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Gloria Pennycook

President

Our Third Anniversary Approaches!

It's hard to believe that another year has passed already with this amazing Escarpment Probus Club. What amazing memories of new experiences, wonderful speakers and of course, new friends. Our new slogan of "Live. Laugh. Learn." truly embodies who we are and what we do! Our new banner demonstrates the growth and professionalism of our club.

Our next meeting on September 21 is our AGM where the new slate of candidates will be presented. If there are no further nominations, they will be acclaimed. In addition, a year end review will be given by each member of the Management Team. All Escarpment PROBUS members are encouraged to attend.

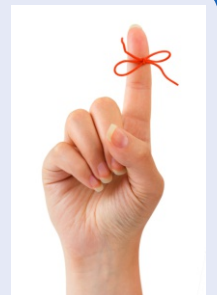
In addition, our Anniversary Dinner is being held on September 16. Hopefully you have already signed up for this fun event being organized by Anna Strachan and her committee. It will be a fun evening of good food, music and friendships. We will also be wishing many PROBUS members "bon voyage" as they take off on our second PROBUS trip to Poland & Prague. We will look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

As this is my last month as President, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my time in this role. I truly appreciate the talents and camaraderie of the Management Team. Escarpment PROBUS works because of the many dedicated volunteers who are willing to step up and help out no matter what the need. I saw this occur time and time again and truly feel that it is this spirit that is keeping our club so vibrant and why the PROBUS experience has been such a rewarding one for me personally. Thank you. It's been a blast!

It's Membership Renewal Time Again!

Our annual dues are due by October 1. Another year has flown by, and now we want your money. And again this year dues are \$45 per person. Please bring your cheques or money orders to the September meeting. There will be a drop box at the reception table. Make cheques payable to Escarpment Probus. No cash please.

If you are unable to make it in September, be sure to have your cheque to us by the October meeting or mail it to: **Ron Du Pont, 2170 Lower Base Line, Oakville, ON L6M 4G1**



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Our September Speaker

Nancy Macleod - A Victorian Medicine Show

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



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The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease. ”

— Voltaire

Our October Speaker



Dr. Channy Muhn, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Muhn is a Canadian and American board certified dermatologist who graduated in clinical medicine from McMaster University in Hamilton and went on to complete his five year residency in dermatology at McGill University in Montreal. Following residency he completed an additional one year fellowship at McGill in MOHS skin cancer reconstructive surgery and cosmetic dermatologic surgery – the

only fellowship of its kind in Canada. Dr. Muhn founded Dermetics in 2004. In partnership with Dr. Nathan Rosen, the full service dermatology clinic specializes in both cosmetic procedures, general and specialized dermatology, skin cancer management and skin reconstruction.

Escarpment PROBUS Management 2016-17

This year's Nominating Committee is happy to announce that presently we have a slate of candidates who have accepted nominations for the available Management positions for the upcoming year. These candidates are:

- Vice President *Robyn Balfour*
- Secretary *Dianne Tomson*
- Program *Wayne Herder*
- Social *Julie Flynn*



In accordance with our by-laws we will still accept additional nominations until September 7, 2016. In order to run for any of the above positions, nominated individuals are required to provide consent. If there are additional nominations an election will need to be held.

Nominations should be sent via email to cliff.read@cogeco.ca and copied to martin@martincapper.com

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• *Laugh.*
• *Learn.*

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Put These On Your Calendar

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

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

Join us for a night at the races at *Mohawk Raceway* on Friday October 14th. The cost per person is \$29.00 which covers your admission, the Italian Buffet which includes assorted desserts, pastries and tea or coffee, plus a \$10.00 Slot Machine voucher. The buffet starts at 6.30 p.m. with the races starting at 7.30 p.m. There will be a cash bar. The seating has Track Viewing. The September meeting will be your last chance to sign up for and pay for this event.



We are planning a *Car Rally* to take place on the morning of Monday October 17. There will be a fee charged to cover the cost of printing and prizes. All details of the rally will be presented at the September meeting which will be your last chance to sign up and pay for this event.

Tickets for *“The Nylons Farewell Tour”* proved to be extremely popular and it is now sold out. The show is being held on Friday October 28 at 8:00 PM at The Milton Centre for the Arts. The tickets for the show will be handed out at the September general meeting.

CAR RALLY



Monday October 17
in the Morning
(more details to follow)

“Billy Joel The Piano Men” featuring the music of Billy Joel, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elton John. The show is on Saturday February 11, 2017 at 8:00PM at The Milton Centre for the Arts. This show is also now sold out.

“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. We have 5 tickets left which you can sign up for at the September meeting.



