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FOR MEMBERS OF THE
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Cliff Read
President

Our Second Anniversary Approaches

As we approach the close of our second year of operations we can certainly look back at a year filled with new experiences, interesting speakers, and of course wonderful camaraderie. September 16th will be the second AGM and we will be voting on the amendment to our By-Laws mentioned at our August meeting. Further details about this amendment can be found later in the Forum.

The annual AGM is traditionally a more formal meeting. It is the one meeting each year that minutes need to be recorded and archived. Our Treasurer will provide all members with a year-end review and the new slate of candidates will be presented. If there are no further nominations they will be acclaimed. If there are further nominations a vote will be held. All Escarpment PROBUS members are encouraged to attend.

We also have several exciting events planned for the immediate future. Many of our members are starting to pack their bags in anticipation of the upcoming Ireland trip, leaving September 22nd. There are sure to be plenty of stories and adventures to share upon their return. Plans for our second Anniversary Dinner at the Grand Chalet on September 11th are well underway. Many thanks go out to Anna Strachan and her committee for their diligent work in organizing such a delightful evening. Good food, great music, lots of dancing ... what could be better?

I would like to thank all those people who have contributed their time and talents to make the Escarpment PROBUS club so enjoyable. It is difficult to list everyone because in so many cases whenever there was a need someone was willing to step up and fill in the gap, even if was not specifically part of their job. I saw this occur time and time again and truly feel that it is this spirit that is keeping our club so vibrant and why the PROBUS experience has been such a rewarding one for me personally. Thank you.

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

Our web site is: www.escarpmentprobust.com

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

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September 16th Meeting is the AGM

By-Law Amendment

As mentioned at the August meeting there needs to be a formal amendment made to our Escarpment PROBUS Club's by-laws. When our first set of by-laws was formalized last year, the management team had inadvertently omitted this important clause. We have taken the wording from PROBUS Canada's template for by-laws to be used by all clubs. Now that the notice of motion has been given we can vote to accept the revision. This will be one of the items of business at the AGM. Please review and contact me directly if you have any concerns or questions.

The new clause reads:

By-Law No. 7 - Non Profitability

1. Club activities are to be budgeted to break even.
2. The club may advance funds, with approval of the Management Committee, when prepayment of event tickets are required prior to collection of funds from Members. Such advances shall be repaid to the Club.
3. An individual member of the Club must not gain from a discount, commission, gratuity or other benefit arising from a Club activity.

Management Positions

Escarpment PROBUS Club

2015-2016

This list of names shows the individuals who have agreed to fill the Management positions for the upcoming year for the Escarpment PROBUS Club. In the event that there are no further nominations this entire slate will be presented during the Annual General Meeting on September 16th and they will be acclaimed. No vote will be necessary.

In the event that there are further nominations then there will be a vote by ballot to be held during the Sept. 16th meeting.

POSITION	INCUMBENTS	CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION
President	Gloria Pennycook	
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Vice President		Martin Capper
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Treasurer		John Flynn
Program	Paul Crawford	
Social	Anna Strachan	
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Membership		Ron DuPont
Newsmagazine		Peter Lasota

Our thanks go to all of these people for agreeing to stand for these positions.



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Our September Speaker

Bruce Woods - Author

Bruce is happily married to his wife Joan and is proud of his 4 children and 10 grandchildren. He was educated at the University of Western Ontario, Waterloo College and the Dallas Theological Seminary. Bruce is the founder of Hamilton Baptist Non-profit Homes. He has been interviewed this year by the CBC on TVO Steve Paikin's Agenda, also Crossroads TV and Kitchener/Waterloo Rogers TV Channel 20.



Bruce is a playwright, actor and has appeared in a one-man drama for 270 performances. His is also the author of the Canadian Best Seller "Between Two Women, A Stratford Story".

Several other books he has written are: "Between Two Worlds, A Canadian Story" and "A Vancouver Romance, the Legacy of Bruce & Ruth Morton". Bruce is a freelance writer for the Hamilton Spectator, The Hamilton Magazine and the Hamilton Public Library.

