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October Was a Busy Month



Martin Capper
President

October has been a busy month for Escarpment Probus members. No sooner had we celebrated our anniversary in September when we start planning for our Christmas Lunch which once again will be held at Crosswinds Golf Club. We will follow the format that has proved so successful in previous years with a short business meeting starting at 10:00 am followed by entertainment and then Lunch! This will be one week earlier than usual on the second Wednesday (14th) in December and will start at 10:00am.

October also saw a night out at Mohawk Race Track for about 50 of our members and yet another car treasure hunt which challenged over 40 of our members. Congratulations to our Activities Committee under Sandy Cannell and in particular to all those who volunteered in the organization of these two events. I trust the rest of you will forgive me for singling out Auriel and Don not only for their organization but also for opening their home to the treasure hunters! (I have to confess I also raided their fridge in search of “treasure”.) October also saw the launch of our Supper club and if the first event is any indicator this is going to be another popular activity.

As most of you know we have been pushing the limits of the numbers that our current meeting place can legally accommodate and we have been seeking a larger meeting place. At this point the only available room that we have found is the Lions Hall at Milton Arena on Thompson Road (south of the Arts Centre). I realize this is not ideal particularly for those of our members who have accessibility issues and we will continue to look for more suitable accommodation. While we do this we will use the Lions Hall starting from our January meeting. The management team will also do their utmost to help minimize the accessibility issues.

To those of our membership who are about to move to warmer climes for the winter we wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you back at Escarpment Probus next Spring.



Our December meeting will be a week early, (Dec 14). It will be held at the Crosswinds Golf and Country Club. The meeting starts at 10 am and will be followed by the Christmas Lunch.

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*Photographer at
large:*
Lorrette Shermet

Our November Speakers

Probus Has Talent

Convened by Jeanne Reid

In November we will be featuring 12 Probus members who are willing to share their talents, hobbies and interests with fellow members.



Our December Speaker

There will be NO December Speaker as we will be holding our Christmas Lunch program.

Our January Speaker

Judy Suke - Award-Winning Motivational Humorist, Professor, Coach, Author, Mother, and Business Owner

In this extremely humorous presentation, she shares her ideas for handling the stress of our hectic world. She will share the secrets to create harmony in both your personal and professional life. You will be able to create more joy in every minute of every day. Your laughter during the presentation will immediately heal the body, soothe the soul, lift the spirits and give you energy.



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To read fast is as bad as to eat in a hurry.

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~ Vilhelm Ekelund

Bring a Book - Take a Book

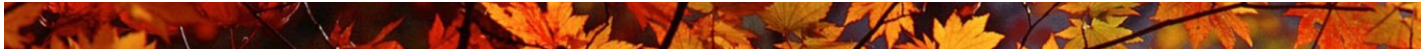
By Ellen Crawford - Convenor

Browse the table and feel free to take a book. Recommend to others ones that you have found to be a good read.



Bring those good reads back and borrow another. If you forget your book, feel free to borrow another and return it at the next meeting.

If you bring three books, **please take three books**, otherwise our library will become unmanageably large!



Pick Up Your Tickets

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

A reminder for those who signed up for the tour of the “*Steam Whistle Brewery*” that it takes place on Thursday November 17th from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. The brewery is located at Roundhouse Park, 255 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3M9 Phone:(416) 362-2337

Tickets for “*Billy Joel The Piano Men*” and “*Menopause the Musical*” will be available for pick up at the November meeting.

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



Christmas Lunch

Come join us in December for our annual Christmas Lunch.

When? December 14th, 12 noon
 Where? Crosswinds Golf Course
 Three course meal, with choice of entrées.
 \$37.00 per person, cash bar.
 Entertainment provided by *Men II Boys*.
 Be sure to sign up at our November meeting.
 Questions? Call Julie Flynn at 905-824-1996

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

The December meeting and the Christmas lunch will both be held at the Crosswinds Golf Club on Dec 14. The meeting begins at 10 am and will be followed by the Christmas Lunch.

Table Design Workshop Available

By Christy Babcock - Convenor

The October outing to the Butterfly Conservatory was cancelled due to insufficient numbers to qualify for a guided tour. We will relook at adding



this venue to our 2017 calendar. A proposed outing for lunch and a table design workshop at the RBG is in the planning stages for Tuesday, Nov. 29th, cost \$40 + lunch. If anyone else would like to join us let Christy Babcock know ASAP cbabcock5652@gmail.com (no sign-up at the Wed. Probud meeting) as workshop spots are limited. No meeting is planned for this group in December.



Jokers a Little Evil

By Auriel Halliday - Convenor

How many of our new members would like join a fun group of people, playing a really fun game, with a little evil attached? We play twice a month, on the the second Wednesday and the third Thursday, and rotate our games around the members homes, which means you will get to HOST about every eight months.

Joker is a board game, similar to Sorry. Although there is a certain amount of luck involved, a lot is dependent on the wily minds of the players. Beware, this is a game that is very competitive, with a lot of laughter and is a very fun way to spend one afternoon a month.

