations to his audiences, covering topics such as online shopping and establishing a U.S. identity.

He also shares valuable tips on buying groceries and personal care products, eyeglasses, automobile services, vehicle importation and medical services.

What readers are saying...

“Finally, written proof from a fellow cross-border shopper that confirms what I have known for years that I am a member of an elite group of savvy shoppers that recognize a great deal when I see one!” *R.G. Thornhill ON.*

“I never really put much thought into cross-border shopping but now that I have been reading the 2sidesof49 blog for the past two years I look at every planned purchase. This book is a great resource for new and experienced cross-border shoppers” *W.L. Alliston ON.*



“Delay is the deadliest form of denial.”
A. Parkinson

Our June Speakers

Sue and Jim Waddington

In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven

Sue and Jim have been on a quest to locate the places that inspired the Group of Seven painters. They particularly like to search for sites that can only be reached by canoe and on foot. The talk will compare photographs of some of the 500 painting sites they have found with the corresponding artwork. They will discuss how they find the painting sites and what they have learned about the painters.



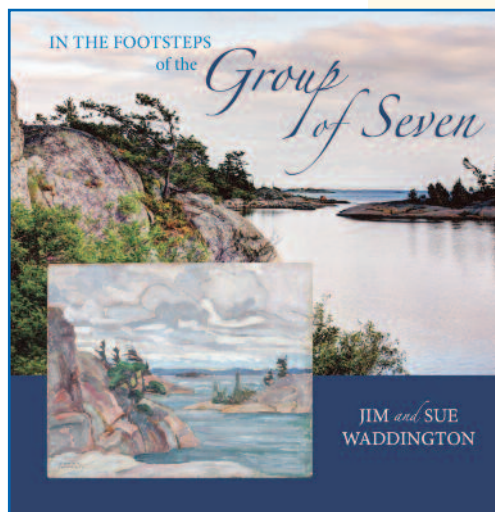
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During a canoe trip in Killarney Provincial Park, Sue and Jim paddled to Nellie Lake and were surprised to find that they could locate the exact spot where Jackson had sat when he did the painting. After this initial success, they have continued to search for other painting locations.

Jim is a retired physics professor from McMaster University who likes maps and the sport of orienteering. In 2003, he received the McMaster University President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has no artistic talent at all.

Sue and Jim’s book will be available after the talk.



Congratulations! Our great idea is one year old

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WINE TASTING CLUB

By Michael Hooker - *Convenor*

May 2015 marks a momentous occasion for the Escarpment Grapenuts - our First Anniversary!

On the first of May last year, eighteen prospective Escarpment oenophiles (or, for the Great Unwashed - snobs who have pretensions of knowing something about fermented grape juice) crammed themselves into my house to sip some wine and preside over the creation of a brand-new Group, that we christened "The Grapenuts". None of us had any prior experience with running a Wine Club, but we all contributed our own wisdom, and the sturdy infant that emerged has grown and matured over the year - thanks to the many contributions made by all our members. Thank you all - you have made my role as coordinator a pleasure!

Our April 2015 Tasting Results:

Thursday 2nd April - Karolina Pironkov
Theme: New Zealand wines.

Winner: Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc;
price: \$13.95; LCBO #620062; score: 14.7.

Monday 6th April - Ellen and Paul Crawford
Theme: Wines from the Bordeaux Wine
Region of France.

Winner: Chateau DePanigon Cru Borgeois
Medoc; price: \$19.95; LCBO #230367; score: 15.8.

April was our first use of our (slightly) revised score sheets - Success! Everybody happy!

May tastings:

Monday 4th May - Anna and Chris Strachan
Thursday 7th May: Joanne and Ron

Millichamp.

Both of these tastings are full, and quite a few Grapenutters had to be turned away!

We will probably need to add a THIRD tasting each month to keep up with the demand. Expect to hear more on this soon."

Hosting for the rest of 2015

We have hosts through June, but most spots for July through December are open.

If you are an active Grapenutter, you should expect to host at least once a year.