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

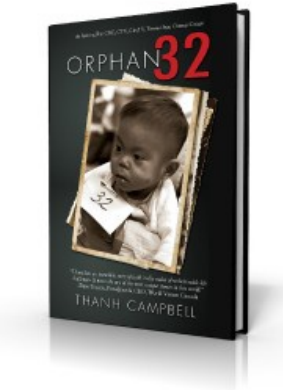
Our October Speaker

Thanh Campbell - Author

Thanh Campbell was a Vietnamese orphan loaded onto a Canadian Forces plane on April 12, 1975. Beside him, there were 56 other babies who would become possibly the last infants flown from the country as part of Operation Babylift, a frantic effort to save lives before Saigon fell.



Now, 40 years later, Campbell (born Nguyen Ngoc Minh Thanh) tells us his story, from growing up in a Canadian family, to tracking down the other orphans who were on the same plane as he was, to being re-united with his Vietnamese family a few years back.



“
Outside of a dog,
a book is a man's
best friend.
Inside of a dog
it's too dark to
read.

”

Groucho Marx

New Probus Year About to Begin

by Liz Read - Activities Chair

McMichael Canadian Art Collection Tour on Thursday, Aug. 6 was wonderful. We learned more about the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson and enjoyed a sunny day in the beautiful setting of the museum in Kleinberg.

Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto on Wed. Sept. 9 is fully booked with 23 people being accommodated on the bus. The participants will be contacted by email with reminders of when and where we'll meet. (Milton Sports Centre at 9:30 a.m.)

Credit Valley Explorer Train ride on Thursday, Oct. 22 has 16 confirmed ticket holders sitting in four tables in the dome car. We're hoping for beautiful fall colours on this tour.

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

Appetizers at Sobeys on Nov. 12 at 11:00. There is room for a few more participants. You'll see a cooking demonstration and taste appetizers, \$20 a person. If we find enough interest, the class will be duplicated for another group of 20 participants on another date. This is a great activity for those looking for ideas for holiday entertaining.

And finally, our new Probus year is about to begin.

Thank you to the outgoing Activities Committee members for the first two years of Escarpment Probus: Barbara Alderson, Brenda Hicks, Ron Millichamp, Anne DuPont. They have come up with interesting trips that got our club out and about having fun times together. It is remarkable that since we formed the committee we have had 38 different events to offer our members.

And, as for myself, I have quite enjoyed coordinating our efforts and standing up each

month telling you all where to go!

It's time now for the committee to be revamped with new members so expect to hear more soon about the exciting plans they'll be making.

- Liz Read



“
Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.



Mark Twain



And our winner is ...
Dianne Armand
with \$104.50

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.



Nosh n Natter al fresco

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor

Only eleven Nosh n Natters were able to attend at the home of Gill and Bryan Reynolds on August 7th. Most of the others were away and unfortunately a few were off sick, which only left Bryan and John Yardley to handle nine women. The small number meant that we could all gather around one table under the gazebo, providing a cozy and intimate atmosphere.



The variety of food was eaten with relish (no hot dogs) The wine flowed freely and so did the pleasant conversation.



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

Calling All RVers

by Michael Boothe - Contributor

A proposal for an RV Group was presented at the August meeting by Michael and Maggie Boothe. Members owning RV's who would be interested in a camping group are invited to contact them at 124mcb@gmail.com. How the group can best be developed, common interests and possible destinations that are relatively close can be discussed at a mutually agreeable time. Additionally, for anyone wishing to participate without an RV, some locations have Camping Cabins or Camping Cottage Trailers available at an additional cost.



Our Coffee Crew...
Michelle Tschirhart, Robyn Balfour & Norma Capper



“

Won't you come into the garden? I would like my roses to see you.

”

Richard Brinsley Sheridan

Another amazing Zoomer Bloomer Outing *by Gloria Pennycook - Vice President*

Yesterday we visited the home and gardens of Bruce Owen. A big thanks to Christy Babcock for organizing this outing. He grows hundreds of day lilies as a hobby! While he said that August was not the ideal month for the blooms (he removes approximately 150 dead blossoms every day now), the flowers were amazing. In July, he removes over 2500 everyday ... what a passion! We even saw a lily that sold for \$1200 at an auction! Don't worry, they are not all that expensive. Not only does Bruce grow the lilies, he creates them with cross pollination. He does not sell his lilies but he did dig up a plant for each of us to take home ... not the \$1200 one though!