Our August Greeters...
Tony and Maureen Fariello (left & right)
with Alan Jordan (center)

Lots to Do - So Join Up!

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

It seems that the Social Scene is in Limbo this month. I have already reported on the July Picnic and the organization of the September Dinner/Dance is well under way. So let me address new Probus members and encourage them to join some of the wonderful Clubs we have to offer. I'm sure there are some clubs you may like to join, be it the Book Club, Wine Tasting, Canasta, Bridge, Bid Euchre or maybe you are a whisky lover. In that case you could choose to join the Whisky Club, aptly named The D'Stillers. The newly formed Dinner Club may be to your liking, or maybe you like the Movies but don't like to go alone, you could join the Movie Club; Oscar Nights meets the second Tuesday of the month so come and join us for a night at the movies.

Most of the clubs meet one afternoon or evening per month so this is not too big of a commitment. Unless you are like my husband Chris and I who have joined many clubs, our dance card is pretty full but we wouldn't have it any other way. The Probus members I have encountered are very nice people and make everyone feel very welcomed. So come and sign up at the Social Table at the next Probus meeting on the 21st of September.

“

Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.

”

— Meister Eckhart

Newbies See Red

By Ron DuPont - Membership Chair

Remember to watch for the red dots on name tags. These indicate members who have joined in the last 3 months. Please approach them and make them welcome. This is just another opportunity to make new Probus friends.



Ann & I will be away for the next meeting. Jim & Michelle Tschirhart have kindly agreed to fill in for us.

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 yet have their name badges 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.

Our Newest Members



From left to right:
Janet Shaw
Pat Rol
Petra Halk
Jennifer Wells
Harold & Jenny O'Brien

Older Not Necessarily Better

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The D'Stillers held their August meeting at the home of Bill Willcocks and Kathy Schmidt. There were nine members in attendance and Bill selected five Scotch whiskies for our tasting pleasure.



The number one Whisky of the evening was **Old Pulteney Single Malt**. The distillery was established in 1826 in the name of Sir William Pulteney (who died in 1805), and for whom Pulteneytown is named. Sir William was an Advocate, Landowner and a Politician. He was reputedly the wealthiest man in Great Britain at that time with his net worth being a staggering 12 Billion Pounds in today's money. The distillery is the most northerly on the Scottish mainland and was quite inaccessible, except by sea, when established. Barley was brought in by sea, and the whisky was shipped out the same way. Many of the distillery workers were also employed as fishermen.

The second Whisky of the evening was **Bunnahabhain 12 Year Old Single Malt**. The Bunnahabhain Distillery was founded in 1881 near Port Askaig on the island of Islay off the west coast of Scotland. Due to its isolated location the Distillery built houses for its workers hence the village of Bunnahabhain was founded. Bunnahabhain is one of the milder single malt Islay whiskies available and its taste varies greatly from other spirits to be found on the island of Islay.

The third Whisky for our enjoyment was **Auchentoshan 12 Year Old Single Malt**. Unusual for a Scottish distillery, Auchentoshan practices triple distillation. Generally the final stage of Scotch whisky production involves distilling the fermented mash in two copper stills. In Auchentoshan, a third still (known as the "Intermediate Still") helps to give a final spirit strength of 81% ABV (162 proof). This triple distillation, in addition to an unpeated malt, gives Auchentoshan a more delicate and sweet flavour than many Scotch whiskies. The Warehouse in Glasgow was bombed during WW2 and whiskey ran into the River Clyde. The Scots could handle the bombing but the loss of the whiskey was a national disaster!

The Fourth Whisky of the evening was **The Laddie Eight**, an 8 year old Single Malt made by the Bruichladdich Distillery. The 'Laddie' range of whisky consistently undermines the myth that 'the older a whisky gets, the better it becomes'. The reality in the glass is much more interesting. The Distillery's fiercely independent ethos defies the trend towards industrialisation and automation in distillation. They are justifiably proud of their status as the biggest private employer on Islay - where an enthusiastic team of 85 men and women still create whiskies by hand without the assistance of computers.

The fifth Whisky was **Dun Bheagan 2010 Single Malt**. This Whisky is a combination of three different single malts from Speyside, Islay and the Highlands. The blending of this Whisky is done by Ian Macloud one of the biggest bottling companies in Scotland. Macloud carries approx. 20,000 maturing barrels of whisky in its warehouse at any given time.

This concluded the Whisky tasting for the evening. Thanks to Kathy for entertaining the DD's and for the coffee, snacks and fine conversation. As always, thanks to the DD's for our safe journey home.

The Wednesday September 7th meeting will be held at the home of Robyn Balfour.

