

# FORUM

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**Gloria Pennycook**  
*President*

## Welcome Newcomers!

I seem to start every note off with a comment about the season. Well, I just can't help it as I love this time of the year - the outdoors, the sunshine, the flowers, the long days. I am looking forward to our picnic at Lowville Park on July 20 which is a beautiful location. Don't forget that the July picnic takes the place of our formal meeting for that month.



There will be NO  
PROBUS General  
Meeting this month

At our last meeting, I mentioned that we will be having Newcomers Welcome Orientation events. The purpose is to enable our new members to better understand more about our PROBUS Club and also the various social clubs and activities. Several times a year, new members will be invited to an informal meeting, likely for breakfast. They will have the opportunity to meet other new members as well as several members of the Management Team. Thanks to Liz and Cliff Reid for organizing the Newcomers Welcome!

## Probus Has Talent

*By Paul Crawford - Program Chair*

In November we will be featuring Probus members who are willing to share their talents, hobbies and interests with fellow members. Jeanne Reid will act as facilitator. If you have a talent, interest or hobby we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jeanne or Paul Crawford and let them know of your willingness to share your story. There are no boring people in Probus and if you are interested in something you can be sure that there will be others who would love to hear about it.



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## Our July Speaker

There will be NO July general meeting.

## Our August Speaker

### Fran Murphy BA, MLS - Ancestor Detective

I caught the genealogy bug some years ago when my uncle took me to a cemetery to look for a gravestone of his relatives. After about an hour we finally found it and I was hooked. Being a Librarian, utilizing research skills and putting together the pieces of a puzzle to find one's ancestors was a natural segue.

I have been a member of the Halton Peel branch of the Ontario Genealogy society where I serve as Past President and Librarian. After receiving my Library Science degree from Western, I worked for a number of years as a reference librarian – including a stint with the Milton Public Library (when it was on Bruce St). I then decided to turn my obsessive hobby into my own business as an *Ancestor Detective* helping people with their own family histories. I have also spoken at conferences and to other groups on various topics including beginning genealogy.

When I am not looking after my new grandson in Milton you might find me at Toastmasters or singing in a choir.



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*“We're all ghosts. We all carry, inside us, people who came before us.”*

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— Liam Callanan, *The Cloud Atlas*

## Me Before You - A Romantic Drama

By Robyn Balfour - Convenor

A number of Oscar Night Members came out to the movies on the second Tuesday of June to enjoy this wonderful romantic drama. It was very well portrayed, invoking a deep sense of joy and sadness which lead to many of us taking out our Kleenex. We enjoyed beer, wine and social time at Turtle Jacks after the movie.

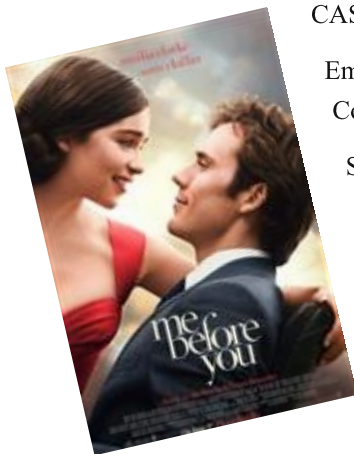


### CAST

Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin, Janet McTeer, Charles Dance, Brendan Coyle, Stephen Peacocke

### SYNOPSIS

When a young English woman content with her small-town life is hired as the caretaker for an affluent Londoner paralyzed in a tragic accident, both are surprised to receive incredible insight, perspective, and ultimately love from the other.



## Sign Up at the Picnic

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

**A Hole-in-One Comedy, "The Ladies Foursome"** at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse on Thursday August 11 at 2:00pm, \$41 per person. Make it a full day's outing - the theatre, St. Jacobs Farmers' Market and lunch or dinner out.

On the theme of golf, please join us for a fun day at the **Mini Golf Putting Course at the Rock Chapel Golf Centre** in Dundas, Ontario. Played with just a putter, this real grass mini golf course follows an 18 hole championship golf course design with long rolls, challenging breaks and has real sand bunkers as hazards. They supply putters or bring your own. Monday August 22nd at 4:00 pm, \$35.00 per person includes both golf and dinner, putters and balls are provided.

There are two wonderful shows coming up in the new year at the Milton Centre for the Arts that you can sign up for:

**"Billy Joel The Piano Men"** featuring the music of Billy Joel, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elton John, starring Bruce Tournay. The show is on Saturday February 11, 2017 at 8:00PM, tickets are \$39 per person.