Here it is ... that very expensive lily.



In addition to his lilies and gardens, Bruce breeds and judges unusual show dogs and hens. And he has some very interesting pheasants. I know that I would never had the opportunity to do this outing if it weren't for the Probus Zoomer Bloomers.

Hope you enjoy the fall colours that are starting to come out now.

Happy gardening, Gloria.



Everyone enjoyed themselves despite the heat ... a fascinating visit.



Christy is pointing at the beautiful and rare \$1200 lily!

Lunch at *Yovanna at Harrop House*

by *Catherine Parr - Convenor*

Yovanna at Harrop House has prepared a select lunch menu for us to enjoy following our September meeting. I have made 25 reservations and hope we can fill the seats to take advantage of this specially priced luncheon.



Yovanna at Harrop House

345 Steeles Avenue East, Milton

\$15.00 Entrées, served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes:

Fillet of Sole, Veal Schnitzel or Penne a la Vodka with Chicken

\$7.00 Garden Salad

\$7.00 Soup of the day

\$5.00 Chocolate Mouse or Apple Crumble

\$1.50 Coffee or Tea

(An additional discount will be provided for bills paid in cash.)

Please let me know if you are interested by emailing me at 4catparr@gmail.com .

“

The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook

”

Julia Child



The D'Stiller's Acquire Holy Grail

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



Hello again Probians. The Whiskey club's monthly meeting was held at Michael Hooker's home on 5th August where we had the pleasure of tasting and critiquing four whiskies.



No 1 - Old Fettercairn a 10 yr old single malt, this whisky was evaluated at 71/100.

No 2 - Oban a 14 yr old single malt, we thought this was worth 81/100.

No 3 - Lagavulin a 16 yr old single malt, was evaluated as the best whisky of the evening at 87/100.

No 4 - Glenfarclas 105 a 10 yr old single malt, we thought this one was worth 70/100.

Scintillating facts:

Part of the history of Old Fettercairn, John Gladstone, the second owner of Old Fettercairn was the father of William Gladstone a three time elected Prime Minister of Great Britain who passed legislation alleviating taxes on the whisky industry. I WONDER WHY !



The distillery in OBAN was established in 1793 and was build before the town of Oban itself was established.

Lagavulin is one of the six classic malts of Scotland. The island of Islay, where Lagavulin is made, is only 239 Sq, Miles (61,956 hectares) but is home to nine distilleries.

Glenfarclas Malt has a staggering 60% alcohol per volume, one of the highest alcohol contents in any Scottish whisky. The Distillery has an annual production of 3 million liters per year. As early as

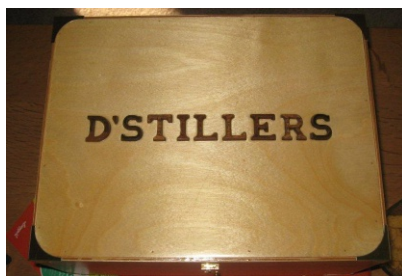


1973 they established a visitor's center a pioneering idea at the time.

Scotland imports 1 million oak barrels from the USA per year.

Collectively Scottish Distilleries produce 1 Billion bottles per year.

A special thanks to Pete Shermet for crafting a beautiful container (dubbed "The Holy Grail") to hold our Whiskey tasting "Glencairn" glasses.



The next meeting of the D'Stiller's will be held at the home Ron Millichamp on Wednesday 2nd of September.



While I can't walk on water, I can certainly wobble on whisky.