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Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the bible says love your enemy.

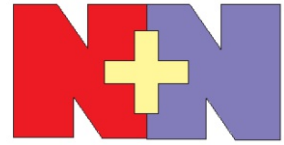
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— Frank Sinatra



Weather Cooperated

By John & Julie - Convenors



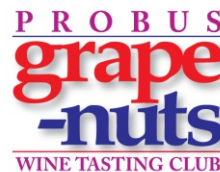
Twenty-seven of us met at the home of Len and Doreen Bennink on August 5. Fortunately, after an afternoon shower, the weather cooperated and we were able to use both the house and their beautiful back yard. Great food, great conversation, great evening!



Become a Grapenutter

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

A note to our NEWER Escarpment PROBUS Club members: If you enjoy wine and fun, become a Grapenutter! We have fun learning about wines by drinking them, but we're not "wine snobs". We take turns hosting, and we share the cost. There are three tasting dates to choose from each month - first Monday and Thursday, second Wednesday. So please join us - sign up at the next monthly PROBUS meeting or email me - mhooker10@bell.net



Our August Results:

Megs Shellard - Theme: "Sauvignon" wines (Reds - Australia / Whites - New Zealand)

Best wine: Mallee Rock Cabernet / Shiraz Blend, from Australia. Price: \$14.95. LCBO: 434589. Score: 15.8.

Auriel Halliday and Don Evans - Theme: Croatian Whites and Cote du Roussillon Red Blends containing Carignan grape.

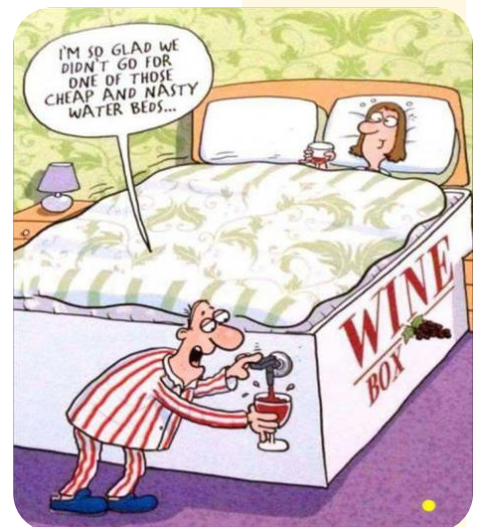
Winner of the evening: Syrousse (Red) - Blend of Carignan, Syrah, Grenache, from France. Price: \$13.75 (reduced). LCBO: 357343. Score: 14.0

Martin and Norma Capper - Theme: Wines priced around \$10.

Best wine: Yvon Mau Merlot (France). Price: \$10.05. LCBO: 336743. Score: 14.7.

This was Martin's "rogue" tasting, held with great success and overflowing attendance.

We're again having three tastings a month, but the third will be on the second Wednesday of each month. And to help spread the numbers over all three, the maximum at each is capped at ten people - until all are filled, when the hosts can accept more if they wish.





Slavic Wines a Pronunciation Challenge

By Auriel Halliday - Correspondent

The temperature was HIGH inside and out, but it did not stop our rather large group of tasters from having a lot of laughs and we had quite a large group. First thing we learned was that Auriel can't count, but the bottles did go around fifteen times ... so who worried. Then we learned that our Ipad calculator is a "rogue" ... Or was that the operator?



Finally we started tasting the chosen wines. Don and I visited Slovenia and Croatia this spring and I fell in love with the local white wines. So after a lot of searching we found three Croatian white wines. The first was a Grasevina from the Krizevci Vinyards. Then we tried a Traminac from Ilocki Podrumi. The final wine and the highest scoring white, earning a mere 12.6 was the Malazija from Koslovic Winery. Unfortunately, it would appear that the best Croatian wines are not exported, as none of them came even close to matching the local versions! At \$11.95, the Grasevina will remain on my "buy" list.

By the way, I would challenge anyone to pronounce the names of these wines (even sober).

Because we did not really like the red Croatian wines we decided to change countries and chose France and the Cote Du Roussillon region of Languedoc.

The first wine to be sipped was called Syrousse, and with a score of 14 overall, it was the favoured wine of the evening. At a cost of \$13.75, it is tempting to purchase a case. The other reds were Cuvee Constance (\$16.75) and Mas Janeil (\$18.75) So, once again the least expensive wine hit the top spot! I think that the Crepes Suzettes that accompanied the french wines were the biggest hit of the evening.

Thanks everyone for another fun evening of tasting. — Auriel and Don

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.