The following spots are open:

Thursday 2nd July

Monday 6th July

Thursday 6th August

Thursday 3rd September

Monday 7th September

Thursday 1st October

Monday 5th October

Monday 2nd November

Thursday 3rd December

Monday 7th December

Yours, in Bacchus - and all other Gods of Wine. 🍷

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A slave is one who waits for someone else to set him free.

”

R. Brown

Nautical terms in general use

By Alan Jordan - *Editor - Soon to be "afloat"*

The vocabulary of sailing has enriched the English language with the development, by analogy, of new senses for nautical terms. Here are such words with their original meanings and their landlubber connotations.

- Aboveboard: above the deck (in the open, honest)
- Aground: resting on the seafloor on shore (halted by circumstances)
- Anchor: a heavy object that holds a vessel in place (a person or thing that figuratively keeps another person or thing steady)
- Awash: water level with or slightly covering the deck (overwhelmed)
- Bail: to throw out seawater that has collected in a vessel (to help, or to abandon)
- Ballast: stabilizing weights placed in the hull of a vessel (something that steadies or weighs down)
- Bearing: one's position (posture or deportment)
- Capsize: to overturn (to ruin or interfere)

- Chart: a navigational map, or to map a course (a display of graphical information, or to set a course)
- Course: the direction a ship is sailing (a procedure or a way of acting)
- Current: a movement of water (the prevailing mood or tendency)
- Heading: the direction a ship is sailing (a course)
- Headway: progress or rate of progress in sailing (progress in general)
- Helm: steering apparatus, or to operate such equipment (a position of leadership, or to lead)
- Keel: the backbone of a vessel, running along the center of the hull (balance, as when someone is on an even keel)
- Keelhaul: to drag a sailor underneath the ship along the hull as punishment (to punish severely)
- Leeway: sideways movement of a vessel because of current or wind (flexibility)
- Lookout: a sailor standing watch (someone keeping watch, or the position from which the person does so)
- Manhole: an opening in to a compartment (a hole providing access underground or into a structure) 🚪

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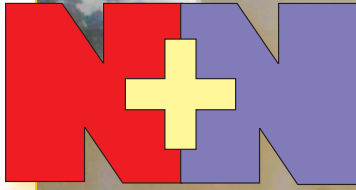
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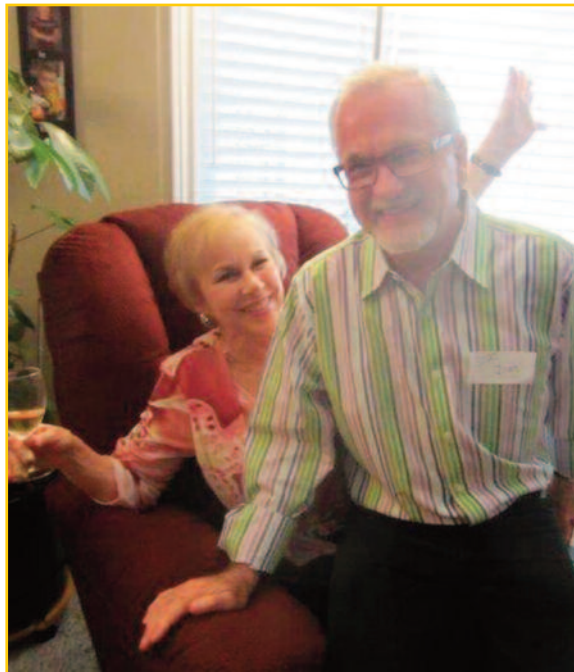


Spring has sprung!

By Carole and Alan Pond - Correspondents

Sixteen members of our Nosh 'n' Natter group met at The Ponds on Friday, April 10. In keeping with the calendar our theme was Spring and we were accordingly attired in yellow, green and other bright colours.

We tucked into delicious appetizers, wine flowed in abundance and a good time was had by all. 🇺🇸



The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.



Bertrand Russell

Grapenutter's quick visit to Bordeaux region

By Ellen and Paul Crawford - Correspondents

Twelve Grapenutters met at Ellen and Paul Crawford's home to have an oenophile's tour of the Bordeaux wine region of France.