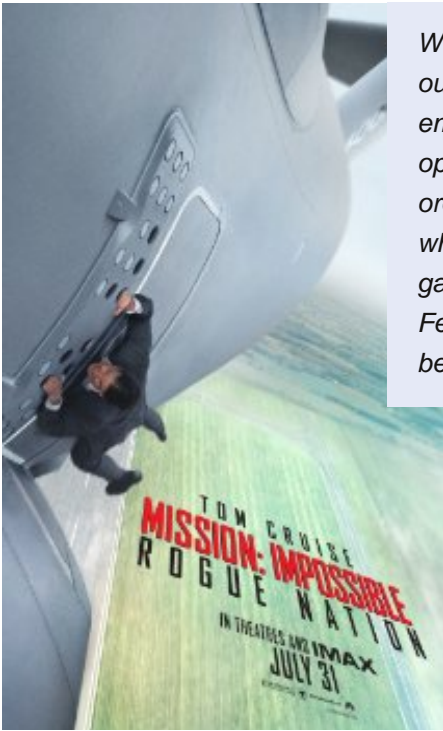


Ashwin Sanghi

Impossible Mission Succeeds

by Robyn Balfour - Convenor

Nine Oscar Night Members came out to the Movies at the Milton Galaxy Cinema, on the second Tuesday of August. We all thoroughly enjoyed this action packed movie and of course with Tom Cruise, whats not to enjoy. The social part after the show for wine and beer at the Live Bait Ale House was fun. We are very much looking forward to the number of attendees going up again as we head into the cooler months.



With the IMF now disbanded and Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) out in the cold, a new threat -- called the Syndicate -- soon emerges. The Syndicate is a network of highly skilled operatives who are dedicated to establishing a new world order via an escalating series of terrorist attacks. Faced with what may be the most impossible mission yet, Ethan gathers his team and joins forces with Ilsa Faust (Rebecca Ferguson), a disavowed British agent who may or may not be a member of this deadly rogue nation.



“

The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.

”

Alfred Hitchcock

Appetizers at Sobeys'

A chef will demonstrate the preparation of appetizers, which we then get to sample. Recipes will be distributed.

Thursday, Nov. 12 11:00 to 1:00

1035 Bronte St. S. (at Louis St. Laurent)

\$20 Per Person

Only 20 participants can be accommodated but a second date will be arranged if needed. Please sign up at the activities desk or contact Liz Read at liz.read@cogeco.ca

Ole for Sangria!

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor

We chose Spanish wines as our theme, because we had recently returned from an Insight bus tour of Southern Spain, including a visit to one of the wine cellars (bodegas).

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-nuts
WINE TASTING CLUB



Nine of us ploughed our way through four passable wines that only averaged around 10, before finally being rewarded for our patience with Red Guitar, which achieved an average of 13. Interestingly # 4, Luis Canas Crianza, 2011 cost \$17.95 and was recommended by a wine expert. Whereas, we only gave it 9.5. (Maybe we are the experts!) We gave the last wine, Real Sangria an average of 15.3, probably because we were comparing it to the other five. Whether you prefer red or white wine, I think most people find Sangria enjoyable. We decided that the best time to drink it is any time, other than

with dinner. The enjoyable soiree was topped off with some Spanish Sherry. Their wines may not be all that great, but the Spaniards certainly know how to make a good sherry.

There was a prize for the one who could guess "the odd man out", which was won by Rosalind Jordan. It was the Pinot Grigio, because it was not made in Spain. It was one of a batch of wine which we made at Carafe for our son's wedding in 2012. We just wanted to make sure it was still fit to drink. As there appears to be no ill effects, I presume it is still OK.



2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$45.00 are due October 1st, 2015. Payments (preferably by cheque) may be made at the September 16th meeting. Otherwise, please mail your cheque (no cash) to:

Ron Du Pont
2170 Lower Base Line
Oakville, ON, L6M 4G1

Make cheques payable to **Escarpment PROBUS Club** dated **October 1, 2015**.

Please mark the memo section of your cheque with the names of who the payment is for.

Tough Job of Ploughing Through Wines

(but somebody has to do it!)

by Michael Hooker - *Convenor*

August was our first month with three tastings. We had a good attendance at all three, after a bit of cajoling and some Grapenutters volunteering to attend more than one. I should have remembered that August is a good month for people to go away to other drinking places! Well, we all learn by experience.

Monday 3rd August - Michael Hooker

Theme: "El Cheapo" - Wines under \$10 recommended by Gord Stimmell, wine correspondent for Toronto Star, as great values.

