

# FORUM

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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB  
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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## 'Tis the Season to be Grateful



**Martin Capper**

*President*

I hope all our members enjoyed our November meeting when instead of the usual outside speaker we focused on our members and their talents. We listened to poetry recitals and readings, learnt about cross stitching, quilting, wood pen making, paddle making and clowning around. Thanks to Jeanne Reid and her talented group of volunteers for such an entertaining program. Thanks also to Harold Grace for captivating, amusing, educating and inspiring us with his mini bio.

Looking forward to December as Christmas approaches we will have our meeting one week earlier on December 14th and at Crosswinds Golf Club on Guelph Line. This will be our 4th Christmas Lunch and I would encourage all our members whether staying for lunch or not to dress in their festive outfits. Let's see if you can outdo last years Mr & Mrs Snowman (Ron & Marilyn) and the elf (Lorrette). Prizes once again for the best costumes.

Finally we are grateful to the Community Fund of the Town of Milton for granting us \$500 towards the purchase of a laptop and a portable speaker which will enhance our future meetings. This is the third year in a row that we have benefited from grants from the Community Fund for which we are extremely grateful.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### ***Austria Trip Sold Out***

The Austria trip for 2017 is now Sold Out. If you require any information please contact Joanne Millichamp at 289-878-2969.



*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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## 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.

## Our February Speaker



**Christopher Bint - Executive Director and Co-founder of Elder Technology Assistance Group (ETAG)**

Christopher will speak about the importance of technological literacy in today's digital world and how modern internet technologies can add value to someone's everyday life. He will touch briefly on topics that include iPad and Android tablets, Windows 10, Google and the power of social media.

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Maybe  
Christmas, the  
Grinch thought,  
doesn't come  
from a store.

”  
~ Dr. Seuss

## Escarpment Certainly Does Have Talent!

*By Wayne Herder - Program Chair*

Thank you Jeanne Reid and Paul Crawford for organizing "*Escarpment Has Talent*". Wow to all those talented participants who displayed their hobbies and introduced us to their skills. You all are totally awesome. Our members are "not only interested but interesting". Please contact any board member or myself if you would like to do a mini bio or have a suggestion for a guest speaker. *See photo gallery on page 16.*

WE'VE GOT  
TALENT

# A Story of Survival, Love and Freedom

By Sandy Cannell - Correspondent

*“In love we find out who we want to be; in war we find out who we are.”*



The Sequel Book Club met on Wednesday November 9 to discuss the novel “The Nightingale” by best-selling author Kristin Hannah.

With courage, grace and powerful insight the author captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. “The Nightingale” tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. The novel is an homage to the extraordinary courage and endurance of Frenchwomen during World War II.



Kristin Hannah was inspired to write the novel by the story of a Belgian woman, Andrée de Jongh, who helped downed Allied pilots to escape Nazi territory.

It is an emotionally inspiring story with well-drawn characters whom you grow to care about deeply. It is also historically informative. It will keep you guessing throughout about the two sisters, Vianne and Isabelle, both brave young women who did what they thought was the right thing to do in the most of difficult circumstances.

A feature film adaptation of “The Nightingale” is coming. Michelle MacLaren is a television director and producer who has been signed to direct it. She has directed episodes of The X-Files, Breaking Bad, The Walking Dead and Game of Thrones.

Many in the group found it a very compelling read and hard to put down, some of us had read it before and really enjoyed rereading it. It is a novel that we would definitely recommend it to others.