**"Menopause the Musical"** the hilarious celebration of women and the change. It takes place on Friday March 10, 2017 at 8:00PM, tickets are \$49 per person.

Since the time line for some of the events is tight there will be a sign up table at the picnic on Wed July 20. So don't forget to bring your cheque book with you.

Remember to write down the event when you sign up for it so you have a record of the activities you will be attending



*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

## Disappointing Attendance at Events

By Ron Millichamp - Correspondent

**R**EMINDER - We are now at 202 members, many who will not have taken part in the 38 different activities we had over the first 2 years. The activities that were particularly successful we will endeavour to repeat in the coming months. When booking these activities we need to give the number of people who will attend, so that the venue can staff accordingly, so it is of utmost importance that we live up to our commitments. We have had a few instances of poor attendance (one where we confirmed 44 people and ended up with 22) which makes it very difficult to rebook. If for whatever reason you cannot attend an activity please let the Activity Committee know. The telephone numbers are in the Forum. We will have pads available at the activities desk so you can jot down dates, times, etc., for the upcoming events.



*And our June winner is  
Vicky Lenarduzzi  
with \$140*

# THE SOCIAL SCENE

## Picnic Coming Up

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

At last count we have 77 members signed up to attend the annual summer Picnic. I hope everyone remembers to bring sunscreen, possibly a hat to protect them from the sun. There are picnic tables available but you may want to bring a portable chair. In the next month's Forum, I shall report on the picnic and identify the winners of the games, etc.

I would like to thank our convenors, Julie Flynn, for giving a very comprehensive overview of the Nosh groups for which she and Diane Tomson are the Convenors. I hope that by outlining the rules of Nosh, Julie has encouraged some of our newer members to sign-up. As Julie said, if you have a small home you do not have to accommodate all of the Nosh members. You, as the host may limit the amount of Noshers you will accommodate based on the number that your home can comfortably hold. As for you single members out there, you can meet up with another single member and do the hosting duties together.

Thanks also to Martin Capper for his show and tell with the Cribbage Board. Monday night Cribbage is a really fun evening, one does not have to be a great Cribbage player as the members enjoy the camaraderie of the group and the game keeps our minds active.

Some of you have already signed up for the The Escarpment Probus 3rd Anniversary Dinner/Dance to be held at the Grand Chalet, Steeles Ave. Milton on 16th September 2016, starting at 6:30 pm until 11pm. The price for the Dinner/Dance is \$50 per person, this includes a five course meal, Antipasto, Pasta, Salad, a choice of an Entrée, Salmon, Chicken or Roast Baby Beef, Dessert, one bottle each of Red and White Wine per table, tea, coffee or cappuccino. For your evenings entertainment we

have obtained the DJ services of 'Rockin Robin' formerly of FM108 and AM 740. For those of you who will be attending, Robin encourages you to request the songs that are near and dear to your heart or maybe just something that you would particularly like to hear. Robin will also give a shout out for Birthday's or Anniversaries should you wish them to be recognized.

Due to the picnic there will be no Probus meeting in July, so technically this leaves only one month, 'August', to sign up for the Dinner. That being said, I have decided to bring the Sign-up sheet to the picnic to give any of the members who cannot attend the August meeting a chance to sign-up for the Dinner. See you at the Picnic.



*June Leach, Lorrette Shermet and Wendy Sringer, all three celebrating their June 15th birthday at the Probus meeting*



*Our June Greeters...*

Barb Finnie, Chris Strachan and Norma Capper

## A “AAA” Tasting

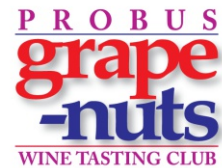
By Martin Capper - Vice President

**F**ifteen grape nuts gathered at the Capper house for the June 2 wine tasting. I have to confess to being a little bit the worse for wear after the previous night’s meeting of the D’s stillers at the



same venue. Theme for the evening was wines with a Nationality beginning with the letter A! We sampled wines from Australia, Argentina and America.

Top wine honours went to a Sledgehammer Zinfandel from California at \$16.95 with an average score of 15.7. Top white was a Yellowtail Pinot Grigio from Australia with a score of 14. The Pinot Grigio at \$10.95 was the cheapest wine of the night proving once again that good taste doesn’t always carry the highest price!



## 202 Members & Still Growing

By Ron Du Pont - Membership Chair

**W**e are still growing: we now have 202 members. And more applications in process!

There is something new with the name badges starting this month. There are red dots in the corners of some name badges to indicate members who have joined within the last three (or so) months. So please, all you old timers, watch for these and take a moment to introduce yourself to them.