The three whites and three reds came from various locations on both the left and right bank and represented different Appellation D'origine Controlee (AOC). AOC's have rules governing grape type alcohol level, methods of pruning, picking and density of planting in order to assist in consistency of the product.

The winning red wine was Chateau de Panigon Cru Bourgeois Medoc. This is an estate wine from the left bank near the town of Medoc.

The winning white wine was Mission St. Vincent Bordeaux Sauvignon 2013.

The wines of this region seemed to loosen our tongues and we had an enjoyable free-flowing conversation around the dining room table. 🇺🇸

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So much to do!

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

At the beginning of April, nineteen Escarpment PROBUS members went on a tour with lunch at the guide dog training facility set up by the Lions Club in Oakville. The training that the dogs receive is very intensive and it was impressive to see the commitment of the large roster of staff and volunteers involved in preparing the dogs for their roles as guides. None of us could resist the charms of the young puppy that was working on developing socializing skills by greeting us.

The final event of the month is the tour of the Italian Baroque Masterworks at the Hamilton Art Gallery and lunch in a private room. Ann Dupont (anndupont@bell.net) organized this edifying excursion.

On May 14 at 12:15, we'll be on a one-hour tour of the Toyota Plant in Cambridge followed by a lunch. This trip is limited to 40 participants who will travel through the plant on a motorized tram.

Important information about the Toyota Plant Tour

** Because we'll enter the Welding shop where occasional sparks are present, we are asked not to wear flammable fabrics such as polyester, rayon, acrylic or microfibre. You should wear wool, cotton, silk, or linen.*

** No hats or scarves, no cameras or cellphones are allowed.*

** No shorts or skirts.*

** Purses and bags must be left in the Visitor Centre.*

** Safety glasses must be worn at all times.*

The address is 1055 Fountain St. North in Cambridge, which is near the intersection of Hwy 401 and Hwy 8. Follow the signs for Gate 2 and report to the Visitor Centre.

Names of all the participants will have been submitted in advance by Barbara Alderson (frazzled@xplornet.com) and security will verify our reservation. There is no cost for the tour and we hope to head out for lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant.

May 21 is the date for the Legends of Rock and Roll presentation. A buffet lunch at the Crossroads Restaurant (384 Arthur St. S., Elmira) starts at 11:30. The show is at the Drayton

Theatre (33 Wellington St. S., Drayton) at 2:00 pm. Originally we priced this event at \$57, however too few people signed up for us to take advantage of a group discount. Brenda Hicks (bhicks@sympatico.ca) is the contact for this trip and she gave the people on the list the option of paying an additional \$10 each or cancelling their tickets.

Upcoming events:

- Sign up has started for a biking trip from Cambridge to Paris with lunch at a pub. John Flynn is collecting email addresses from interested members and will decide on a date in early June, as well as the time and location for meeting. Contact him (jflynn@rogers.com) if you have any bike related questions. Cost for this excursion is purchasing your own pub grub.

- Friday, June 19th we'll board a bus and leave at 10:00 am from the Milton Sports Centre heading to Stratford for lunch at Demetre's Family Eatery and then Carousel at the Avon theatre. It's time to pay for your ticket and lunch (\$110 a person) as Barbara Alderson (frazzled@xplornet.com) will need to confirm the final numbers a month ahead.

- Last year we had a car rally but this July 7th we're having an auto tour. Departing at 9:30 am from the Milton Sports Centre parking lot, you'll be given a scenic route to follow to the Halton County Radial Railway Museum on the Guelph Line. We'll go on a tour of the extensive facility which includes operating electric trains as well as subway and streetcars you might have once ridden. Ron Millichamp (ronmillichamp@hotmail.com) is the contact person for this excursion. We'll follow up by purchasing our own lunches at the Heaven on 7 Bistro & Pub in Rockwood. Museum entry is \$12 a person.

- The beekeeper's talk at our April meeting has got us buzzing about visiting the Townsend Bee Research Centre at the University of Guelph. Barbara Alderson is contacting the facility with a date at the middle of July in mind. Look for further information at our May meeting.