If anyone out there is willing to take the challenge, then call me at 905-336-2430 or email me at aurielh@gmail.com



Looking forward to hearing from some of you games folk that are hiding on the outside. Note to All ... instruction comes free. A Joker Cheer from Auriel

A Ticket to Ride

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor

Lorrette was the hostess for our board game afternoon on October 12. Six members played "A Ticket to Ride", three were experts and three were novices. We divided ourselves into three teams of two, each team consisting of an expert and a novice player. By the end of the afternoon, the novices had caught on to the game's strategy and ultimately Lorrette and Lorraine were the winners.



The next get-together will be November 9, 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. The game has yet to be determined, so if you have a favourite, bring it along.

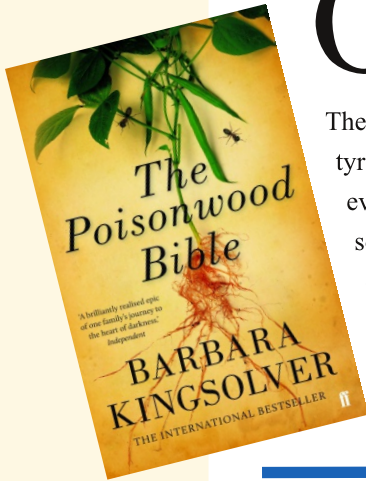


A Suspenseful Epic

By Auriel Halliday - Correspondent



On Monday October 24th The "First Edition" book club met at my house to discuss this month's book choice.



The Poisonwood Bible, written by Barbara Kingsolver, is the story of Nathaniel Price, a fierce and tyrannical Baptist who takes his wife and four daughters to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry everything with them they believe they will need, but soon find out that all of it, from garden seeds to Scripture, is calamitously transformed on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic of one family's remarkable adventure over the next three decades in post colonial Africa.

Although the book was a little tedious at times and a bit repetitive it scored an average of 8 out of ten by our members. Definitely well worth reading. We did learn a lot about the terrible history of the Belgian Congo.

Scrabble Debuts

By Petra Halk - Convenor

The first Scrabble afternoon was held on October 5th, at Grace Anglican Church from 1 to 4 pm. There were only 4 of us, but we had a great time and enjoyed tea and sweets.

We plan to hold it again the first Wednesday of November and we know there will be more people. Come join us.



October's Lunch at Eddie O's



*Join Your friends for Lunch on
November 16th*

By Bonnie Lennox - Convenor

Location: **Boston Pizza**

1085 Maple Ave.

Menu: Regular and Lunch Menu available



Probiants Trot to Mohawk

By Ron Millichamp - Convenor

On Friday, October 14th, 50 of our members attended the raceway for an Italian Buffet and 12 live races of standardbred trotters and pacers. It is a wonder that they didn't have to close down after our members successful trips to the betting kiosk. Lorrette Shermet started things off with a \$130 win on the first race by picking the triactor - which is



selecting the first three horses in exact order of finish. Our Vice President, Robyn Balfour had picked three winners by the sixth race. I would like to say that we were as lucrative at the slots, but everything I heard indicated that our \$10 voucher was just a down payment on the monies we left behind. The food was good, the racing entertaining and our usual camaraderie was in full exhibit. Members have indicated they'd like to make a return in the not too distance future.



A New Venue for a New Year

Due to our fast growing membership, we will soon be exceeding the capacity of the meeting room in the Milton Sports Center. In January we will be moving to the **second floor Lions Hall of the Milton Memorial Arena**. There is an elevator for those not comfortable with stairs.



Milton Memorial Arena

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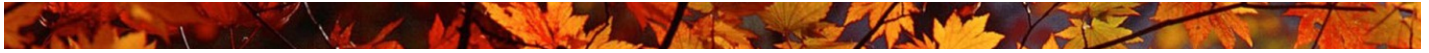


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Don't be seduced into thinking that that which does not make a profit is without value.

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~ Arthur Miller



Pumpkin Vomit on the Menu

By Peter Lasota - Forum Editor



The tasty selection of foods also included imaginative items: A pumpkin vomiting dip, a plate of lady fingers and spider topped devilled eggs.

Given that we were only a few days away from Halloween, Josie and I encouraged all our guests to dress up. The laughter started immediately upon answering the door bell, with a large variety of costume themes. A popular theme this evening was the clergy. Being the ranking "cleric" in the group, I regretted not having worn a ring with a large stone in it, as several people, including the junior clergy, insisted on kissing my ring. The hilarity continued as some guests were so fully outfitted, including masks, that we couldn't figure out who they were, and in one case, even which gender.

Thanks to all for having made the extra effort to make this get-together special.



