

# FORUM

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**Gloria Pennycook**  
*President*

## Let's Get Outside!

**F**inally the good weather has come. It was a long winter. While there are always many great activities to enjoy during the winter months, it is always wonderful to experience the warmer great outdoors and all it has to offer. We had an excellent speaker at our last meeting to kick off the gardening season. I know that the Zoomer Bloomers Garden Club has many interesting outings coming up. The Pin Seekers Golf Club is teeing off once again. All golfers, beginners to experienced, are welcome to join and play either 9 or 18 holes of golf at Granite Ridge. And once again, John Flynn will be leading the "Tour de Paris" which is a wonderful bike ride along the Grand River rail trail from Cambridge to Paris. We learned about some new clubs that are forming this month that sound quite intriguing. They are the Joker Club (no, it's not about who can tell the best joke but a really fun board game) and the Dinner Club. In addition, there are many activities being offered.

PROBUS is about meeting new people and having fun in a social environment. Please join in!

I would like to thank the many volunteers who give of their personal time to ensure that we have such a great PROBUS Club. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know.

I would also like to remind you to visit our website at: [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://www.escarpmentprobus.com) for the latest information about all that is happening at our Club. It is a user-friendly way to track our exciting and interesting events.

*Here we grow again. Our newest members ...*



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## Our May Speaker

### Nancy Macleod - A Victorian Medicine Show

Enjoy a display and demonstration of antique and reproduction medical equipment and treatments. This presentation will make you appreciate modern medical care! This educational presentation is light-hearted and done with discretion.



“  
Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.”  
Luther Burbank

## Our June Speaker



### Elaine Charal - Handwriting Expert

Elaine is not only a certified graphologist but also an exceptional keynote speaker, a seasoned entertainer and an accomplished comedienne. Her "Power of the Pen" is guaranteed to have everyone laughing while they discover how to communicate even more effectively with associates and friends through knowing what the strokes of handwriting mean. Everyone will also learn about their own strengths as reflected in their handwriting.



*Our April Greeters...*  
Don & Ann Corker.




*And our April winner is guest Claude Dewitte with \$130.00*

# We're Kicking Up Our Heels

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

The Poland & Prague Trip for the fall 2016 is Sold Out.

The club's third *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* was held on Friday April 8 and was, again, a resounding success. There were 6 hosts who welcomed 53 people into their homes.



## Coming Up ...

**Fire fighting demonstration** at the Garry Morden Centre at 7535 Ninth Line in Mississauga on Tuesday May 24th at 1:00 pm. There is still time to sign up at the May meeting. There is No Cost for this outing.

**A guided tour of the Bata Shoe Museum** at 327 Bloor St West will be held on Tuesday May 31 from 11:00am to 12:00. It is located near the St. George subway station. Take the GO bus/train to Union Station then the University subway to St. George and you're there. The cost is \$14 per person, there is still time to sign up at the May meeting.

3rd Annual **Tour de Paris bike tour** organized and lead by John Flynn. A bike ride from Cambridge to Paris, Ontario. Depending on how ambitious you are, you have the choice of doing a 20 km or 40 km round trip tour. It's an easy ride on a rail trail along the Grand River. The only cost will be for your lunch. It will probably take place in late May or early June. Watch for further announcements

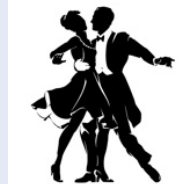
Kick up you heels and take a 1½ hour **Line Dancing lesson** for only \$10.00 on Monday June 20, 2:00-3:30 pm. Held at the Bronte Legion at Lakeshore and Jones in Oakville. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

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*You've gotta  
dance like there's  
nobody  
watching,  
Love like you'll  
never be hurt,  
Sing like there's  
nobody listening,  
And live like it's  
heaven on earth.*

”

— William W.  
Purkey



## Dinner and Dancing

At the BLACK FOREST INN CONESTOGA  
East of Kitchener - 50 minute drive from here  
Sunday, July 10, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Live Music by Bogdan Frank on piano, singing and as DJ  
Hot and cold full buffet dinner

Lots to eat, and then hit the dance floor to help work off those calories  
\$29.00 per person includes taxes and gratuity.

All drinks are extra.