## *Neologisms for the 21st century*

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

1. Figital - adj. Excessively checking one's devices.
2. Tyrunt - n. Child who bosses everyone around.
3. Mespoke - adj. Tailored to one's lifestyle.
4. Palbatross - n. A friend you'd like to drop.
5. Bangst - n. Stress over diminishing funds.
6. Doubtrage - n. Uncertainty about whether one should be angry.
7. Povertunity - n. A job with more status than salary.
8. Twiticule - v. Make fun of someone on Twitter.
9. Cantankerous - n. able to drive a tank.
10. Giraffiti - n. Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
11. Sarchasm - n. The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
12. Arachnoleptic fit - n. The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
13. Caterpallor - n. The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

## 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

77 Thompson Rd. S  
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*I saw a woman wearing a sweatshirt with Guess on it. I said, Thyroid problem?*

”

*~ Arnold Schwarzenegger*

## Learning as We Go

*By Stephen Comstock - Convenor*

Paul and Ellen were the hosts for our board game afternoon on November 9th.. We had eight participants and split into two groups, each playing a different game. Paul played “A Ticket to Ride” with three others. Lorette beat out the others in a close match, winning by two points. They then switched to "Mexican Train", a form of dominoes, and Paul won both games.



Ellen played “Catan” with the other three players, who were novices. Steve was the winner of that game. Then Lorrette, and Ellen showed Gretchen and Steve how to play "Quiddler", a card game in which the players arrange all the cards in their hands into one or more words.



*Catan*

New members are always welcome. Don't be afraid if your knowledge of board games is limited, we are playing for fun, and there are always players learning as we go.

We won't be getting together in December, due to the conflict with the Christmas lunch, but will be starting back up on January 11th, 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. The game(s) have yet to be determined, so if you have a favourite, bring it along.



# Saintly Whiskies

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The November meeting of the D'Stillers was held at my home where five hearty D'Stillers joined me in sharing our love for whisky and drinking a dram to our missing comrades who were unable to join us for the evening.



Our winning whisky of the evening was **Strathisla 12 year' old Single Malt**.

Founded in 1786, Strathisla distillery is the oldest continuously operating distillery in northern Scotland. The original name of Strathisla was the Milton Distillery. It's malts are the base whiskies in Chives Regal.

The number two whisky was "**Singleton of Dufftown**" 12 year old Single Malt. Over half of Scotland's malt whisky distilleries are found on Speyside and the Dufftown distillery is in the center of this fertile region. This is a good tasting whisky under \$60 it's had great reviews in whisky magazines.

The third whisky '**Glenmorangie the Duthac**' Single Malt. This whisky derives it's name from St Duthac a saint from the middle-ages in Northern Scotland. This whisky does not indicate it's age on the bottle which is becoming a common practice in the whisky industry. This whisky is also called a Travellers brand which means that it is sold at



Airports and Duty Free locations.



The number four whisky was '**Angus Dundee**' a blended malt. This is an unusual type of whisky as Angus Dundee is a blend of single malt whiskies where most whisky blends contain grain as well as malt. The distillery where this whisky is made is in the highest village in the Scottish Highlands.

Last but not least '**Glenmoray**' a 12 year old Single Malt. This whisky is made by the famous Glenmorangie distillery. However this is a middle of

the road whisky priced under \$60.

My wife, Anna, enjoyed hosting the the DD's, thanks to the DD's for getting everyone home safe and sound.

The December 7th meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Pete and Lorrette Shermet.





## Trail Walkers' 3rd Annual Camp-fire

By Cliff Read - Correspondent

**N**ovember 22nd, our annual camp-fire day at Hilton Falls was sunny but with some cold winds. This did not lessen the enthusiasm of the record 23 hikers who participated. As you can see, people were well bundled up and gathered around the camp-fire to enjoy warm cider, hot dogs and S'mores. It was a great way to say farewell to fall and hello to winter.

The Escarpment Trail Walkers Group meets year round every Tuesday at one of the nearby hiking trails at 1:30. It is a great opportunity to meet friends, stay active and enjoy the natural beauty of the Halton Region.