I have distributed the latest membership list which is up to date as of the end of May. If anyone had a problem with it, please contact me.

A reminder: You all have a nice official Probus pin. It is good to wear these pins when attending Probus functions and activities as a group outside of our regular meeting.

And please remember to bring any guests to the membership table before the meeting starts so we know who they are. Any new members who do not have their name badges yet also need to let me know that they are in attendance before the meeting starts so I can be ready for their name badge presentation.



*New members; Dale Evans, Valentine Payne, Phil Payne, Linda Pennycook, Claude Dewitte*



*New Members: Keith Flowers, Marion Flowers*



*Three guests that Jean George brought: Jennifer Wells, Isabelle Stanley and Pat Rol, who all signed up to be members*

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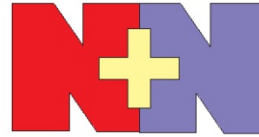
*A career is wonderful, but you can't curl up with it on a cold night.*

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*-Marilyn Monroe, actress*

# Bugs too Late for the Party

by Julie Flynn - Convenor



The combined Nosh n Natter/Nosh Neighbours met on June 3rd at the home of Ellen and Chris Wallhouse. Seventeen people were able to attend, even though some GPSs do not recognize Limestone RD or our street's previous name 3rd Sideroad Campbellville or Milton. The weather cooperated and the evening was enjoyed on the deck with much nattering and laughter. No bugs appeared until sunset when our group started to disperse. Five new people were welcomed to the group, and to add to the mingling we had people change seating during the evening. We were glad to host such an enjoyable evening.



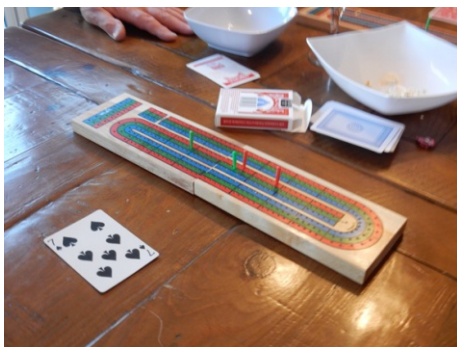
# Think Pink

By Martin Capper - Vice President

The 2nd Monday in June saw 21 cribbage players, including newcomer Karen, get together for a night of Fun. Pink candies and pink chocolates were provided by Steve and Diane who earlier that day, at 4:00 am celebrated the arrival of their second grandchild - a girl.



Being up since 2:00 am did nothing to blunt the competitive nature of these two and for the longest time it appeared that Diane had taken ownership of the corner chair in a night when losers moved and winners stayed put! Steve did need some help with his counting though!



Others who needed help were Norma and Chris who introduced a new complexity to the Game by counting backwards when on the home straight! The consequences of this can be seen

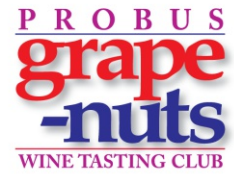
on the attached photo! High score honours went to Wayne and Elinore with a score of 24 and the skunk was visible a couple of times!

Thanks to Wayne and Ellen for contributing the cakes and to everyone for making it another fun night!



# Searching for Trilliums

By Ellen & Paul Crawford - Convenors



**T**hirteen avid budding wine connoisseurs met Monday to consider the proposition of whether they could "Pick the true Trillium". The night featured 3 Pinot Grigio wines. One was a VQA (The Trillium) and two were International/Ontario blends. The 3 reds were Cabernet



Sauvignon Merlots of which one was a VQA (The Trillium) and two were International/Ontario blends. All wines had their proponents and dissenters, although the scores showed that in the main they were enjoyed by the group.

The top Pinot Grigio was a tie between a Jackson-Triggs (International blend) and a Mazia (International blend Italy/Canada) at 13.6 as the average. The VQA wine did not score as well.



The top Red wine was Caleta (International blend Chile/Canada) with an average of 15.7. Although all 3 scored 15 with only the percentage point making the difference.

The group learned about the history of VQA and International blended wines in Ontario.

No participant picked both VQA although there were many who correctly chose one.