Car Rally a Test of Skills

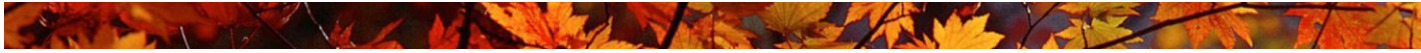
By Ron Millichamp - Convenor

WOW! What a fun filled journey for the 12 cars who departed the Sports Centre for a test of our observation skills and the ability to follow instructions in the morning fog. This adventure took us on a roundabout journey through the country side. Mother Nature provided us with



some beautiful colourful panoramic views. The questions and clues were challenging. By mid morning the mist and fog had dissipated and we had our first checkpoint at the home of Don Evans and Auriel Halliday where we were treated to an array of scrumptious nibbles with tea and coffee. We departed on our second leg which took us back into the countryside along various side roads. This eventually led us to our final destination where we checked in and relaxed. We ordered food and drink while the final results were tabulated. After it was all said and done the winners were presented with humorous prizes. A special thanks to Don and Auriel who organized the rally and to Sandy Cannell whose imaginative prizes were the talk of the event. A great time was had by all.





... More Car Rally Photos



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*Life is mostly
froth and bubble,
/ Two things
stand like stone, /
Kindness in
another's trouble,
/ Courage in
your own.*

”

*~ Adam Lindsay
Gordon, poet*

First Supper No Relation to Last

By Auriel Halliday - Convenor

The new Supper Club had its first outing on Saturday, October 22nd. Sixteen couples met at four different houses, and the feasts began. As this was the first dinner, we were provided with a fairly simple menu. To start, there was a hot crab dip appetizer, followed by an interesting Pear, Port and Potato soup. The main course was a baked chicken dish, accompanied by delicious green beans and a squash casserole. Topping this off, we had yummy apple crumble with ice cream.



Logo by Alan Jordan



As the wine flowed and the laughter grew louder, I said a silent thanks to Escarpment Probus for enabling this night of food and friendship. Also, don't let us forget that our whole meal, with wine, provided good value, at around \$26.00 per couple.

Our next dinner is not until January 21st., as it was decided to have a 'test run' first, with only three dinners. We hope eventually to hold six dinners a season and that the word will spread and provide new members.

A huge thank you to Megs Shellard, Rosalind and Alan Jordan for helping to launch this new Probus activity.

Cards, Cards and More Cards

By Lorette Shermet - Convenor

Regular Euchre - Join us on Tuesday, November 15th at Grace Church at 1 p.m. to play our last Euchre game for 2016. This will be hosted by Harold Grace and Bonnie Lennox. Even if you are not on our regular monthly list you are welcome to join us. Please let us know (lorrette@sympatico.ca) by November 11th if you will be playing with us. We will resume playing regular euchre on January 17th, the first game being held at Lorette Shermet's home.



Canasta - We play canasta the fourth Monday of the month. Lorette will host it monthly but people are invited to take turns. The month of October was held at Maggie and Michael Boothe's home, we had 12 players out. We played three tables of four. We had some newbies who picked up playing the game very well. The next game will be Monday November 28th at Lorette's home.

Bid Euchre - We are going to try and give bid euchre another try in 2017. Our very first game will be held on Thursday, January 12th at Grace Church at 1.30 p.m. We are willing to teach anyone how to play any of the above games too.



It's Never too Late!

By Christine Cormier - Correspondent

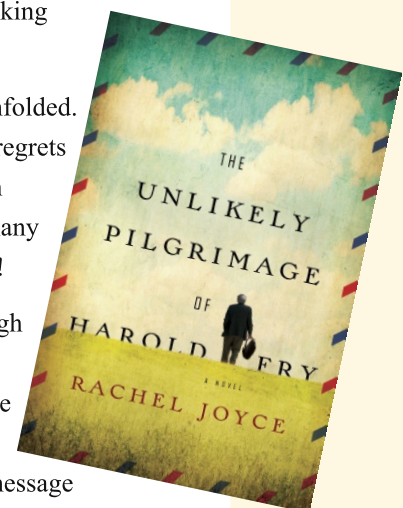
Members of the Trilogy Book Club met on Thursday, October 20 at Chris Cormier's home to discuss the internationally acclaimed best seller "The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce.

It is about a man who one day sets off on an entirely unexpected journey to help save a friend by walking over 600 miles from Kingsbridge in the South of England to Berwick-upon Tweed at the Northern tip of England! Harold was a gentle, reserved ordinary man and through his unlikely journey we see him transformed by the hardships he endures, by people he meets along the way and by his self reflective thoughts on his life and marriage. As Harold put it, "he had no idea that walking could hurt so much" as he analysed all parts of his life.

Rachel Joyce writes beautifully and kept us captive to Harold's story and character as it unfolded. It brought lively thought provoking discussion to our group as it revealed themes such as regrets and atonement, coping with grief, communication within a marriage, courage to believe in yourself and faith that we can make a difference. Rachel's masterful writing left us with many profound images of an ordinary man undergoing an awakening and finally saving himself!