## Surviving the War

By Linda Green - Convenor

**O**n Thursday November 17 we had the very small group of Chris and myself meeting at my home to discuss our book "*All the Light we Cannot See*" by Anthony Doerr. We both enjoyed the story of the blind French girl and the German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. The story begins in 1944

with the U.S. Air Force bombing of the Nazi-occupied French coastal town of St. Malo and then flips back to 1934 to describe the two childhoods of Marie-Laure and Werner and eventually to how they come together just before the end of the war. It was well written with short and usually pointed chapters, and with the story moving briskly and efficiently toward it's climactic end. We would definitely recommend it as a very good read.

For our next meeting we hope to go out to a restaurant for a Christmas lunch on the 15th of Dec. but it has not yet been finalized. Our book for Dec. is "*The Guernsey Potato Peel Pie Society*" by Mary Ann Shaffer. We would love to have a few new members, so if you have the slightest interest please give our club a try.



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*In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.*

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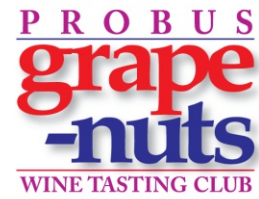
~ Albert Schweitzer



# Not the Biggies

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

We held three very successful tastings this month.



**Julie and John Flynn**

Theme: "Not the (wine) Biggies - in price"

Best of the evening: Cafe Culture Pinotage - South Africa. LCBO: 292466. \$13.00.  
Score: 15.5 (At this price and score, sounds like a real winner! Must try a bottle).

**Ellen and Paul Crawford**

Theme: Wines to serve at Christmas Time

Top wine: Chateau du Bois Chantant Curvee

Laurence H - France / Bordeaux. LCBO: 421206. \$18.95. Score: 14.9.



**Anna and Chris Strachan**

Theme: Canadian Wines for Remembrance Day

Winner: Konzelmann Canada VQA Blend. LCBO: 125260. \$13.40. Score: 14.0



And Something Different for December

Instead of a regular set of tastings, Don Evans and Auriel Halliday are hosting a Wine and Cheese / End of Year / Start of Winter / Christmas / New Year Party for all Grapenutters at their home on Thursday 8th December. Each of us will bring a piece of interesting cheese and the wine of our choice. Auriel and Don (who love a good party) will provide whatever else is needed to make it a great evening.



# Twelve Competitors Fight it Out

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor



Our November bridge was held at the home of Don & Ann Corker. There were 12 competitive players with Ginny Gallipeau winning out. Ellen Crawford came in second.



Our December bridge will be on Tuesday, December 6. at the home of Jeanne Reid. It will be a Christmas luncheon and bridge beginning at noon.

"Yuletide Greetings to All"



# All About Hand Quilting

By Diane Comstock - Convenor

Four members of the Piece Makers met on Monday, Nov. 7 where Ellen Crawford gave us a demo on hand quilting. There is just something unbelievably wonderful about hand quilting. Not only does quilting done by hand remind us of the quilts from yesterday, but it also provides a soft finish that really can't be achieved any other way. Here are a few hand quilting basics that you should be aware of if you are just getting started (or need a little refresher!).



Needles are the most essential tool for hand quilting. Most experienced hand quilters agree that using the "between" style of needle works best for hand quilting. A size 10 is needle ideal, as the eye isn't too big or too small, and the needle is strong enough to handle the layers of most quilt back designs, batting and quilt top without being too big and bulky.

Thread is another necessity for hand quilting. If you are using all cotton fabric, you will want to use a cotton thread. Many quilters find that coating their thread with a product like Thread Magic helps keep the thread from knotting while stitching. Since many quilters have different preferences when it comes to thread, you may have to try a few different types of quilting thread to find one that's durable and yet easy to work with.

Quilting hoops are used for ease of quilting. Many different styles of hoops are available, including hand-held hoops, lap hoops and standing quilt hoops. When hand quilting smaller projects, many quilters prefer not to use a hoop, but for larger projects they are a great help. One mistake often made by beginners is placing their quilt too tightly in the hoop. Since the fabric needs to be able to move up and down as you quilt, make sure there is enough "give" for some movement.