# “The Secret Life of Bees”

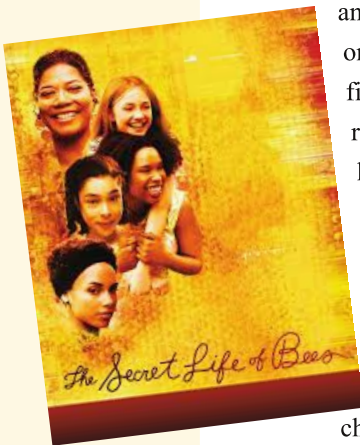
By Louise Ellis - Correspondent



**T**he *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kydd was the book chosen and discussed by the Trilogy Book Club in June. The story takes place in South Carolina in the “60’s” shortly after Black Americans were given the right to vote. Lily, 13, is struggling with vague memories of the death and loss of her mother, and a father who is distant

and harsh. When Rosaleen, her caregiver and substitute mother, ends up in jail after an incident on her way to register to vote, Lily decides to rescue her and go to Tiburon where she hopes to find out more about her mother. They are taken in by three Black sisters who own property and raise bees. Lessons are learned and life changes as Lily learns about the strengths of women, the life of bees, the Black Madonna and eventually about her mother.

The book is well written and an easy read. We had an interesting and lively discussion about the book, its characters and the events of the 1960’s when life was beginning to change for Black Americans. Our next meeting date has been changed because of several conflicts to Sept. 15th and the book chosen for that meeting is “The Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman. New Member most welcome.





# Mini Holiday Trips to Montreal & Quebec City and Casino Rama Orillia

By Ann Du Pont from notes by Jean George

# SUMMER HOLIDAY

Jo and Wayne Lister, Diane and Richard Armand, Susan Holloway and Jean George went on the 5 day coach trip to *Montreal and Quebec City*. The tour through Montreal included, as always, a lot of road construction, not only because of broken pipes from their severe winter two years ago, but also to prepare for their 375 year celebration coming in 2017. They saw beautiful old buildings, including an old church which has been raised up, repaired and renovated. Since it was over the Metro line, shops were put in along the line and the church collects rent from all these places beneath them. That was planning!



Their accommodations were great and so well located. Our Probus group ate at a lovely Italian restaurant within walking distance of the hotel, where they could see Concordia University. This is where Diane and Richard met and fell in love so it was a nice reunion for them. Happy Hour starts about six and every outdoor café was filled with people relaxing in the beautiful weather.

Next was Quebec City, where they went through the tunnel under the St. Lawrence River. What a feat that must have been

building it! Staying at The Hotel Frontenac was wonderful and was especially magnificent when all lit up at night. It is another world; the old part of town surrounded by a huge wall, cobble stone roads, old buildings, and interesting shops. A cruise along the St. Lawrence, crepes in an outdoor café and good company - they knew they were on holidays!

Susan and Jean also took the tour to the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré where the church walls were covered with hand painted tiles with religious scenes.

They all agreed it was a fun and entertaining trip.

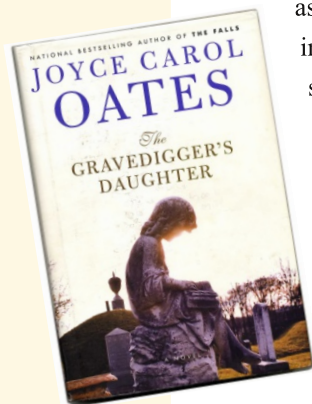
The second Mini trip was three days at *Casino Rama Orillia* taken by Jean and Susan. They are not gamblers but wanted to see the Monkeys as they celebrated 50 years of entertaining. Davy had passed away but Mickey and Peter were there with two new members. The great music of singing and guitars went on for almost two hours, bringing back good memories to 5000 people at this sold out performance. After the show, and a lovely boat cruise in perfect weather on Lake Couchiching, they really appreciated their fantastic room right in the Casino (not that they were tired!). As well, they enjoyed an excellent buffet and tasty meals. With their gambling money, they were up and down, but in the end, although not ahead in cash, had fun and said they would go again.



## “Gravedigger's Daughter”

*Penny McIlwaine - Correspondent*

Joyce Carol Oates, American novelist, fully lived up to her reputation as an accomplished writer who walks on the dark side in her 2007 book, *The Gravedigger's Daughter*. Billed as an epic (at 582 pages!) about challenges faced by immigrants, a theme she handled almost peripherally, Oates also dealt with alcoholism and spousal abuse, isolation and mental illness, suicide and murder. In a change of tone she devoted much of the book to an exploration of the development of genius in a child who was a musical prodigy. Oates based the main character, Rebecca Schwartz, on her own Jewish grandmother who fled Nazi Germany in the 1930's. Rebecca's father, Jacob, changed the family name from Schwartz just as Oates' grandmother changed her surname from Morgenstern to Morningstar. Rebecca assumes the identity of “Hazel Jones” as a 20-year-old fleeing her abusive husband and never admits to her true identity until she nears the end of her life in her 60's. Most of the club members rated the book a 5 out of 10 with a low of 2 and high score of 7-8.