A real senior thing to do as you can be home by dark  
Sign up at our May meeting



# Picnic in July

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair



In the last few months we have welcomed a number of new members to Escarpment PROBUS. As Social Chair it is my pleasure to keep you abreast of all the clubs that are available for you to join (see also next page). We have quite a few established clubs/groups and are always willing to entertain other ideas. A few months ago we asked people what kind of things they would be interested in and out of that came a few good ideas one of which was the Joker Game. The game started in April with a training session but will officially get under way in

May. At the Wednesday meeting some of the clubs were represented, Gillian Reynolds gave a brief overview of the Inklings writing club, Ron Millichamp gave a review of the upcoming Golf season and Megs Shellard explained the Joker Game. Megs also gave us a review of the newly formed Dinner Club and left some sample recipes for you to review. My thanks to Lillian, Ron and Meg for their presentations.



Photos from last year's picnic

As summer is fast approaching we can now turn our thoughts to the Summer Picnic to be held this year July 20th at Louisville Park on the Guelph line South of Derry Rd. This year we have decided to have our lunch catered by Troy's Catering. There will be a choice of Burger, Veggie Burger, Sausage or Chicken. We have kept the cost to last years price of \$17 per person so keep the 20th in your calendar and come out and enjoy good food, good friends and good fun & games. I shall have a sign up sheet at the May and June Meeting so please bring your chequebooks and sign up. I hope to see many of you sign up for our 'Picnic in July'.



# In the Crib

By Martin Capper - Vice President

Sixteen members turned out for our monthly evening of fun and companionship. Liz got excited about earning a mention with her score of 21 only to be overtaken a minute later by Paul's 23 and finally capped by Diane's 24. We still seek that elusive 29 - regrettably 19's and skunks are less rare!



Ellen's batch of chocolate chip cookies were in hot demand. I am seriously considering joining her book club! We discussed briefly starting a daytime crib group but there was little enthusiasm for it, however if other Probus members would like to start a daytime crib club please feel free to talk to Anna and she will help you get going!





## About Our Groups ...

**W**e provide opportunities for our members to meet and to get together through a variety of interest groups. The management team is always interested in considering proposals for new groups

### ***Nosh Groups***

Nosh is slang for food and we have 2 groups that meet monthly for a few hours of fun. The basic premise is that members take turns at hosting. The host provides the venue and dessert and each guest brings a plate of hors d'oeuvres (finger snacks) and their own beverages!

Convenors are  
Nosh at Night - Paul & Ellen Crawford  
Nosh 'N Natter - John & Julie Flynn

### ***Wine Tasting***

Grapenuts is our wine tasting group that offers one of two opportunities each month to participate in tasting and rating six different wines on a theme chosen by the host. Members take turns in hosting and the cost of the wines is shared by the participants. The host provides coffee and snacks after the tasting

Convenor - Michael Hooker

### ***Book Clubs***

We have three book clubs that meet monthly to discuss a book chosen by that particular month's host/hostess. The Clubs generally use the lending program of the Milton Public library for the supply of the chosen books.

Convenors are-  
First Edition - Paul & Ellen Crawford  
Sequel - Judy Nelson  
Trilogy - Linda Green

### ***Movie Club***

The Oscar nights movie group meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Galaxy Cinema, Milton.

Convenor - Robyn Balfour

### ***Hiking and Walking Groups***

Our Hiking Group meets every Tuesday and hikes moderately easy trails generally within Halton Region

(Conservation areas, regional forest tracts, RBG etc.). The walking groups also meet weekly and cater for both Nordic pole walkers and track walkers

Convenors are  
Hiking group - Ron Flannagan  
Walking groups - Liz Read

### ***Card Groups***

We have separate groups covering bridge, euchre, bid euchre and cribbage. The groups generally each meet once a month.

Convenors are  
Bridge - Elinore Shannon  
Euchre & Bid Euchre - Lorrette Shermet  
Cribbage - Martin Capper

### ***Golf Group***

The Probus Pin Seekers meet every second Thursday during golf season at Granite Ridge Golf Course.

Convenor - Ron Millichamp

### ***Garden Club***

The Zoomer Bloomers meet monthly Spring to Fall.

Convenor - Christie Babcock

### ***Writing Club***

The Inklings meet monthly where they share their work.

Convenor - Gillian Reynolds

### ***Whisky Tasting Club***

The D'Stillers meet on the first Wednesday of each month when they sample 3 or 4 different liquors! Designated Drivers are recommended and are generally offered coffee and chat!