Everyone in our group thoroughly enjoyed this book and recommend it highly. Even though the themes were serious, we never felt overwhelmed by them. On the contrary, we were easily drawn into Harold's emotional and physical journey and we were rooting for him the whole way comparing him to Forest in the movie "Forest Gump". Harold "walked so surely it was as if all his life he had been waiting to get up from his chair". We liked the message of moving forward with our lives and realizing there is hope for anyone who can laugh.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 at Linda Green's home. We will be discussing our next book selection "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.



“
The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

”
~ Thomas Babington Macaulay, author and statesman

Unfair to the Irish?

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The D'Stillers October meeting was held at the home of Jim & Barb Campbell. We had five whiskies for our tasting pleasure so without further ado here are the results.



The number one winning whisky of the evening was **Balvenie Double Wood 12 Yr Old single malt**. The Balvenie Distillery is owned by William Grant and Sons one of Scotland's most famous names in Distilling. William Grant built the Distillery in 1892 and it remains family owned to this day.

The number two whisky was **Aberfeldy 16 Yr Old single malt**. Aberfeldy single malt is also one of the main whiskies in the Dewars White Label brand. This blended whisky dominates the whisky market as the best selling blended scotch whisky in the USA.

Number three was **Glenfiddich Distillery Edition 16 Yr Old single malt**. William Grant and Sons also owns the Glenfiddich brand which is sold in 180 countries and accounts for 35% of single malt sales.

Number four was **Glenfiddich Rich Oak 14 Yr Old single malt**. In Scottish Gaelic 'Glenfiddich' means 'The Valley of the Deer' hence the presence of a Stag symbol on Glenfiddich bottles.



Number five was an **Irish blended whiskey called Feckin**. As reported in last month's Distillers review, it is perhaps unfair to judge an Irish blend after tasting four Scottish single malts. Feckin has had good reviews in Whiskey magazines and online comments. The D'Stillers scored this particular Whiskey 55.1 / 100 while the Scottish single malts scored from a high of 79.4 to a low of 75.6 / 100.

Thanks to Barb for entertaining the DD's and for the tasty treats during and after the tasting. As usual the DD's got us all home safe and sound, thanks DD's.

The November meeting will be held at my home on the 02nd November 2016. Here's to another great night of sipping.



Our 2017 Trip - Austria and Her Neighbours

By Joanne Millichamp - Trip Coordinator

Next year our tour will visit 5 countries in Europe, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Slovenia. This is a delightful, restful program featuring a 2-centre stay in Austria, beginning at our first hotel in the city of Bregenz, located directly on Lake Constance in the green foothills of the Alps. We will tour the Bregenz Forest, an area of rolling hills and picturesque villages. We will ride on the steam railway and enjoy a visit to an authentic cheese maker and sample some cheeses from the region. Hi-lights in Germany include a visit to the island city of Lindau, with its 12th century tower and medieval walls plus the Zeppelin Museum and the fairy tale castle of Meersburg. In Liechtenstein, the 6th smallest country in the world we will tour the capital city of Vaduz. Then on to Davos, Switzerland, a winter sports mecca, known for the annual World Economic Summit.

We then travel on a panoramic train across Austria to their 2nd largest city Graz. Visits in this area include the town of Piber, which is home to the Lipizzaner Stud Farm. These beautiful white horses are the oldest breed in Europe. Our tour includes the museum, stables and we will enjoy petting the 30-40 foals born each year.

After a tour through the Styria region (known as the green heart of Austria) we will enjoy lunch of local wine, cheeses, and cold cuts at a cozy tavern. Later we visit the Castle of Seggau with its 300 year old wine cellar and enjoy more sampling.

Our last country is Slovenia where we see the city of Maribor and enjoy a walking tour of the medieval city centre. Then its on to Ljubijana, the capital. Ljubijana is a beautiful small city with a pretty little river meandering through the town. The city centre is also car-free. Our final stop is a visit to a family owned chocolate factory where we will tour the production process and then enjoy a chocolate aperitif, sample chocolates and finish with coffee and schnapps and a take home souvenir.

The dates are October 10th to 20th, 2017. The weather in October is typically warm during the day, in the mid-teens with cool, crisp autumn evenings.

The cost is \$3,695 per person, which includes your flights, all breakfasts, all dinners and 2 lunches. Airport departure taxes are extra. The single supplement is \$400.00.

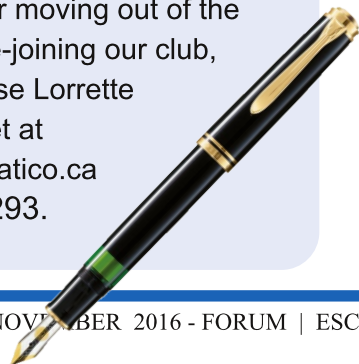
More information is available in our coloured brochures that you can pick up at our meetings. Please call Joanne Millichamp - 289-878-2969 if you have any questions.

Please note that this trip is limited to the first 44 people who send in their Application Form and deposit.



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.