## Bata Museum - Shoes, Shoes & More Shoes

*By Anna Strachan – Correspondant*

Thirteen hearty Probus members went by train, bus or car pooled into Toronto on Tuesday 31st May to visit the Bata Shoe Museum where they learned a whole lot about shoes. We were divided into two groups and given a very interesting tour of the Museum.

We saw shoes from all over the world. The Museum illustrates the living habits, the culture and the customs of people. Its international collection of over 13,000 artefacts that spans 4,500 years of history.

Only a portion of the exhibits are ever on display at any given time. So it is possible to visit the museum more than once and never see the same shoes twice. The museum's archaeological collection includes footwear from some of the earliest civilizations on earth: The collection also includes intriguing examples of Medieval footwear.

Then there is the always popular display of celebrity footwear that includes Queen Victoria's ballroom slippers, Robert Redford's cowboy boots, Elton John's monogrammed silver platform boots, Terry Fox's running shoe, Elvis Presley's blue patent loafers, Karen Kain's ballet shoes and John Lennon's Beatle boot.

Our group thoroughly enjoyed the Museum and would highly recommend you pay a visit if you are ever in Toronto.



# A feat of whimsy and fanciful creations

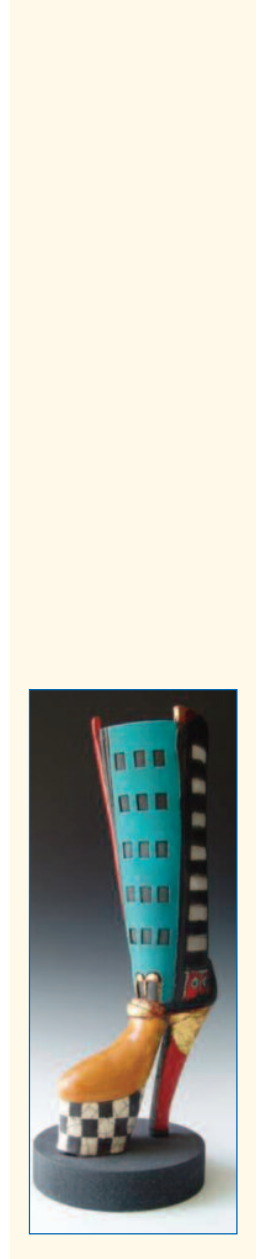
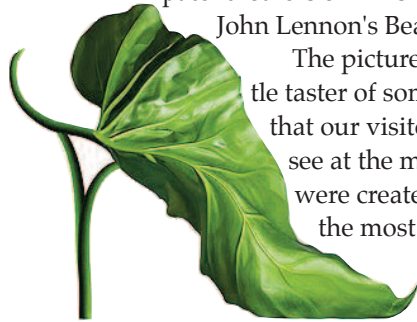
By Alan Jordan - OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR

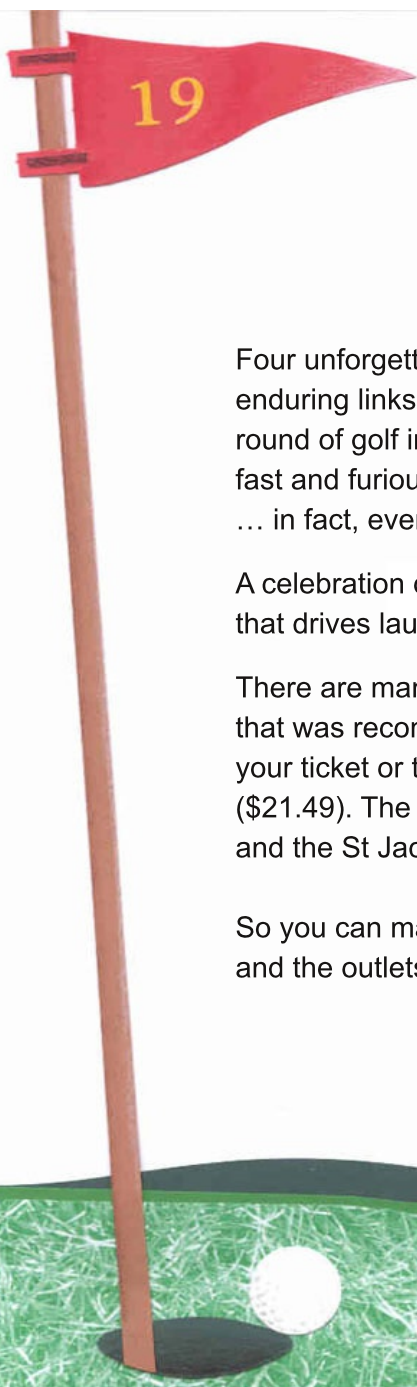
The Escarpment Probus excursion to The Bata Shoe Museum, in Toronto was enjoyed recently.