Grapenuts Go Rogue

By Martin Capper - Correspondent

It all started when Michael's email regarding August tastings came in while I was on the golf course. I saw the heading and thought I could deal with it later after golf. By the time golf was finished both Auriel and Megs had advised they had full houses.

Faced with an empty Monday evening normally dedicated to wine tasting I suggested to the Strachans that we have our own wine tasting. They being Scottish and me being a cheapskate we decided the wines shouldn't cost more than \$10 a bottle. The Millichamps heard of the proposal and said "count us in".

With trepidation at the possibility of incurring Michael's wrath we then put the suggestion to the entire Grapenuts offering what we called a rogue wine tasting for those like us who had missed the cut on the

other two events. It was "rogue" because the basis was different. At \$10 a pop for each wine we decided that the hosts would supply the wine and asked the guests to "pay their way" with a small plate of either cheese or sweets. I have to say our Probus members haven't grasped the concept of small!

We quickly filled up the spaces and set up house for 14 - as I prepared the spreadsheet I noticed I had used 17 lines. I had omitted our co hosts and one other in

my count! We squeezed another 3 places and measured how many samples we could get out of a bottle - we could do this - just!

Winning wine was an Yvon Mau Merlot with an average score of 14.7 and at a price of \$10.05 - credit to the Wallhouses for introducing us to this wine at their July tasting.

Thanks to all who participated and made it such a great night and special thanks to Michael for his encouragement.



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.

Probians enjoy a good laugh - here are just seven

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

There are many different kinds of laughter. There is the kind that leaves us clutching our bellies and gasping for air and there is the kind that barely escapes our lips in restrained titters. Here are a few of those giggles and where they came from.



Chortle

The chortle is defined as "a gleeful chuckle,". This term was coined by the beloved and whimsical wordsmith Lewis Carroll in his 1871 novel, *Through the Looking-Glass*, as a blend, or portmanteau, of the words chuckle and snort.

Guffaw

A guffaw is a loud, unrestrained burst of laughter; as a verb, it means "to laugh in a loud and boisterous manner." The word is of Scottish origin and is thought to be imitative of the sound of such laughter.

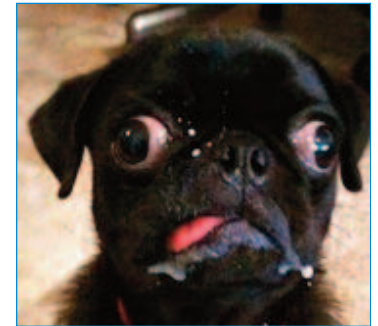
Titter

Far from a belly laugh or a hearty guffaw, a titter is a nervous or self-conscious laugh. To titter is "to laugh in a restrained, self-conscious, or affected way as from nervousness or in ill-suppressed amusement." The origin of this word is unclear, but etymologists point to the Swedish term *tittra* meaning "to giggle."



Giggle

Before English speakers were tittering, they were giggling. A giggle is "a silly spasmodic laugh, especially with short, repeated gasps and titters, as from juvenile or ill-concealed amusement or nervous embarrassment."



Yuk

The origins of the word yuk, as in "The audience really yukked it up at the movie," are a bit of a mystery. The similar-sounding yock, theater slang for "a laugh," appeared in the US in the late 1930s.

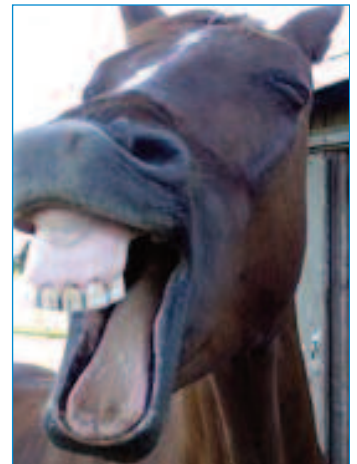


Snicker

The word snicker, meaning "to laugh in a half-suppressed, indecorous or disrespectful manner," has been around since the late 1600s. Like many words on this list, this one is thought to be imitative of the sound of laughter.

Heehaw

If the words we use to describe laughter are any indication, it would seem that a good episode of laughter reduces us to our animal natures, leaving us howling, snorting, and roaring. The term heehaw entered English in the early 1800s as a term for the loud braying sound a donkey makes and shortly thereafter picked up the sense of "a loud laugh reminiscent of a neighing horse."



Mini Putt Tournament

By Joanne Millichamp -
Correspondent

Forty hardy golfers set out on a sunny Monday afternoon to conquer the 18-hole grass putting course at Rock Chapel Golf Club. Played with just a putter, this real grass mini golf course followed an 18 hole design with long rolls, challenging breaks and real sand bunkers as hazards. Sadly, many of us found our way into the sand traps on multiple occasions. Many others veered completely off course and into nearby bushes, making me think they should take up hiking instead (I'm looking at you Norma Capper and Diane Armand)! We all had a good laugh at ourselves as we found the course more challenging than expected.