And our October winner is Bill Woodcock with \$121.50



Ticker Pickers Convene

By Udo Tomson - Convenor



**Probud
Financial Club**

Logo by Alan Jordan

We held our first meeting in Sept at my house. Due to the Poland trip and other vacations (including my upcoming trip to Portugal) our next meeting is not scheduled till Nov 17, again at our house.

During our meeting we reviewed the various investment instruments available and concluded that with low interest rates our best option is the stock market. We reviewed the different types of stocks available.



We then began the process of individually setting up a practice trading account through BMO Investor line. Each member has \$100000 (play money) to invest. We started with all members investing in three stocks (TCK.B ,BTO ,BMO and another of their choice). During our next meeting we will refine the accounts as we had some trouble setting them up and review the performance and reason for choosing these stocks. We will also introduce the concept of writing covered calls on them. Please let me know of your attendance plans at utomson@gmail.com

Is *The Girl on the Train* a Busy-Body?

By Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

Oscar Movie Night Review. On Oct. 11, the movie goers attended either, *The Magnificent 7* or *The Girl On The Train*, giving the respective movies a 4/5. After the movies, the group met at Milton's Turtle Jacks Restaurant for a social time and beverages.



Oscar Nights
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Girl on the Train - Synopsis



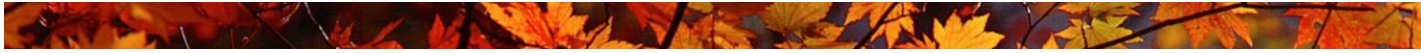
Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason, she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.

And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

Magnificent Seven - Synopsis

This is modern version of a classic story of *The Magnificent Seven*. With the town of Rose Creek under the deadly control of industrialist Bartholomew Bogue, the desperate townspeople employ protection from seven outlaws, bounty hunters, gamblers and hired guns. As they prepare the town for the violent showdown that they know is coming, these seven mercenaries find themselves fighting for more than money.





Gallery - Our October Meeting



Beautiful young people are accidents of nature but beautiful old people are works of art
Eleanor Roosevelt



Dr Channy Muhn, gave us a very graphic presentation about the risks of skin cancer and the consequences of not treating it as early as possible. Take home messages were: Use block even if not in direct sunlight, preferably SPF 45 or higher; He recommended a supplement, Nicotinamide, 500 mg twice daily, which can reduce the rates of certain types of cancer.



Our very own Liz Read regaled us with her trip to the Portuguese island of Madeira.

“
Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.
”
~ Mark Twain



Our Newest members: Bill Woodcock, Isabel Stanley, Deanne Cleave and Kelly Ground



Diane and Richard Armand making another 50/50 sale.



Our October Greeters...
Lorraine and Pete Shermet

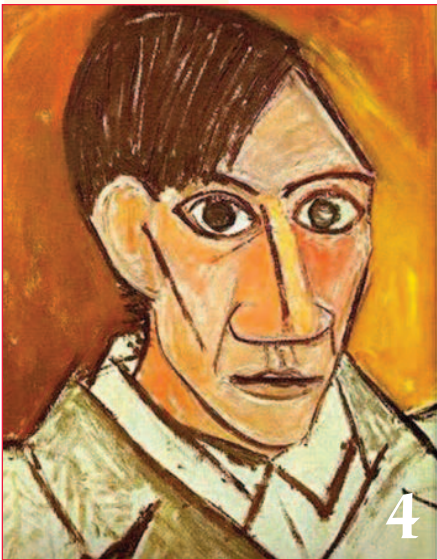
Five-hundred years of selfies

By Alan Jordan - Art Critic and Occasional Correspondent

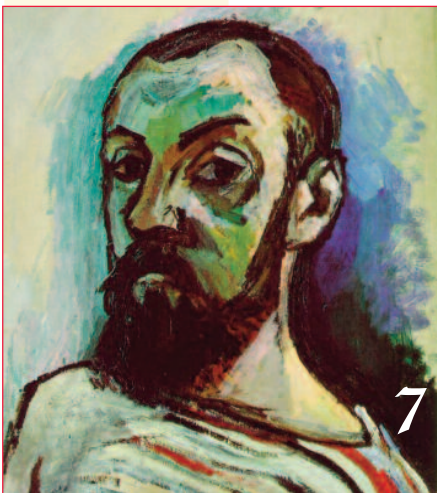
So you thought “self portraits” are new, think again. Here are 9 selfies by classical and not so classical artists. Can you name them all? Beware, there are some tricks. Answers at the bottom of this page.