The museum is home to the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of shoes and footwear-related artifacts. The building consists of four stories, which contain four galleries, two lecture and multi-purpose rooms and, of course, the ubiquitous gift shop.

The museum's assortment of celebrity footwear is a popular attraction; it includes ball-room slippers worn by Queen Victoria, the monogrammed silver platform boots of Elton John, a Terry Fox running shoe, white and blue patent loafers of Elvis Presley and John Lennon's Beatle boot.

The pictures here are a little taster of some of the shoes that our visitors did NOT see at the museum. They were created by some of the most talented designers from around the world.





## *The Ladies Foursome*

A Hole-in-One Comedy  
Thursday August 11 at 2:00pm  
St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

Four unforgettable women traverse the bunkers of startling confessions and the enduring links of sisterhood when they gather on the fairway of life to play a round of golf in honour of their recently deceased playing partner. The laughs are fast and furious as the ladies tee off on life, love, men, sex, children, and careers ... in fact, everything but golf!

A celebration of friendships tested and friendships found, this is one round of golf that drives laughs for women and men alike.

There are many restaurants in the area, Crossroads Family Restaurant was one that was recommended and is about a 10-12 minute drive away. If you present your ticket or ticket stub you get \$2 off the lunch buffet (\$14.99) or dinner buffet (\$21.49). The St Jacobs Farmers is open every Thursday from 7am to 3:30 pm and the St Jacob's Outlets are open 9:30 am to 9:00pm.

So you can make a whole day of it, the theatre, shopping at the farmers market and the outlets and lunch or dinner out.

## Piece Makers Practice Paper Piercing

*Diane Comstock - Convenor*

Judy Nelson instructed us in the art of paper piecing at the Piece Makers' June 6 meeting. She prepared several paper templates and fabric swatches beforehand, then demoed how to sew the fabric to the paper in order to produce star blocks with perfect points. Wendy Stringer tried her hand at it and was a very quick learner as her completed quarter block attests (when four blocks are sewn together a star block is completed).



Carol Anne shared her paper piecing cheat sheet and I was the official presser for the day. The key to paper piecing is the sewing order, fabric placement, pressing, and trimming of the seam allowance at each step.

Due to summer vacations, the Piece Makers will not meet during July and August. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 12 when Carol Anne will give us a demo on machine appliqué. Anyone who quilts or would like to learn are welcome to join our meetings.

## 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.



## Probus Good Sports

*Ellen & Paul Crawford - Correspondents*

The Handwriting Lady was in fine form when she spoke to the Escarpment Probus Club in June. Elaine Charal captivated the audience with her humour, insight and unique presentation style. She used handwriting samples from willing audience members to

bring her analytical skills

to the fore. We laughed at the humour and were amazed by the accuracy of her observations. Probus members showed that they are good sports by entering into the spirit of the moment. She joined the "Lunch Bunch" at Ned Devines and continued to give analysis to those who came to her with a handwriting sample.

What does your  
HANDWRITING say  
about YOU?



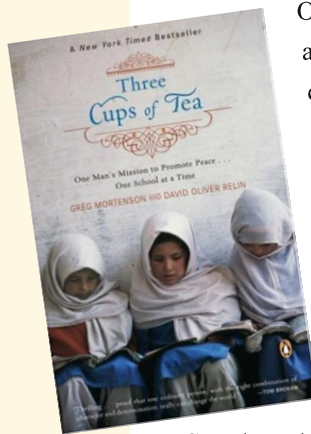
# Three Cups of Tea - An Inspirational Story Troubled by Controversy

By Barb Alderson - Correspondent



The June 8, 2016 meeting of the Sequel Book Club took place at Judy Nelson's home and was co-hosted by Barbara Alderson. The group reviewed *Three Cups of Tea*; co-authored by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

The book describes how in 1993, after a failed attempt to climb K2, Greg Mortenson was inspired by poor villagers in a remote region to Pakistan to return and build a school to repay their kindness. This became the first step in his mission to build schools, especially for girls; and it chronicles the many challenges he faced in the decade that followed to raise funds and build these schools in this isolated and dangerous region of the world.