Convenor - Chris Strachan

### ***Joker Club***

Joker is a fun board game. It involves drawing standard playing cards and moving marbles around a board. The strategy is to keep track of the number of spaces between marbles and desired locations and try to keep as many options open based on probabilities of cards being drawn.

Convenor - Auriel Halliday

**NEWS**



# Old Bourbon Barrels Good Enough for Whiskey

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

**H**ello again Probian, the D'Stillers April sipping session was held at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp. We had the pleasure of welcoming a new D'Stiller, Jim Campbell, to our group which brings our total number of members up to ten.

Up for our approval, or disapproval, was one Bourbon Whiskey and four Scotch Whiskies. The Whiskies were ranked as follows:



## ***Cardhu 12 year old Single Malt.***

The Cardhu Distillery was established in 1811 by Helen Cummings which is very unusual considering whisky making was a male dominated venture.

## ***Chivas Regal 12 Year old Blended Whisky.***

Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack's favourite whisky.

## ***Glenrothes 12 Year old Single Malt.***

In 1922 that Distillery burned to the ground and 2,550 casks of the 'Water of Life' was destroyed. This would bring a tear to the eye of many a whisky drinker.

## ***Glenfiddich 12 Year old Single Malt.***

This is the worlds best selling single malt whisky which over the years has won many honours for it's taste.

## ***Makers Mark Bourbon (American Whiskey)***

Like all Bourbons the barrels are only used once. American Law states that a barrel can only be used once during the ageing process. These barrels are still put to good use as they are shipped to Scotland and used to make Scotch Whisky.



Thanks to Joanne for hosting the DD's and thanks to the DD's for getting us all home safe and sound.

The May meeting of the D'Stillers will be held Wednesday 4th May 2016 at the home of Michael Hooker.



# All about "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

AN UNUSUAL DINING EXPERIENCE

First, we all met in Milton for appetizers and drinks and then we were each given a map that lead us to our secret host for the evening. Beforehand, everyone was allocated a part of the menu ( salad, veggies, dessert ) to prepare and bring with them. The hosts prepared the entree and selected the wines for the evening. There were six or eight diners at each home and the cost of the meal was shared by all. This is a fun evening with a wonderful dinner and a great opportunity to meet fellow members of the club.



Many Thanks to Joanne Millichamp and Auriel Halliday for organizing this event.

## Fine Dining at the Cappers

*By Martin Capper - Vice-President*

This was our third "Guess who's coming to dinner" and our second as host. From my perspective hosting is the best part – you get to pick the wines and after the initial meeting you can relax and enjoy the wine and no driving worries.

This time around we had some new friends; Don and Ann Corker, Len and Doreen Bennink; and some old friends, Jeanne Reid, Lorraine Randal and Ginnie Galipeau so it was a great evening. Don, Len and myself soon discovered that we had a common interest in Golf. Jeanne and I talked about how the club had grown since its first meeting in Hugh Foster Hall. Ginnie, Norma and I talked about our trip to Ireland last year and Lorraine, Norma and I talked cribbage. We may even have persuaded Don to join the group. Don entertained us with stories of his days as an Air Canada pilot of 747's.

There are two types of stores I enjoy spending time in – the Golf store and the wine store. The only clue I had for wine choices was that the entrée we had to cook was chicken in an orange sauce! I can't claim any credit for picking the wines - Google did that for me. So hedging my bets I got two bottles of Lamberti Pinot Nero (Noir) and two of their Pinot Grigio. I don't know what it is about our club but the red wine drinkers outnumber the white drinkers by 3 to 1! Fortunately I am one of the majority and had lots of red in reserve!

Our thanks to Joanne and Auriel for putting together: the opening get together; the menu; and ensuring everyone got the recipes. It is so well organized that it has become one of my favourite Probus events!

*At the Halliday's*

*At Josie & Peter's*



“  
Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.”  
”  
-Greg Anderson



# MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN

- 8 pieces of chicken, preferably boneless breasts, You could substitute 2 pieces of boneless thigh for one chicken breast.
- Two cans of mandarin oranges.

## Marinade

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil.
- 1/2 cup liquid honey.
- 3/4 cup soy sauce.
- 1 onion diced.
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed. Optional.
- 2 teaspoons of minced ginger.
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard.
- The juice from one can of mandarins.

Combine marinade ingredients in a large bowl . Add chicken and marinate in fridge for at least three hours.