We also attempted to complete a quilting crossword puzzle. We all learned a few new quilting terms such as Big Stitch – A type of quilting where sometimes colourful thread is used to make large stitches, showcasing a decorative effect. It was a great way for hand quilters to show off and embellish their quilts.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 5 at the home of Wendy Stringer. We will learn about Prairie Points. New members are always welcome

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*Joy is the  
simplest form of  
gratitude.*  
”  
~ Karl Barth

## Back in the New Year

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor

Thanks to all avid readers for providing an eclectic mix of books. There was a greater turnover of books this month.

Many seem to be enjoying R,R&R

The book table will be back in January.

Remember to bring back those good reads!



# Photo Gallery - Our November Meeting



Our newest members: From left to right: Gary & Nancie Callon, Maureen & Gerry Chorney, Mary & Russ Cousins, Kate Watkiss



Harold Grace told us of his career at the CNIB and most importantly, about etiquette when talking with or guiding a blind person.



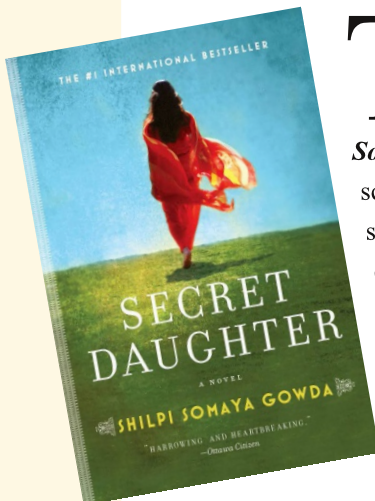
Our November Greeters...  
Norma Capper & Anna Strachan

And our November winner is Anne Taylor with \$140



## A Tasty Read

By Julie Flynn - Correspondent

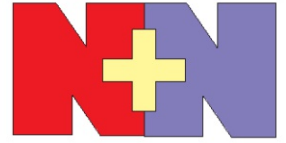


The First Edition Book Club met in November at the home of Julie Flynn. The book chosen, *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda, was an enjoyable read with lots of scope for discussion. Those attending gave it a score of 8 out of 10. The topics that led to discussion included international adoption (and the ramifications for the mother who gave up her child, the adoptive parents and the child herself), the challenges of intercultural marriages, and the need to know and understand one's background. Our time finished with - what else? - pakoras and samosas!





# Gallery - Nosh 'n Natter at Rejane Petroff's



# November's Lunch Bunch at Boston Pizza





# Four Movies Rated

By Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

On Tuesday, November 8 th, we had a good turn out for the movies, at the Milton Galaxy Theatre.



## **HACKSAW RIDGE - Synopsis -**

The amazing true life story of Desmond Doss, the first conscientious objector ever to be awarded the Medal of Honour. A 7th Day Adventist who believed WWII was a just cause- even though killing was not- Doss was the only American soldier to serve on the front lines without a weapon, and single-handedly saved the lives of 75 men. Movie Goers gave it **5 Stars**. A MUST SEE !

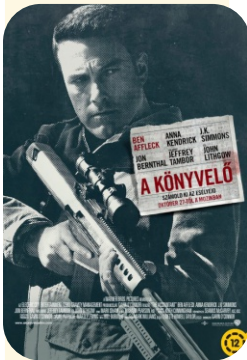
## **INFERNO - Synopsis -**

Academy Award® winner Ron Howard returns to direct the latest best-seller in Dan Brown's (Da Vinci Code) billion-dollar Robert Langdon series, Inferno, which finds the famous symbologist (again played by Tom Hanks) on a trail of clues tied to the great Dante himself. When Langdon wakes up in an Italian hospital with amnesia, he teams up with Sienna Brooks (Felicity Jones), a doctor he hopes will help him recover his memories. Together, they race across Europe and against the clock to foil a deadly global plot. Movie Goers gave it **3.5 Stars**.