Originally published in 2006, *Three Cups of Tea* became a best-seller, sold millions of copies, and Greg Mortenson was celebrated as an heroic humanitarian. However, since 2011 many questions have emerged, regarding the accuracy of the story and the use of funds raised to build these schools by the charity, the Central Asia Institute.

Club members who read this book after it was first published in 2006 enjoyed it, but had differing opinions when they re-read it for this meeting. Still, the majority of our group would recommend the book. Beautifully written, it draws attention to poorly understood regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan; and the many difficulties in providing foreign aid to these areas of the world

Our next meeting takes place at Chris Strachan's home July 13th. The selection is *Beach Strip* by John Lawrence Reynolds.

## Banditos Crash Party

By Barbara Finnie - Secretary

On Friday, June 24th, twenty Noshers gathered on the patio at the home of Al and Barb Finnie. Once again, the weather cooperated and we had a wonderful

evening under a clear blue sky. We even had two extra guests hiding in the tree over the back fence watching and waiting to see if any scraps were left for them to enjoy later on. There was so much to catch up on, and so many delicious appetizers, that no one even thought of getting their camera out until everyone started heading to their cars. We missed many of our Noshers who were off travelling and/or babysitting those

precious grandchildren, but hopefully next time they will all be here to join us.





# Guelph's Trial Gardens a Trip

*By Christy Babcock - Convenor*

On Wed. June 22nd a number of Zoomer Bloomers had a very interesting, enjoyable outing arranged by Doreen Bennink. Our first stop was the University of Guelph's Trial Gardens where we met Roger Tschanz who is responsible for the



garden trials. He receives seeds, rooted cuttings as well as large plants from growers from around the world. The specimens are planted in the trial gardens, often with proven species for comparison purposes. At the end of the growing season Roger prepares reports detailing the pros and cons of each type of plant, how they performed in our climate and if they were attacked by any pests or diseases. Growers also want to know which are popular with visitors to try to determine which plants they should bring to market.



The group then proceeded to Doreen & Len's home where we met Karen McKeown from the Healthy Landscapes Department of the city of Guelph. Karen was a wealth of knowledge and provided us with lots of handouts and answered many questions. Doreen's "Grandmother's" garden is a wonderful example of how to make the most of a small space and includes



fruit, vegetables, herbs as well as flowers and her granddaughters' birdhouses. Her use of raised beds and boxes attached to fences and deck (courtesy of Len) adds growing space and overcomes problem wet areas.



*Petunia that is not flowering as hoped - supposed to be uniform with small white dots of white.*

# Glenfiddich is Most Famous Brand in the World

By Chris Strachan – Convenor

The June D'Stillers meeting was held at the home of Martin Capper with eight D'Stillers and one guest, Cliff Read, in attendance. Six Scotch Whiskies were up for our tasting pleasure.



The number one whisky of the evening was a **Balvenie Single Malt 17 Yr Old Islay Cask**.

The Malt Master Blender, David Stewart, has worked for Balvenie for fifty years and was responsible for this unique whisky. Tasting all that whisky over decades and being paid for it, what a job!

The number two whisky was Glenfiddich 18 yr Old Ancient Reserve Single Malt. Glenfiddich is the most famous distillery and brand in the world. It has a capacity to make 10 million liters of whisky per year, making this Scotland's largest distillery.

There was a two way tie for the number three whisky. One was Glen Morangie Quinta Ruban Single Malt. This whisky is unique in that it uses American white oak barrels for its first 10yrs of maturity, then prior to bottling it is matured for a further two years in Port barrels.

The other tied Whisky was Glen Morangie 15 yr old Sauternes Finish Single Malt. 'Sauternes' means a French sweet wine style. Glen Morangie has the tallest stills in Scotland at 17 ft, this extra travel to the top of the still makes for a very smooth and delicate tasting whisky.

Number four whisky was Talisker 10yr Old Single Malt. This whisky was the favourite of author Robert Louis Stevenson. Talisker is the only Distillery on the Isle of Skye. Skye is famous for it's connection to Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite uprising.

Number five was Glenlivet 12 yr Old Single Malt. Glenlivet was a favourite whisky of Charles Dickens. The Glenlivet distillery is located in one of the most remote Glens in Scotland. In days of yore, due to it's remoteness, it made it extremely difficult for the excise man to collect whisky taxes.

Thanks to Norma for entertaining the D's and thanks to the D's for getting us all home safe and sound.

The Wednesday July 6Th meeting of the D'Stillers will be at the home of Al & Barb Minnie.