- Our June speakers will be talking about the Group of Seven and a tour of their work at the McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinburg is being arranged for early August. 📺



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Everywhere is walking distance if you have time.
”
Steven Wright



THE D'STILLERS

Difficult project undertaken with great skill

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The newest Probian Group called to muster is The 'D'Stillers', which has taken on the difficult task of tasting all the Whiskies known to mankind. Thus far, the members of this group are Martin, Ron, Pete, Michael, Wayne, Bill and Chris, first names only, just like another very famous group.

The D'Stillers were conceived April 1st, no joke, in my basement bar / man cave where there is no seat on the toilet to be raised and lowered. After I gave a quick toast - Here's to the Tall Ships, Here's to the Small Ships, Here's to the best ships, Friendships, Here's to one and all. rather than a long-winded oratory to the health benefits of a wee dram, we got sipping.

The first Bonnie Wee Spirit we put to our lips was a North Highlands single malt named "Glenmorangie Cellar 13", Glenmorangie being Gaelic for "Valley of Tranquility", we thought we had died and gone to heaven. The second whisky to caress out taste buds was from an island off the west coast of Scotland called Islay, again this was single malt named "Laphroaig" which is Gaelic for "Beautiful Hollow by the Broad Bay". This whisky was totally different from the first one, you either loved it or hated it, but me, being true to my birthright and truly believing in waste not, want not, continued to drink it.

The third dram we imbibed was a blend of Scottish malts and grains called "The Famous Grouse" which is the best selling whisky in Scotland, truly a delight to the pallet. As the evening drew to a close Martin persuaded us to have a nightcap and try a Glenmorangie 27-year old Malt, what a grand finale for the first meeting of The D'Stillers.

Thanks to Pete Shermet's meticulous record keeping, we are delighted to report, in order of preference how our connoisseurs scored the whiskies, they are as follows:

Number 1 on the list was the Glenmorangie Cellar 13, a very light coloured whisky with a nice aroma, very smooth clean taste with a nice finish.

Number 2 was the Famous Grouse, Scotland's best selling whisky. This was a little darker in colour, not quite as smooth with a harsher finish.

Number 3 was the Glenmorangie 1975 a 27-year old whisky, light in colour with a sharper taste than the Cellar 13 but still an excellent whisky.



Number 4 the Laphroaig was a darker colored whisky with a strong smokey peat taste. It had quite the bite with a harsher finish and was the least favourite of the group (like medicine). This whisky is for Laphroaig lovers only, one of which was in the room. The actual tasting results were based on personal palates rather than scientific or professional tasting procedures.

During the tasting a few parameters were established, these include meeting the first Wednesday of the month, the host will provide at least three whiskys of their choice for our comparison.

At the end of the evening we went upstairs where the DD's had convened a meeting of their own and were drinking tea. Thanks to the DD's for a safe drive home.

The upcoming meeting hosting schedule was established and is as follows: May - Pete Shermet, June - Wayne Herder, July - Ron Millichamp, August - Michael Hooker, October - Deferred meeting - November - Bill Willcocks, December - Chris Strachan Whisky Trivia

The best selling Whisky worldwide is Johnny Walkers Red Label.

France is the biggest importer of Scotch whisky in the world. More Scotch whisky is sold in France in one month than Cognac is sold in a year. 🇫🇷



And the winner is!

Chris Strachan was the lucky winner of the April Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

Chris won \$117 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 🇺🇸



By Ellen Crawford - *Convenor*

I am happy to report that more books were shared this past month. It appears that people are more interested in newer best seller type books and less interested in books about "fad" diets, financial affairs and self improvement (we're as good as we're going to be!) As we continue this endeavour we hope to pique people's interest with the offerings.