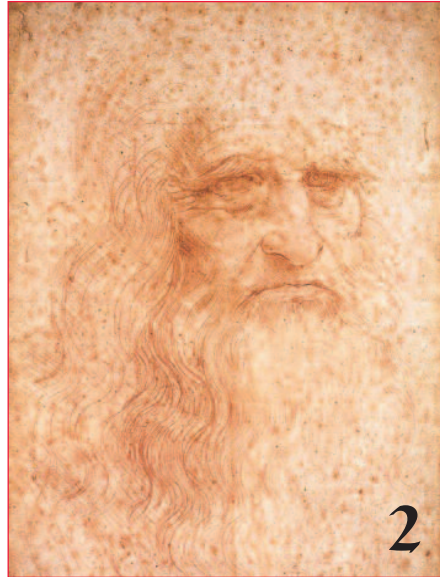
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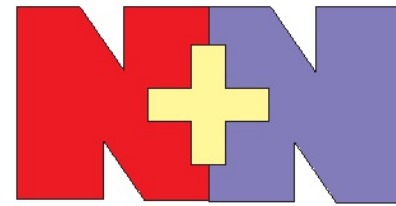
1. Alfred Escher 2. Leonardo da Vinci
3. Joan Miró 4. Pablo Picasso (Cubism Period)
5. Vincent Van Gogh 6. Rembrandt
7. Henri Matisse 8. Me
9. Pablo Picasso (Blue Period)

Mother Nature Smiled upon Us

By Dianne Tomson - Correspondent

The October Nosh 'n Natter group met on Friday October 7th at the home of Udo and Dianne Tomson. Mother Nature couldn't have been kinder, granting us a beautiful sunny day and an unusually warm evening. Nineteen attended and many were able to sit outside until the sun set. There was a delightful and different array of delicious delicacies (that's a mouthful and pardon the pun).

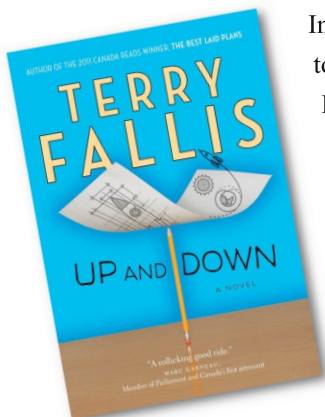
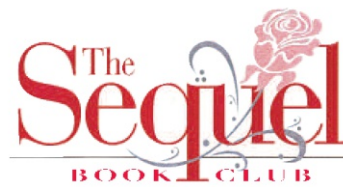
All in all, there were 19 of us, with a couple of last minute cancellations due to illness (wishing you a quick recovery). Lots of laughter, several new members, and many varied topics of conversation throughout the evening, though we wisely tried to avoid a discussion on Donald Trump.



Tackling Age and Gender Stereotypes

By Carolyn Rumley - Correspondent

For the October meeting of the Sequel Book Club we read "Up and Down" by Terry Fallis. This satire is similar to other very funny books written by Fallis. He was the 2008 recipient of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and in 2011 was selected by the CBC as the author for Canada Reads.



In this novel a PR firm is given the task of raising the profile of NASA. They choose to run a contest to find 'citizen astronauts', one from each of Canada and the USA. Fallis does a wonderful job of developing the characters within the PR firm making them unique and colourful. However, the story really takes off when the winner of the Canadian contest turns out to be a 71 year old, lesbian doctor who is a bush pilot living in a remote area of BC. Stereotypes about age and gender are dashed as Fallis takes us on an exciting journey through the training and launch of Canada's winning astronaut. There are many laugh out loud moments with contrasting moments of empathy for some of the characters.

For the most part our group found the book to be an entertaining, light read.

After having read a number of heavier more intense novels "Up and Down" was a refreshing break. Overall we would recommend this book.

“
Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.”

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~ Elbert Hubbard

Doodling Helps You to Feather!

By Diane Comstock - Convenor

Say what? Before you try the feather stitch on your quilt, you need to practise drawing feathers in a notebook so you can train your eye and hand to create consistent shapes. Start with a basic half-heart shape, then you can modify the shape to mimic cat claws, scimitars, molars, penguins, ostrich, or leaves. Practise free motion feathering on a sample quilt sandwich before you attempt to machine stitch on your pieced quilt sandwich.



Next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 7 where we will be discussing the pros and cons of hand-quilting over machine-quilting.



Dictionary.com Gets a Facelift

By Alan Jordan – Occasional Correspondent

If you are looking for almost any word definition, probity or derivation and, of course, correct spelling, then Dictionary.com is the place to go. This year alone they

have added more than 300 new words and definitions and revised over 1,700 entries. Here is a small selection of new words with brief definitions:

al desko: eating at one's desk in an office.

deso: designated driver.

free-range parenting: a style of child rearing in which parents allow their children to move about without constant adult supervision.

lamestream: noting or relating to traditional print and broadcast media, when regarded as lacking the fairness, creativity, etc., of independent online news sources.

lumbersexual: a man whose style of dress and appearance is reminiscent of the ruggedly masculine stereotype of the lumberjack.

manspread: to sit with one's legs far apart, taking up too much space on a seat shared with other people.

NBD: acronym for no big deal.

presstitute: a journalist or media source whose news coverage is considered to be inappropriately influenced by business interests, political motives, etc.

totes: totally.

warmist: a person who accepts global warming as a reality (a term used by people who reject the concept).