## **THE ACCOUNTANT -Synopsis**

Affleck stars as Christian Wolff, a math savant with more affinity for numbers than people. Behind the cover of a small-town CPA office, he works as a freelance accountant for some of the world's most dangerous criminal organizations. With the Treasury Department's Crime Enforcement Division, run by Ray King (Simmons), starting to close in, Christian takes on a legitimate client: a state-of-the-art robotics company where an accounting clerk (Kendrick) has discovered a discrepancy involving millions of dollars. But as Christian uncooks the books and gets closer to the truth, it is the body count that starts to rise. **3 Stars**.



## **JACK REACHER: Never Look Back - Synopsis**

Jack Reacher (Tom Cruise) returns with his particular brand of justice in the highly anticipated sequel JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK. When Army Major Susan Turner (Cobie Smulders), who heads Reacher's old investigative unit, is arrested for Treason, Reacher will stop at nothing to prove her innocence and to uncover the truth behind a major government conspiracy involving soldiers who are being killed. Based upon JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK, author Lee Child's 18th novel in the best-selling Jack Reacher series, that has seen 100 million books sold worldwide. **4 Stars**.

After the movies we met at Turtle Jacks Restaurant for social time and beverages. Next Movie Night - Tuesday, Dec 6 th.





# Tattoos as a statement

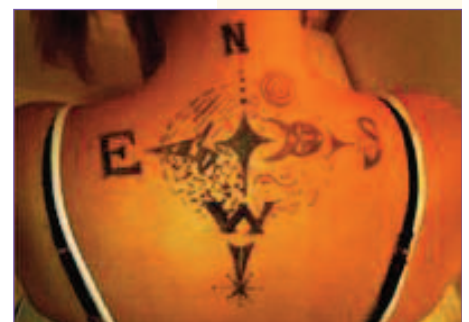
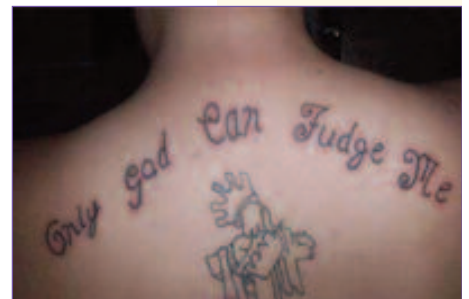
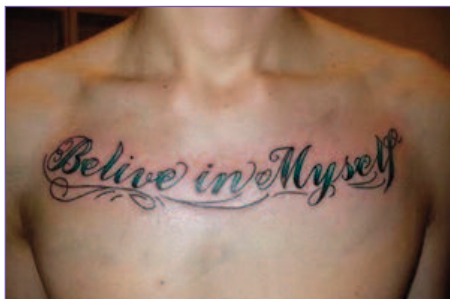
By Alan Jordan - OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT

Tattooing has been practiced across the globe since at least Neolithic times, as evidenced by mummified preserved skin, ancient art and archaeological records.

The practice of creating and displaying tattoos in a prison environment may convey gang membership, code, or hidden meanings of origin or criminal deeds.

Tattooing was somehow “reintroduced” to the Western world following European voyages to Polynesia is a myth. Tattooing has been consistently present in Western society from the modern period stretching back to Ancient Greece. Captain James Cook’s voyages to the South Pacific imported the Polynesian word “tatau” (as “tattoo”, later changed to “tattoo”), tattooing was not at all novel at that time.

Today, Tattoos are endemic among the younger set in Canada and around the world, generating millions of dollars. Some of the spelling or grammatical errors shown in these pictures are not only laughable but also lamentable.