If you enjoyed the book you borrowed, perhaps you could bring it back to share again. 🇺🇸

Pole walking

Ginger Quinn will be at the Velodrome on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm with spare Nordic walking poles for people who would like to try them out. After May 1st, the location will change to meeting outside in the parking lot of the Milton Sports Centre. Poles and rubber tips can be purchased at Milton Orthotics. 🇺🇸



Oscar Nights
FILM CLUB

By Robyn Balfour - *Convenor*

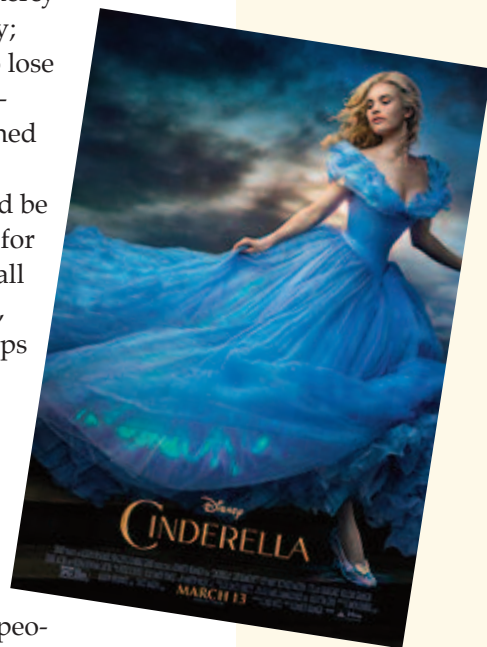
Oscar Nights Members broke into two groups. About 17 people in total came out to the movies.

Eight of us movie fans saw Cinderella, critiqued below.

About 10 of us enjoyed social time at the nearby Live Bait Ale House pub after the movies.

The story of "Cinderella" will be known by all throughout the ages. A timeless love story. Cinderella finds herself at the mercy of a jealous and cruel stepfamily; Cinderella could easily begin to lose hope. Yet, despite the cruelty inflicted upon her, she is determined to honour her mother's dying words and to "have courage and be kind." This is a strong message for all of us in life today. But, as in all good fairy tales, help is at hand, and a kindly beggar woman steps forward and, armed with a pumpkin and a few mice, changes Cinderella's life forever. She will not give into despair nor despise those who mistreat her.

The production was most enjoyable, filled with beautiful people, music, air and colour, fantastic costumes, horses, castles and forests. We all enjoyed the story of Cinderella as little people and loved this production as mothers and grandmothers. A few tears were shed. Tender and ideal. We are always in awe as good wins over evil. Stars of the show were evil stepmother played brilliantly by Cate Blanchett and beautiful, charming, kind and forgiving Cinderella played by Lily James. 🇺🇸



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Don't be so humble - you are not that great.

”

Golda Meir

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Glory is fleeting,
but obscurity is
forever.

”

Napoleon Bonaparte



Save The Date
Escarpment Probus Summer Picnic in the Park

Wednesday 17th June - after our monthly Probus Meeting
Noon until 3 pm


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

Thank you

Rodgers & Hammerstein's

CAROUSEL

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

THE SOCIAL SCENE

New clubs getting started, get your name down!

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

As reported at the April meeting our Probus members have come through once again and signed up for the new groups. The Book Club has four interested members, Nosh has seven with the Whisky group leading the pack with eight hearty imbibers. The first Nosh night will be held at my home on 15th May 2015 where a convener will be selected and future dates decided. The Convener for the Whisky group is Chris Strachan the other groups will be meeting shortly to decide on a Convener and to lay out the ground rules for the group.

At the March meeting a new Probus member, Diane Comstock, proposed the start of a Quilting Group and thus far four hearty quilters have signed up. The inaugural meeting has already taken place and the group has set the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month for future meetings. If you are interested in Quilting, please get in touch with Diane who is the convener for this group.

Please remember the Escarpment Probus Picnic will be held directly after the June 17th meeting. Please put this date in your calendar and remember to bring your cheque book to pay the \$17 for the cost of the lunch. I must apologize for telling everyone at the April meeting that the cost of the picnic was \$11, my error, I apologize.

I would also like to solicit the help of a few hearty souls to help plan and execute this event, so if you would be interested in being on this committee please get in touch with me and we shall arrange a meeting to go over the details. 🇺🇸

“

His ignorance is encyclopedic.

”

Abba Eban

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.



Please return . . .