Remove chicken from marinade and place in a roasting pan.

Reserve remaining marinade for sauce.

Sprinkle mandarin segments over chicken.

## Sauce

Mix reserved marinade with 3 tablespoons of frozen orange juice concentrate in a small pan and heat. Add 2 tablespoons of cornstarch dissolved in cold water to the pan and blend. Simmer until sauce thickens.

Pour sauce over chicken and place in 350 degree oven for an hour.

# ROASTED ASPARAGUS

- 2lbs fresh asparagus trimmed
- 1 large red pepper thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup Balsamic vinaigrette dressing
- 4 tbls of feta cheese crumbled.

Heat oven to 400F

Arrange asparagus in a row on foil covered baking sheet.

Sprinkle peppers onto bottom ends of spears.

Bake approx 20 minutes until crisp.

Place in oven proof dish and sprinkle with dressing and cheese.

Serving Suggestion

This oh-so-easy side dish is equally great served warm or at room temperature.



# GLAZED CARROTS

- 2 lbs (approx) baby carrots.
- 6 tablespoons of peach or apricot jam.
- 2 teaspoons each grated orange zest and Dijon mustard.
- 1/2 teaspoons each of dried thyme and salt.

## Method

Steam or boil carrots until almost tender.

While carrots are cooking prepare glaze.

Combine jam, orange zest, mustard and thyme in a small saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat until jam has melted.

Toss carrots and glaze.

# SCALLOPED POTATO

- 6 cups of thinly sliced potatoes.
- 1/2 cup finely sliced onion.
- 2 cups of grated cheese. Cheddar or Suisse are both good.
- Salt and pepper to taste.
- 1 1/2 cups of chicken broth.
- 2 tablespoons of flour.

Preheat oven to 360 degrees.

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*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

In an oven proof baking dish, alternate layers of potato. onion and cheese. The top layer should be cheese. Sprinkle each layer with salt and pepper.

In a bowl, gradually stir chicken broth into flour until smooth.

Pour over casserole dish. Bake for about an hour or until potatoes are tender and cheese golden brown.

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## BEET SALAD

- 6 medium beets, scrubbed and cleaned
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 (10 ounce) package mixed baby salad greens
- 1/2 cup frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 ounces goat cheese

Note. You may use precooked beets instead of fresh. Available in Costco or Supermarkets under the name "Love Beets"

Place beets into a saucepan, and fill with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, then cook for 20 to 30 minutes, until tender. Drain and cool, then cut in to cubes. Skip this step if using precooked beets.

While the beets are cooking, place the walnuts in a skillet over medium-low heat. Heat until warm and starting to toast, then stir in the maple syrup. Cook and stir until evenly coated, then remove from the heat and set aside to cool.

In a small bowl, whisk together the orange juice concentrate, balsamic vinegar and olive oil to make the dressing.

Place a large helping of baby greens onto each salad plate, divide candied walnuts equally and sprinkle over the greens. Place equal amounts of beets over the greens, and top with dabs of goat cheese. Drizzle each plate with some of the dressing.



## LEMON CRUNCH PARFAIT

- 1 large can of apricot or peach halves, drained and quartered.

### *Lemon Curd*

- 4 egg yolks.
- 1 egg.
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar.
- 3 teaspoons of grated lemon rind.
- 1/2 cup lemon juice. (juice of 2 lemons)
- pinch of salt.
- 1 cup of whipping cream.

### *Almond Crunch*

- 1/3 cup of flour.
- 3 tablespoons of large flake rolled oats.
- 1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar.
- 2 1/2 half tablespoons butter.(cubed)
- 2 1/2 tablespoons of slivered almonds.?

### *To Make lemon Curd*

In the top of a double boiler or ovenproof bowl whisk together egg yolks, the

whole egg, sugar, lemon rind, lemon juice and salt.

Place pan/bowl over larger pan of simmering water. Cook, whisking often until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. ( about 10 minutes).

Strain through fine sieve into bowl and cover surface with plastic wrap. Place in fridge until cold and set.

Whip the cream and gently stir into the set curd.

### *To Make Almond Crunch*

In a bowl, stir together flour, oats and brown sugar. Cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in almonds.. Spread on parchment lined baking sheet and bake in 350 degree oven for 10 minutes, stirring halfway, until crisp. Let cool.