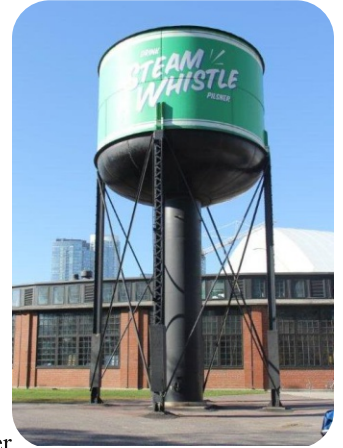


# Steam Whistle Brewery Tour

By Pete Shermet - Convenor

**T**wenty-five Probians gathered out in front of the brewery at about 11:15 for a group photo and only one person was missing (the photographer)!

We entered the Brewery and were immediately welcomed with a sample of their beer (It had to be 5:00 somewhere!)



We were directed upstairs where Rylan, one of our tour guides, gave us some background and history about how the brewery started (3 former "displaced" employee's of Upper Canada Breweries). He also gave us some history of the building that the brewery is located in (The Round House). All this while our other tour guide Niall (a licensed beer sommelier) was busy rounding up some more beer for us to sample. We have now all had the freshest beer we have ever had as every bottle is date and time stamped when it is filled! Our beer was bottled on November 17th at 11:38 am and our tour started at 11:30, we were drinking it just minutes after being bottled and it was good.

They divided us into two groups and the first group went with Rylan. We stayed back with Niall for the "Irish Tour"! He offered our group another bottle of beer which we graciously accepted while he described the brewing process and explained that they only make one style of beer ( a Czech Pilsner) following their motto "Do one thing and Do it well!" and the process is the traditional Czech method with only 4 ingredients: pure spring water (from Caledon), malted barley (Canadian grown) , hops and yeast. **NO PRESERVATIVES!**



We started our tour about ten minutes after the first group and saw how the mash was put together to form the wort, which was then left to ferment and in about 28 days we have beer. A nice easy drinking pilsner.

We came back to the meeting room and had our chocuterie of pretzels, meats and cheeses and a glass of unfiltered beer, which finished the tour nicely. Since our club is revenue neutral I purchased 3 souvenirs

and the brewery was kind enough to top it up with coasters, bottle openers and 4 additional passes each for brewery tours.

We had a draw and the winners were Paul Crawford, John Flynn and Wayne Lister.

Now to top it off, as we were leaving our guides, one of the bartenders gave each one of us a souvenir glass, which was totally unexpected!

Everyone enjoyed the tour and the folks at Steam Whistle Breweries did a fabulous job!





# Steamwhistle Cont'd ...



## The Purposeful Man

*A Poem by Paul Crawford*

There stands here now such a Purposeful Man,  
Whose talents and exploits have shown what can  
Be done, when effort and talent combine,  
To focus on problems, solutions to find.  
For such is the realm of the Purposeful Man,  
He's one with the doers, he's one of their clan,  
He's got the facts and the tools that go with them,  
He'll unknot that block, he knows the system.  
Hard to imagine as you look at his face,  
That clarity and purpose wasn't always the case,  
But such are the facts, with this Purposeful Man,  
And others of his ilk, throughout the land.  
That their name's at the top, they're such a terror,  
Is built on the backs of many an error,  
Be it deadlines lost or wobbly facts assumed,  
Or hiring people who turned out to be doomed.

Gut feeling decisions caused many a wrong turn,  
Get the whole picture, the lesson to learn,  
The Purposeful Man is a creation of time,  
When mistakes and experiences are owned as mine.

There stands here now such Purposeful Man,  
Content in the main, but for the purpose at hand,  
To answer the question that has shaken his core,  
“What in the world did I come in this room for?”