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

Thank you



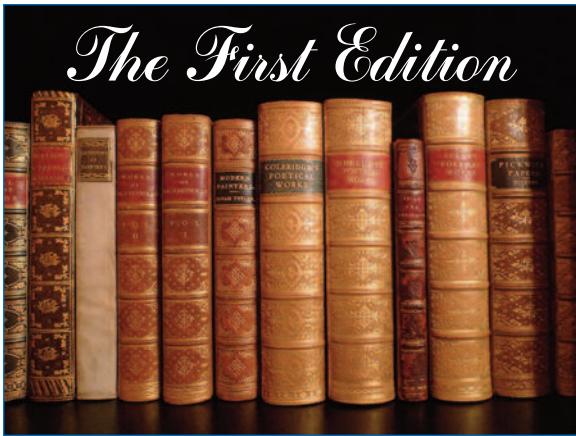
Interesting topics range from the exotic to the mundane

By Paul & Ellen Crawford - Convenors

At Liz and Cliff's home, sixteen Noshers enjoyed another evening of interesting topics ranging from face mites to Facebook with stops along the way at trying new cheeses and camping at Blythe.

Appetizers as usual were plentiful and diversified. 🇺🇸





Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan

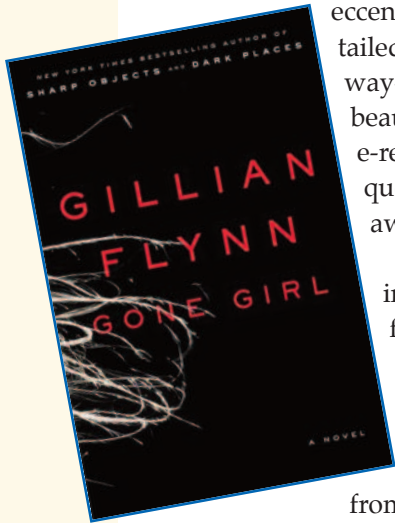
By Joy Castello - Correspondent

On Monday, April 13th, ten members of the First Edition Book Club met to discuss

Robin Sloan's first novel, "Mr.

Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore." The author states he wrote the kind of book he would like to read and clearly he enjoys a variety of genres, as this one is a challenge to categorize. Part mystery/adventure, part fantasy/magical realism and part science fiction, the book is a culture clash between a mysterious old-world book cult and the tech savvy generation of e-readers and Google.

The main character Clay Jannon is a young, out-of-work web designer. He takes a job as a night clerk in a little San Francisco bookstore and soon realizes the tall shelves of books and eccentric clientele hold many secrets. Mr. Penumbra has instructed Clay to keep detailed and accurate records but forbids him from opening books on the towering way-back shelves. Well, rules are meant to be broken and Clay discovers that the beautifully bound restricted books are encrypted and definitely not available on an e-reader! Clay gathers a group of his tech savvy friends and they embark on a quest to solve the mystery of the books and the dark cloaked fellowship toiling away in a New York City underground lair.



A few of us found the book thought provoking, charming and an entertaining light read. But most of the group said that Sloan's efforts to cram all his favourite genres into one book, leads to the story's downfall. Characters are one dimensional, the plot somewhat unsatisfying and the 500-year old mystery is too neatly solved. Most agreed that the book is a bit juvenile and that the target audience is young adults.

This might be the first book we've read with such a wide range of ratings, from a one to a seven. Most people gave the book a four out of ten. By the way, did anyone discover the book cover is glow-in-the-dark?!

Next month we meet at Patricia Flannagan's home to discuss "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. 📖

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.

Stuff you need to know to get through life

CIGARETTE: A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool at the other!

MARRIAGE: It's an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelors degree and a woman gains her masters.

LECTURE: An art of transmitting Information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either.

COMPROMISE: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

CLASSIC: A book which people praise, but never read.

OFFICE: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

EXPERIENCE: The name we give to our mistakes.

DIPLOMAT: A person who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

OPTIMIST: A person who while falling from Eiffel Tower, says in midway: "See I'm not injured yet!"

MISER: A person who lives poor so that he can die rich!