### *To Assemble*

Place some fruit in bottom of each dessert bowl and divide lemon mixture over the top. Sprinkle almond crunch over each bowl.

*Enjoy!*





*Fine Dining at the Millichamp's*

*April's Lunch at Bryden's Pub*





# A Group Divided is Not a Bad Thing

By Robyn Balfour - Convenor



Eleven Oscar Night Members came out to the movies on the second Tuesday in April. The group divided up and went to see The Boss and The Big Fat Greek Wedding. All enjoyed both shows and we had fun at the Live Bait Ale House afterwards for beer, wine and social time.



## *The Boss*

### SYNOPSIS

Academy Award-nominated star Melissa McCarthy (BRIDESMAIDS, THE HEAT, TAMMY) headlines THE BOSS as a titan of industry who is sent to prison after she's caught for insider trading. When she emerges ready to rebrand herself as America's latest sweetheart, not everyone she screwed over is so quick to forgive and forget.

## *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*

### SYNOPSIS

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 is the long-awaited follow-up to the highest-grossing romantic comedy of all time. Written by Academy Award nominee Nia Vardalos, who stars alongside the entire returning cast of favourites, the film reveals a Portokalos family secret that will bring the beloved characters back together for an even bigger and Greeker wedding.



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*Everything you see I owe to spaghetti.*

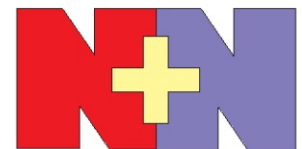
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— Sophia Loren

## Nosh 'N' Natter

By Kathy Schmidt - Correspondent

**A**pril 1st Nosh with Bill & Kathy was well received by all with a wide variety of conversations, laughs and good eats. Looking forward to the next get together.



### **Board Game Club Anyone?**

Some people have shown an interest to start a board game club. A meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4th at 1.30 p.m. at Grace church, upper hall, to discuss the logistics of the group and what board games to play. Two board games in mind are scrabble and sequence. If you are interested, please attend the meeting and bring a board game of your choice.

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# Laughing at the “Best” Wines

By Alan Jordan - Correspondent

**T**welve dedicated oenophiles gathered at the delightful residence of the very tanned, fit and buff Tschirharts for yet another round of, arguing, promoting and laughing at the world’s “best” wines.

The theme of this gargantuan match of wits was “3 Countries”.

Round one started promptly at 7:00pm with a bodacious Chardonnay from South Australia, reaching a 12.1% on the Probus Richter scale.



Following quickly with the skilfully pouring hands of Jimmy T., we were astonished at the pale straw colour and insipid aroma of Placido Pino Grigio from Italy which scored a slightly higher 13.8.

After flushing our glasses in the expectoration bowl, we sallied forth to Argentina with a Sauvignon Blanc moving down the scale to 11.8.

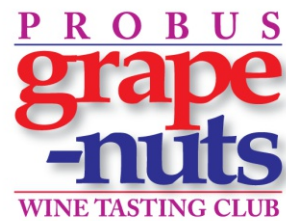
Moving onto the deep, dark and delicious reds (my *flavourite*), we revisited Australia with a cheeky Pinot Noir, full of fruit and earthy/mushroom notes.

Our fifth victim found us back in Argentina with a robust and always distinctive Malbec. The bright ruby red colour and hints of chocolate made this wine the darling of the red-lovers. Scoring the highest at 14.8.

Italy was our finale with a delicious Chianti. Its aromas and flavours of cherry and strawberry with balanced acidity and tannins made this a wine to remember. Scoring 14.7, this refreshing nectar will compliment any ambrosia.

Many thanks are due to Michelle and Jim for their expert matching of cheeses, biscuits, chocolate and desserts. The fun and humour of the guests were contagious as we did our best to honour the vintners hard work.

Who has more fun than Probiants, Nooooooobody!



# Learning About Tumbling Blocks

By Diane Comstock - Convenor

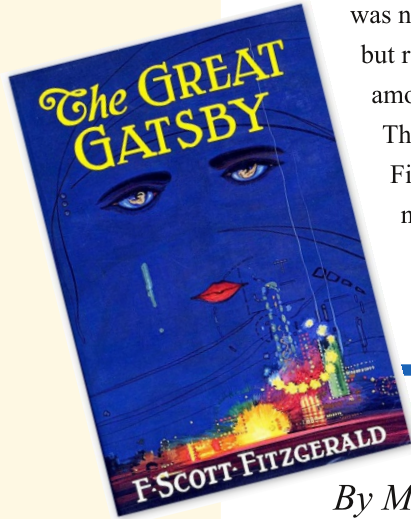
**F**our members of the Piece Makers met on April 4 where Diane demonstrated how to create the Tumbling Blocks Weaving pattern. The ladies agreed that this would make lovely place mats.