Join Our New Bowling Club

Last Wednesday of Each Month, 2 - 4 pm, at Champs Bowling. Contact Stephanie Hamnett at 905-299-7200 or shamnett1@hotmail.com



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I can resist everything except temptation.

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~ Oscar Wilde

Some Dues Still Due

By Ron Du Pont - Membership Chair

A big thank you to all who have renewed their membership for the coming year. If you have not yet done so, make sure you give me your cheque, made out to Escarpment Probus for \$45 per person, at the next meeting or mail it to me. My address is: **Ron Du Pont, 2170 Lower Base Line, Oakville, ON, L6M 4G1**

If you have decided not to renew, we hope you have enjoyed your time with us, and please let me know of your intentions so I may adjust our records.

Guests

Guests are always welcome at our meeting. If you know of any non-members at the meeting, please be sure they have registered at the membership table so that we can properly introduce them.

Three Tastings a Month Now!

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

As I didn't manage to get my "two cents worth" in last month (away exploring wilder parts of the world), here are the Grapenuts' winning wines from our September and October tastings:

Gill and Bryan Reynolds - Theme: "Fruit and Flavenoids". Best of the evening: Diabolica Red - Canada (Okanagan). LCBO: 373001. Price: \$16.15. Score: 15.9.

Karolina Pironkov - Theme: Balkan Bonanza. Winner: Plantaze Monte Cheval Vranac (red) - Montenegro. LCBO: 542498. \$10.10. Score: 14.4.



Grapenuts at Lorraine Randall

Lorraine Randall - Theme: French wines. Top wine: Remy Pannier Sauvignon Blanc Touraine Acc. (France - Loire). LCBO: 68676 \$16.20. Score: 13.0

Rosalind and Alan Jordan - Theme: Wines for Thanksgiving Dinner, The Winners (tied with a score of 15.1):

- Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon. - California. LCBO: 461053. \$17.95.

- Tessellae Old Vines Granache / Syrah / Mourvedre - Cotes du Roussillon (France - Midi). LCBO: 343517. \$18.95

Joanne and Ron Millichamp - Theme: Wine Critics' Highly Rated. And the best was: Enzo Vincenzo Valpolicella Ripasso DOC - Italy. LCBO: 194118. \$18.95. Score: 14.9

Our new plan of having three tastings a month (as our membership grows) is finally working out, after a few introductory hiccups.

We limit the number of people to a max of ten per tasting till all three are full, then if hosts wish to take in more thirsty bodies, open them up.

We initially found that two tastings would be fully subscribed and one wouldn't have enough to make it viable. One of our Grapenutters suggested this change.



Grapenuts at the Millichamps

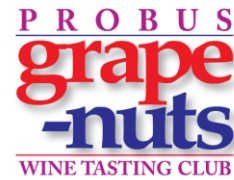


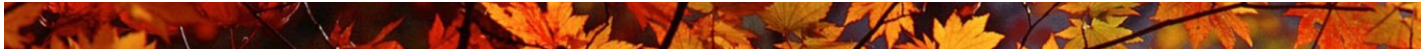
Bridge Played at Allendale

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

Our October bridge was held at Allendale on Tues. Oct. 4th. It was a fund raiser for the facility. As several of our members have family there, it was a worthy cause. There was a \$10 donation to Allendale and a luncheon was served. We had 3 tables and a lovely afternoon. Five of our 12 players won draw prizes.

Our next bridge will be Tues. Nov. 1st at the home of Don & Ann Corker.





Poland & Prague Trip

By Pete Shermet - Correspondent



On September 21st a group of 40 Probian's departed Pearson International Airport for Warsaw Poland aboard a Boeing 787 Dream liner, a tad more spacious than other aircraft we've flown. Liz and Cliff Read joined us in Warsaw and our group of 42 started on our adventure.



Lorrette's cup of tea outside one of the souvenir stores in Warsaw

It was an overnight flight so we arrived in Warsaw at lunch time and the weather was fall like. We checked into our hotel and got settled and explored a bit of Warsaw before the welcoming dinner.

The next day our tour guide, Bartosh, took us through Old town and the Royal castle, Warsaw was over 80% destroyed in WWII .

Saturday we departed for Krakow but on the way we stopped to visit Czestochowa and the Monastery of Jasna Gora where the Black Madonna is on display. Sunday proved to be a very moving experience visiting Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp sites, no documentary can begin to give you an idea of the scale of this horrific place. The afternoon was spent exploring the Royal Castle and Cathedral at Wawel Hill.

We had a walking tour of Krakow until about noon and then we explored the Wieliczka salt mine. There are over 750 steps within the mine, thank goodness there was an elevator back to the surface. Tuesday we travelled to Zakopane and spent the afternoon sightseeing the area, it was very reminiscent of Collingwood only all the houses were like chalets. On

Wednesday we rafted down the Dunajec River for 2 and a half hours on traditional wooden rafts on the return trip we drove by

the Niedzica Castle and the dam on the river.