*Dedicated to all the retired men out there.*

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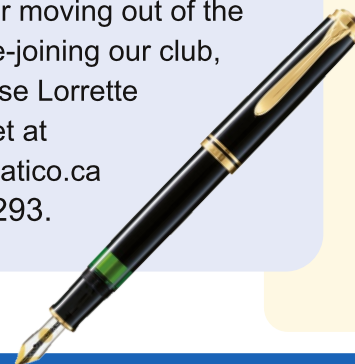
*Behind every  
great man is a  
woman rolling  
her eyes.*

”

*~ Jim Carrey*

## 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  
Shernet at  
lorrette@sympatico.ca  
or 905-878-1293.





# Photo Gallery - Escarpment Has Talent!



*Sandra Bashford: Crafts and Clowning*



*Tony Fariello: Replica antique corkscrews*

*Joy Castello -  
photography, cards  
(no photo)*



*Left: Peter Lasota & Josie Sandhu - Stained Glass. Right: Jack Willekes: Paintings*



*Cliff Read: Pen making*



*Judy Nelson: Counted cross-stitch, quilting, needle arts*



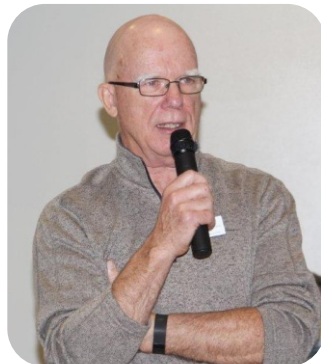
*John Flynn: Kayak paddles*



*Megs Shellard: Cross-Stitch pictures*



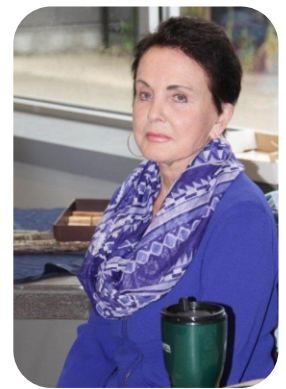
*Maggie Boothe: Scrap-booking*



*Paul Crawford: Poetry  
See poem on page 15*



*Elspeeth Lane: Wreaths*



*Elspeeth Lane: Poetry*



# Photo Gallery - Nosh at the Strachan's



*Norma Capper celebrating her 56th ...  
Ooops! Did I read that backwards?*

## Super Nosh

**Introducing club members to the experience of a "Nosh"**

*Friday February 17th 2017. 5:00 - 9:30 pm*

*At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136*

*21 Charles Street, Milton , Ontario.*

*Beverages: Wine by the glass or bottle, coolers and beer.*

*Beer, wine by the glass \$4.50*

*Wine by the bottle \$15.00 red or white (20 Bee's winery), Coolers \$5.25*

***A Valentines Day Theme***



We would like to introduce the "Nosh" to all members of Escarpment Probus who would like to participate. Please sign up indicating if you will bring an appetizer or desert item. Ideally you may want to prepare about 24 portions. Currently we have 33 signed up. At a typical Nosh you bring what you drink, however, as this is an open Nosh, beverages will be available for purchase at the Legion. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL, they will also supply the smart serve bar tenders.



There will be a nominal fee (TBD based on participation) to cover the cost of hall rental, plates, cutlery, decorations, tea and coffee. If you could provide assistance with the set up and tear down it would be appreciated. Please contact me at [peteshermet@gmail.com](mailto:peteshermet@gmail.com) (I'm not good at decorating).

The sign up sheet will be available at the December meeting/ Christmas Luncheon.

## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events



EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>DECEMBER 2016</b>			
Management Meeting	7 December - 2:30 pm	Balfour Home	Martin Capper
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>14 December - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Crosswinds golf and Country</b>	<b>Martin Capper</b>
<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>14 December - Noon</b>	<b>Crosswinds golf and Country</b>	<b>Julie Flynn</b>
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>None - due to Christmas Lunch</b>	None	Bonnie Lennox
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Golf Club-Probud 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	Stringer Home	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday - 12 noon	Reid Home + Xmas Lunch	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	December 8 - 10:00am	Millichamp 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 Millichanp
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 3 - 5 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>			
Management Meeting	11 January - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>18 January - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Memorial Arena</b>	<b>Martin Capper</b>
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