FATHER:A banker provided by Nature.

BOSS: Someone who is early when you are late, and late, when you are early.

POLITICIAN: One who shakes your hand before elections, and your confidence afterward.

DOCTOR: A person who kills your ills with pills, and kills you with his bills! 📖



Surprise visit by Royals

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

April 17 found us lifting a pinky finger at high tea at the Harrop House with our surprise visitors: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (Gillian Reynolds) and Prince Phillip (Brian Reynolds). This delicious and delightful dress-sup occasion was arranged for us through the initiative of Jeanne Reid and Lorrette Shermet, many thanks ladies. 🇬🇧



By Jeanne Reid and Lorrette Shermet - Convenors

We had a delightful afternoon sipping various blends of tea from fine china and enjoying the ambiance and superb manners of a British tradition.

There were some lovely hats and outfits as well as wonderful luncheon fare. The men particularly enjoyed the homemade goodies.

We even had a visit from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The afternoon was perfect.

Thank you to all 36 people who attended Let's do it again next year! 🇬🇧





Forecasting: fun and educational

By Liz Read
Activities Chair

The Weather Network tour was very entertaining and some of us tried our hand at weather reporting in front of a TV camera.

Amazingly most of the presenter's segments are not scripted and presenting the weather accurately and within time constraints in front of a green screen (instead of a map like we see on our televisions) is quite challenging.

Only a limited number of us could participate in this tour but we hope to book again next year with another thirty members finding out about weather forecasting. 🇩🇪

“

If a man does his best, what else is there?

”

General
George S. Patton





Bridge Club

Bridge Club continues to grow

By Jeanne Reid - Correspondent

We had a great afternoon of bridge at Elinore Shannon's home on Tues. April 7th. There were 3 tables and the big winner was Don Evans with Jeanne Reid coming second.

The Bridge Club has grown to 22 members with 3 spares. We welcomed 4 new members this past month: Ray & Shirley Mathews and Al & Barbara Janzen. So glad to have them!

The next bridge game will be at Rosemary Thompson's home on Tuesday May 5th and in June at Jeanne & Don Reid's, Thursday June 4th at 1:00 pm.

Happy Bidding!!

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"

Wayne Gretzky 🇩🇪

So there! We are all brilliant!

The brains of older people only appear to slow down because they have so much information to compute, much like a full-up computer hard drive, scientists believe.

Older people do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive becomes full, so to do humans take longer to access information, it has been suggested.

Researchers say this slowing down it is not the same as cognitive decline.

The human brain works slower in old age, but only because we have stored more information over time.

The brains of older people do not get weak, on the contrary, they simply know more.

So there! We Are All Brilliant!

“
Political correctness is tyranny with manners.”

Charlton Heston

If you love Italian. . .

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

Panini anyone? We will head up Highway 25 after our May meeting to diSavino's Panini Bar.

On the menu is an assortment of hot and cold paninis, salads and pastas. Entrees such as Eggplant Parmesan are one of many dishes sure to please vegetarian tastes.

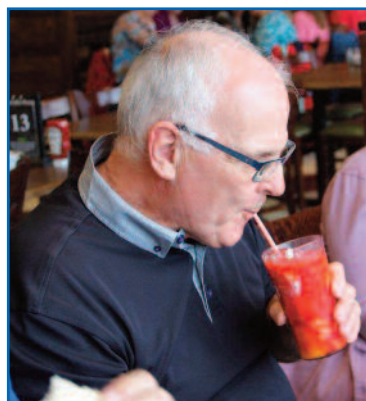
Located at 8473 Halton Regional Rd 25 and High Point Drive, the restaurant is on the right side of the highway shortly after crossing over the 401. The menu is can be seen at disavinos.ca.



Lunch Bunch Banter

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

After April's meeting, 10 Probians followed Lorrette to the Paramount, a new restaurant in town offering a Lebanese middle eastern menu. The experience was well enjoyed by all. 🇩🇪



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A story of three strong women

By Catherine Parr - Correspondent

Twelve members of The Sequel Book Club met on April 8 at Carolyn Rumley's lovely home. A lively discussion of the book, "The Postmistress" lent itself to many different opinions of the book and the story it told.