Thursday was a long drive to Prague where we spent the next two days exploring the castles, cathedrals and other interesting sites of Prague. On Sunday we flew from Prague to Warsaw changed planes and flew home from Warsaw.

The twelve days spent in Poland and Czech republic were quite an enlightening experience as we learned a lot about Polish History from the medieval times through the second world war. During this time spent with new and old friends we strengthened our friendships.



Depicting of the use of the sewer system for the Polish underground in the second world war



Statues of soldiers during the uprising in Warsaw in the second world war

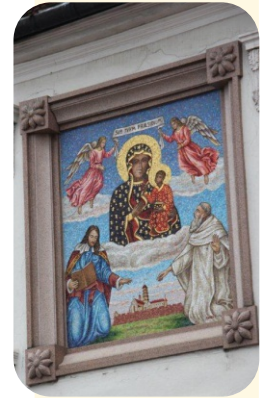
Gallery - Trip to Poland



Lorrette, Irene, Anna, Barb, Ellen, Chris, Al, Chris, Len and Pete at Lwowskd Restaurant in Warsaw



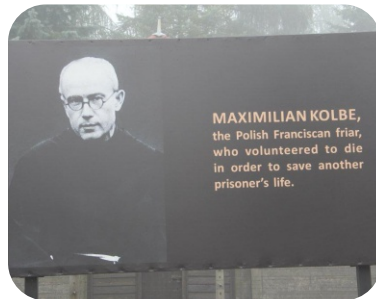
John and Julie Flynn, Ken and Irene Green, Liz and Cliff at the Restaurant



Black Madonna at Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa.



Our guide Bartosh outside the Holocaust museum



Taken at at Auschwitz Birkenau



Pete lost and forlorn behind the electric fence at Auschwitz Birkenau



Inside the grounds at Auschwitz Birkenau



Chris Strachan enjoying wine and beer at the same time.



Lynda Collis, Carole Windsor, Lorrette Shermet, Julie Flynn and Barb Finnie having some fun just before heading for dinner at the Metropolis hotel.



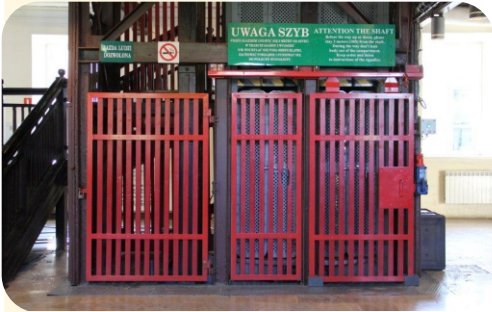
Chris and Ellen Wallhouse, both celebrating their birthdays on Sept. 25th in Krakow at the Metropolis hotel



Where Pope John Paul lived and waved to people in Krakow



Gallery - Trip to Poland ... Cont'd



Claustrophobic Elevators at the Wieliczka Salt Mine



Polish troll with Lorette in the Wieliczka Salt Mine



Sculpture in the Wieliczka Salt Mine



Len Heibert, Pete Shermet, Ken and Linda Green at Pod Wawelem in Krakow



Polish recycling at its best (wodka - vodka, piwo - beer, woda - water)



"Speak no evil, hear no evil, see no evil" - Christine Taylor, Sandra Bashford and Anne Taylor



Rafting down the Dunajec River



Chris Wallhouse playing a drinking game in Michal in Prague



Probus ladies admiring the statue's junk



Warsaw airport.

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
NOVEMBER 2016			
Management Meeting	9 November - 7 pm	Flynn Home	Martin Capper
Escarpment PROBUS	16 November - 9:30 am	Milton Sport Center	Martin Capper
Lunch Bunch	16 November - 12 pm	Boston Pizza; 1085 Maple	Bonnie Lennox
Steamwhistle Brewery Tour	17 November - 11:30 am	The Roundhouse, 255 Bremner Blvd. Toronto	Sandy Cannell
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Golf Club-Probos Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday. Time varies.	Granite Ridge	Ron Millichamp
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thurs. - 7:00pm	TBD	Michael Hooker
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st Monday - 1:00pm	Comstock Home *	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	Corker Home	Jeanne Reid
Board Games - Scrabble	1st Wednesday - 1 to 4 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	TBD	Chris Strachan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Gillian Reynolds
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	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	Cannell Home	Judy Nelson
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Grace Church	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre*	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	3rd Friday 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Linda Green
Canasta	4th Monday - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	Lorrette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	TBD	Joanne Millichamp
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Inklings - Writing Club	Suspended pending more members	Grace Anglican Church*	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday 5:30 to 8 pm	TBD	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Bowling	Last Wed of month 2 - 4 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett
DECEMBER 2016			
Management Meeting	7 December - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
Escarpment PROBUS	14 December - 10:00 am	Crosswinds golf and Country	Martin Capper
Christmas Lunch	14 December - Noon	Crosswinds golf and Country	Julie Flynn
Lunch Bunch	None - due to Christmas Lunch	None	Bonnie Lennox
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Temporary Change