We had a short discussion on the pros and cons of starching – we all agreed that starching the strips for the weaving was necessary, however, the idea of starching all materials prior to piecing is rather time-consuming and mostly skip this step. Plans were made to attend the Oakville Quilter’s Guild show “Quilted Expressions” on Friday April 29. Our next meeting will be on May 2 where Judy will do a paper piecing demonstration.



# The Great Gatsby Really is Great

By Paul Crawford - Convenor



The First Edition Book Club met to consider whether the classic "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald really is that great. The overwhelming response was that it really is a great read. It was not unanimous however as a few did not see the characters as compellingly interesting people but rather as shallow. This of course was probably the author's intent in his commentary on life among the idle rich in the 1920's in the wealthy Long Island enclave where the story is set. There were mostly 9's or 10's in the ratings that the participants gave the book attesting to Fitzgerald's ability to describe the people and setting in exquisite detail with just the right number of words. It is a relatively short book. It is easy to see why it has been made into a movie a number of times as it deals with wealthy people, duplicity, avarice, greed, love, murder and infidelity.

## April Tasting Results

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

**Monday 4th April - Hosted by: Robyn Balfour and Sandy Cannell**

Theme: "Interesting wines from interesting places"

Winner of the evening: Hardy's Stamp Series Riesling / Gewurtzraminer Blend (Australia). LCBO: 448548. Price: \$9.95. Score: 15.0.

**Thursday 7th April - Hosted by: Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks**

Theme: Wines from Argentina.

Tie for best wine, with score of 15.5:

Argento Malbec - LCBO: 591693; Price: \$8.95

Fuzion Alta Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - LCBO: 207367; Price: \$9.95

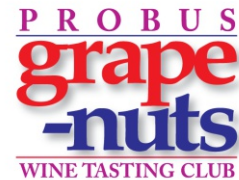
**Thursday 7th April - Hosted by: Michelle and Jim Tschirhart**

Theme: Italy vs. Australia vs. Chile (1 red / 1 white from each)

Best wine of the night was an Argentine Malbec, scoring 14.8.

**May Tastings – Thursday 5th May**

There will be only two tastings in May, at Rosalind and Alan Jordan, and at Anna and Chris Strachan.



“

Books are a uniquely portable magic.

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— Stephen King

It's funny how 8 glasses of water a day seems impossible,



but 8 glasses of wine can be done in one meal.



# A Novel of Obsession & Divided Loyalties

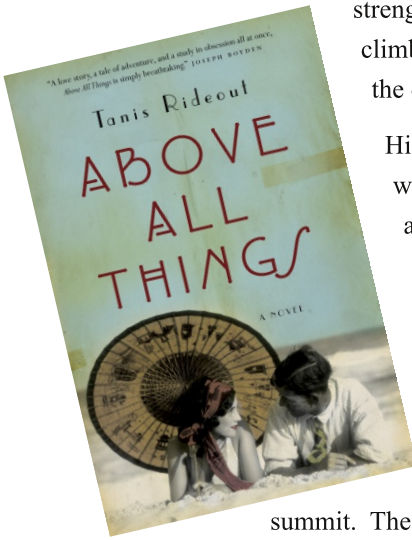
By Joanne Millichamp - Correspondent



**A**BOVE ALL THINGS by Tanis Rideout is the story of George Mallory's attempt to summit Mt. Everest in 1924.

The novel is a blend of historical fact and imaginative fiction. Detailed preparations for the climb included such 'necessary' items as 44 tins of quail, 17 bottles of Macallan whiskey and 6 Hudson's Bay blankets. The men on the expedition wore leather hobnailed boots, tweeds and wind-proof suits designed by Burberry.

Mallory was considered the premier climber of his day. He had an extraordinary combination of physical strength, balance and suppleness. Mt. Everest is his obsession and he sees this climb as his destiny. The attention to detail helps us experience the thin air, the extreme cold and the physical and psychological effects at high altitude.