The book follows 3 women, strengthened by their ordeals during World War II.

The book was set in the time when the world was awakening to the truth that atrocities were being committed against Jewish families by the Nazi regime.

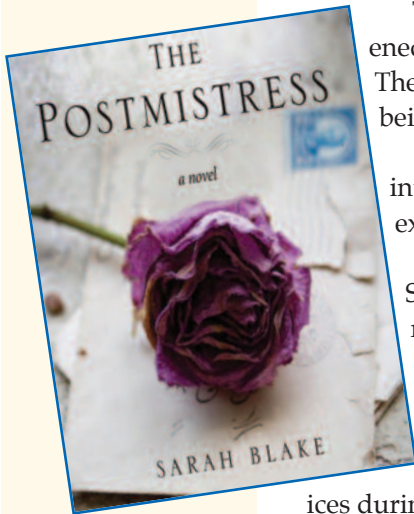
London was already besieged by the blitz, but the United States had not yet been drawn into the war. Frankie, a prominent American radio journalist, was based in London and her experiences in the black-outs and nightly air-raid bombings were described in detail.

She travelled to Europe to report on the "relocation" of Jews for her news broadcasts. She encountered danger and the horrific unveiling of what truly was happening in Europe. Due to censorship and ghastly content she was unable to tell the true story on the air.

Across the ocean in Cape Cod, the newly appointed Postmistress, Iris, had a central view of the life events of the townspeople. She keeps an eye on Emma, wife of the town doctor upon his request. He left his newlywed wife to provide emergency medical services during London's bombing. Prior to leaving, he gave Iris a letter for delivery to his wife in the event he died overseas.

The story overlaps when Frankie also retrieves a letter to Emma after witnessing the doctor's death in London. Frankie travels to Cape Cod to deliver the letter but like Iris, she could not follow through. The story involves many interesting characters that intertwine in the lives of these women.

The book was considered an interesting read and albeit sometimes confusing in content and purpose, it was deemed historically accurate and generally a good read. 🇺🇸



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 years event, so everyone can get on their dancing shoes and swing to the rhythm of Dr J.

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DAY OF THE MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
MAY 2015			
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	8 May, Friday - 5:30pm	Guess?	Auriel Halliday
Toyota Plant Tour	14 May, Thursday	Milton Sports Centre	Barbara Alderton
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	20 May, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Cliff Read
Legends of Rock 'n' Roll	21 May, Thursday - 11:30pm	Drayton Theatre	Liz Read
Zoomer Bloomers	TBD	TBD	Gloria Pennycook
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Sigrid B. & Sheila W.	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	The Shermet'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	Patricia Flanagan's Home	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	The Capper's Home	Martin Capper
Probus Executive Meeting	2nd Wednesday - 7:00pm	TBD	Cliff Read
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	June Leach's Home	Fay MacDonald
Golf Club-Probus Pin Seekers	2nd Thursday	Burlington Springs GC	Ron Millichamp
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Galaxy Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00pm	Jack & Beverley Moreland's	Lorrette Shermet
Bid Euchre	3rd Thursday - 1:30pm	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Lunch Bunch	3rd Wednesday - Noon	diSavino's Panini Bar	HRH Catherine Parr
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ellen Crawford
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Ann & Ron Du Pont's	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Inklings - Writing Club	4th Thursday - 1:30-3:30pm	Grace Anglican Church	Gillian Reynolds
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
JUNE 2015			
Escarpment PROBUS Picnic	17 June, Wednesday - Noon		Anna Strachan
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	17 June, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Cliff Read
Stratford Avon Theatre	19 June, Friday - 10:00am	Milton Sports Center	Liz Read
Biking Trip	Early June	TBD	John Flynn
JULY 2015			
Auto Tour	7 July, Tuesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ron Millichamp
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	15 July, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Cliff Read
Townsend Bee Centre	Middle of July	TBD	Barbara Alderson

Save The Date Escarpment Probus Summer Picnic - 17 June