Best of the night: JJ McWilliam's Shiraz Cabernet 2013 (Australia). Score: 15.0. LCBO 16471. Price \$9.95. This wine was definitely a cut above the rest (which still represented good value). This shows that in many cases there isn't a direct link between price and quality, and our tasting experiences over that past year have proved the truth of this - in several cases the highest rated wine was the cheapest.

After the official tasting, I opened a bottle of Tawny Port that was probably at least 20 years old - to give us all a taste of "Really Good Stuff".

Thursday 6th August - Patricia and Ron Flanagan

Theme: Wines from Pelee Island Winery.

The clear winner was: Pelee Island Time Semi-Sweet Merlot VQA (Canada). Score: 12.7. LCBO 342279. Price: \$12.95.

Thursday 6th August - Gillian and Bryan Reynolds

Theme: Wines from Spain (Appropriate, as Gill and Bryan were just back from there).

The evening's first choice was: Real Sangria

(Spain). Score: 15.3. LCBO: 72785. Price: \$8.95.

Gill commented: " Nine of us ploughed our way through four passable wines that only averaged around 10, before being rewarded with Red Guitar (LCBO 54007, \$13.50), then we gave the last wine, Real Sangria (made by Pernod Ricard) an average of 15.3!"

Our September Tastings:

(start at 7:00 pm)

(Only two in September - expect some of us will be away).

Thursday 3rd September - Auriel Halliday and Don Evans

Monday 7th September - Joanne and Ron Millichamp

As I'm going to be away for much of September, I will be sending out the October tasting invitation early in September.

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WINE TASTING CLUB



Our August Greeters...

Barbara Finnie & Norma Capper

What morning grump wouldn't be cheered up by those smiles?



Next Year's Trip: Poland & Prague!

by Joanne Millichamp - Past President

Escarpment Probus Club members have spoken, and the overwhelming choice for next year's trip is the 10 night/12 day visit to Poland in late September of 2016. Places visited include Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Zakopane and ending with 3 nights in Prague. All this for the amazing price of \$2,950.00 with a single supplement of \$580.00. Brochures with detailed descriptions will be available for anyone interested in a few months time.



The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.



Saint Augustine



Lunch Bunch goes to Lone Star Texas Grill



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
SEPTEMBER 2015			
Executive Meeting	8 September at 5:30pm	The Read's Home	Cliff Read
Ripley's Aquarium	9 September 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Anniversary Dinner	11 September 6:30pm	Grand Chalet on Steeles Ave.	Anna Strachan
Escarpment PROBUS	16 September , Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Cliff Read
Lunch Bunch	16 September , Wednesday - Noon.	Yovanna at Harrop House 345 Steeles Avenue East, Milton	Catherine Parr
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Michelle Tschirhart
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thursday - 7:00pm	Various	Michael Hooker
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Millichamps Home	Chris Strachan
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st & 3rd Monday	TBD	Diane Comstock
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1:00pm	Read Home	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
PROBUS Executive Meeting	2nd Wednesday - 7:00pm	Read Home	Cliff Read
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	TBD	Fay Macdonald
Golf Club-Probos Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday	Burlington Springs GC	Ron Millichamp
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Galaxy Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
Euchre	3rd Tuesday	Shermet Home	Lorrette Shermet
Bid Euchre	2nd Thursday	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ellen Crawford
Nosh Neighbours	3rd Friday	The Taylor's Home	Dianne Tomson
Nosh@Nite	18 September - 5:30-8:30pm	Gloria Pennycook & Bob Findlay Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch	3rd Wednesday - noon	TBD	Catherine Parr
Inklings - Writing Club	4th Thursday - 1:30pm	TBD	Gillian Reynolds
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
OCTOBER 2015			
Murder Mystery	Sunday , 18 October, 1 pm	The Atrium, 5420 North Service Rd, Burlington	Ron Millichamp
Escarpment PROBUS	21 October , Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Gloria Pennycook
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Michelle Tschirhart
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Book Club - First Edition	19 October - 1:00 PM	Pironkov Home	Paul Crawford
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