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*Logic, like whiskey, loses its beneficial effect when taken in too large quantities.*

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- Lord Dunsany



*Our Masthead photo this month is the painting “Barn” by our very own Jack Willekes*



# Jokers Off to a Running Start

By Auriel Halliday - Convenor

June saw the start of the newly formed Joker group. We spent May learning the game and had two official games in June. It goes without saying that a good time was had by all, and I foresee a very competitive future for our groups. We are all looking forward to the next games: July 14th at Megs Shellard's house and July 27th at the home of Ellen and Chris Wallhouse. Good Luck everyone.

By Anna Strachan - Correspondent

I am happy to report that the following Jokers joined Chris and I for a lovely afternoon, the individual scores are beside their names.

Everyone played three games. Chris's table took 45 minutes longer than my table to finish ... this last game was an especially Looong game.

Ellen Crawford - 1	Paul Crawford - 2
Diane Comstock - 1	Stephen Comstock - 2
Patricia Kotack's - 1	Lorraine Randal - 0
Chris Strachan - 3	Anna Strachan - 2



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*Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well.*

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- Jack London



The big winner was Chris, he also managed to get a Joker four times in two of his games and three times in the last game, lucky or what?

I took a picture of Chris's table as their last game took more than 45 min to finish, maybe more.

## 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.*



# Dinner Club in the Works

By Auriel Halliday - Convenor

Plans are under way to start a Probus dinner club this October. We already have quite a few couples signed up and the menus are being created. Here is some more information about this new group.



Firstly a menu book is designed and printed. Then distributed to all couples at a cost of \$5.00.each This book has a list of all members and the dates of each dinner. There is a list of who goes to dinner with who, where and when. Usually the dinners are held on the same day each month. For instance the third Saturday or 2nd Friday. This date has, of yet, not been finalized.

Menus are also laid out in the book, with the recipes and who is responsible for making a small part of the finished meal. The hosts always make the Entree and guests bring assigned dishes to complete the meal. You know ahead of time what you are making, where you are going and who the month's Host is.

Normally dinners are for four couples, although sometimes menus can be modified for three couples. Note, the word couple - this may be either a married couple or two friends who decide to pair up for the season. Please find a partner if you wish to join this club.

Usually there will be dinners in October, November, January, February ,March and April.

It is a great way to meet new members and also enjoy a delicious meal at an inexpensive price. What we do is this - after dinner each group submits the cost of their part of the meal. This is then added up and divided by the number of diners.

For more information you can ask myself, Megs Shellard or Rosalind Jordan. So, please, join us and sign up at the picnic.



Click the blue link for more info

## *Mini Golf Putting Course at the Rock Chapel Golf Centre*

*Designed with real golf course quality greens, this one of a kind miniature golf putting course will amaze both golfers and the mini putt crowd with this incredibly fun, family friendly putting challenge. Played with just a putter, this real grass mini golf course follows an 18 hole championship golf course design with long rolls, challenging breaks and has real sand bunkers as hazards. See pg 4 for details.*





## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events



EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>JULY 2016</b>			
Mega-Nosh	8 July 5:30 to 9:00 pm	Babcock Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dinner/Dance	10 July 4 to 8 pm	Black Forest Inn - Conestoga	Ann Du Pont
<b>Picnic</b>	<b>20 July 11:30 am</b> Note: There will be no General Meeting and no Lunch Bunch this month	Lowville Park	Anna Strachan
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flanagan
Golf Club-Probud Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday. Time varies.	Granite Ridge	Ron Millichamp
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thurs. - 7:00pm	Thursday: Capper Home	Michael Hooker
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	Summer break - back in Sept.	Comstock Home *	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Finnie 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	Strachan Home	Judy Nelson
Board Games	2nd Wednesday - 1:30pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	Shellard Home	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	TBD	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 Tuesday - 7 pm	Shermet Home *	Lorrette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Chrisy Babcock
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm	Wallhouse Home	Auriel Halliday
Inklings - Writing Club	Suspended pending more members	Grace Anglican Church*	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Paul & Ellen Crawford
<b>AUGUST 2016</b>			
Management Meeting	10 August - 7 pm	TBD	Gloria Pennycook
Ladies Foursome - Theatre	11 August - 2 pm	St Jacob's Country Playhouse	Sandy Cannell
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>17 August - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Sport Center</b>	<b>Gloria Pennycook</b>
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>17 August - 12 pm</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Catherine Parr</b>
Mini- Golf & Dinner	22 August - 4 pm	Rock Chapel, Dundas ON	Sandy Cannell
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