His story contrasts with that of a single day in the life of his wife Ruth who waits at home in England to hear the fate of his latest attempt. By all accounts, Ruth & George enjoyed a very loving marriage. We see her strength, sacrifice and support as she copes as best she can trying to keep herself and her 3 children occupied while awaiting news. The paradox of this story is that Mallory's dream separates him continually from his loved ones.

Mallory never returned from his 1924 attempt. His body was discovered on the mountain in 1999. Many believe he did reach the summit. The biggest clue ... the only item missing from his pocket was the photo of his wife Ruth which he had promised to leave behind at the summit.

We would recommend this book for its creative study of adventure, courage and endurance.

“  
*I'm not really sure which parts of myself are real and which parts are things I've gotten from books.*”  
— Beatrice Sparks, Go Ask Alice

## We're 191 Now!

By Ron Du Pont - Membership Chair

**W**e are still welcoming new members every month. We now have 191 members. And we have new applications in process.

With so many new members, I plan to issue the membership list again. Please let me know of any changes to your contact information so we may update our records. Also let me know if you do not want your contact information published, if you hadn't done this yet.

Check out page 1 for a photo of our newest members.

### 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.*





## A Trek to Mississauga

By Christine Willekes - Correspondent

**O**n a sunny Friday, the Nosh group made the trek to Mississauga. The conversation and laughter began as soon as they arrived. A fine spread of refreshments, appetizers and desserts was enjoyed by all. It was not quite warm enough to spend time on the deck, although some members inspected the bulbs in bloom. Hopefully, when we meet again, the weather will be suitable for the outdoors. Next month, back to Milton.



## Pin Seekers Already on the Fairways

By Ron Millichamp - Convenor

**B**y the time you read this the Pin Seekers will have played their first golf game at Granite Ridge Golf Club ( I hope we don't get rained out as I would then have egg on my face ). Anyone interested please sign up at the Social Events table or contact me at [ronmillichamp@hotmail.com](mailto:ronmillichamp@hotmail.com). Happy Golfing!

## Everything Made from “Scratch”

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

**O**ur May Restaurant will be the *Scratch Bistro and Bake Shop*, 8724 Regional Road 25, Milton.

Formerly known as the Everest Restaurant, the new owners are re-fitting the restaurant with an in-house bakery. Everything is made from “scratch”, hence the name. The mother and daughter team are chocolatiers and bakers from the former Crawford’s Village Bakery in Norval. Fresh fruit pies will be among the many delights to be found in this new venture. Currently the eatery continues to offer the Everest menu, famous for their All Day Breakfasts, Omelettes, Pancakes, French Toast, Salads, Sandwiches and a variety of daily specials. With some additional items, the new menu will be available to see at our May meeting. Join us in May for a hearty home cooked meal just outside of town.



## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>MAY 2016</b>			
Management Meeting	11 May - 7 pm	Lasota Home	Gloria Pennycook
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>18 May - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Sport Center</b>	<b>Gloria Pennycook</b>
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>18 May - Noon</b>	Scratch Bistro and Bake Shop, 8724 Regional Road 25, Milton	<b>Catherine Parr</b>
<b>Fire Fighting Demo</b>	<b>24 May - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Gary Morden Center</b> <b>7535 Ninth Line, Miss.</b>	Sandy Cannell
<b>Bata Shoe Museum</b>	<b>31 May - 11 am to 12 pm</b>	327 Bloor St. West, Toronto	<b>Sandy Cannell</b>
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Golf Club-Probuss Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday. Time varies.	Granite Ridge	Ron Millichamp
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thurs. - 7:00pm	Jordan & Strachan Homes	Michael Hooker
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st Monday	Comstock Home *	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Hooker Home	Chris Strachan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	John and Julie Flynn
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	TBD	Judy Nelson
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - TIME	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Matthews Home	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	3rd Friday - 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Linda Green
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Chris Babcock
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - TIME???	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Inklings - Writing Club	4th Thursday - 1:30pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Armstrong Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
<b>JUNE 2016</b>			
Management Meeting	15 June - 7 pm	Flynn Home	Gloria Pennycook
Line Dancing	20 June - 2 pm to 3:30 pm	Bronte Legion at Lakeshore & Jones in Oakville	Sandy Cannell
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>22 June - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Sport Center</b>	<b>Gloria Pennycook</b>
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