After the competition, we enjoyed a roast chicken dinner with all the fixings and a glass of wine.

Prizes were awarded based on skill (or lack of) to many of our participants:

Highest Score Overall: Male - Pete Shermet; Female - Lorrette Shermet. They were awarded a set of new golf clubs so they can get more practice.

Single Highest Score on One Hole: Male - Pete Shermet; Female - Elinore Shannon. Their prize

was Reeces Pieces to help pick up the pieces of their disastrous hole.

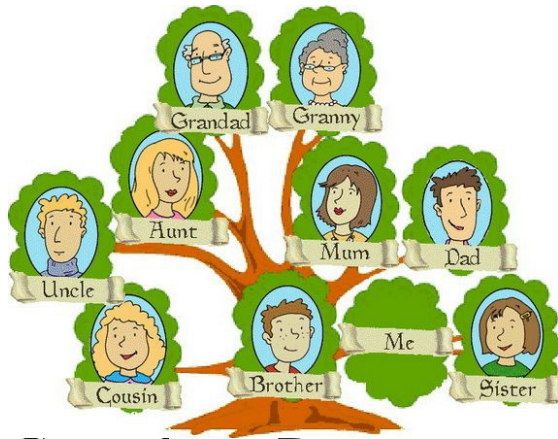
Person Who Spent the Most Time Looking for their Ball: Kelly Ground. Her award - a magnifying glass. (Welcome to Probus Kelly)

Second Best Golfer Overall: Male - Chris Wallhouse; Female - Linda Pennycook. Their prize was practice golf balls.

And - the winners with the Lowest Score and Best Golfer Award: Male - Fred Ground; Female - Pat Vogt. They won the official trophy (be sure and keep this in a place of honour you two) and a package of Smarties for being the smartest on the course.

All in all - a lovely sunny day - a good laugh and a nice dinner. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.





Genealogy Resources

Our August speaker, Fran Murphy, talked to us about genealogy. Here is a list of resources that she provided to us.

Looking for Your Ancestors:

Fran Murphy fmurphy2@rogers.com

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Places to Do Your Research:

Family History Centre

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Burlington ON 905-335-4733

Milton Public Library www.mpl.on.ca

1010 Main St. E. Milton

Burlington Public Library www.bpl.on.ca

2311 New St., Burlington, ON

Oakville Public Library www.opl.on.ca

130 Navy St. Oakville, ON

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Ontario Genealogy Society

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Halton Peel Branch OGS

www.haltonpeel.ogs.on.ca

Next General Meeting: Sunday Sept 25 2-4 at

Oakville P.L. Central Branch

SOME Useful Websites:

Archives of Ontario www.archives.gov.on.ca

Library and Archives Canada

www.bac-lac.gc.ca

FamilySearch www.familysearch.org

Ancestry www.ancestry.com

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMBINED CLUB
Dedicated to Fellowship and Participation

Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
 Commencing at 9:30 a.m.
 at the Milton Sports Centre

You are cordially invited to attend any of our monthly meetings.
 Enjoy a coffee and hear our speaker. We have many great
 activities and social events where you can meet great people.

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*These are just a sample of the many
 activities and social events you can attend*

Nosh 'N' Natter - Trail Walkers - Book Clubs - Gardening Club
 Bridge Club - Golf Club - Euchre Clubs - Lunch Bunch
 Wine Clubs - Movie Clubs - Cribbage Club - Writing Club
 Ravenous Readers - Quilting Club - Whisky Club - Travel

CONTACT'S NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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Spread the word with Escarpment PROBUS Club Promotion Cards

How often have you been talking to friends or neighbours and mentioned that you belong to PROBUS? "What's that" they say. "It's a great club for people who enjoy an active and interesting life with many outings and activities" says you.

They are interested, but what happens next?

Here's the answer.

Carry a couple of the cards above, present it to interested

people and have them attend our next PROBUS meeting. All the information is on the card along with our web site which contains everything you need to know about Probus Clubs.

If you would like them to contact you, turn the card over and fill in your name, telephone or email and have them contact you. Easy-peasy!

Help yourself to the business-size cards on the Membership Table at our next regular meeting. 📄



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.

Farkle?

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor

The BGs had a great afternoon with seven members in attendance. We learned how to play Rummicub (thanks to Avril), Yahtzee Showdown (thanks to Diane), and Farkle (thanks to Cliff and Liz). Our next BG afternoon will be Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Grace Anglican Church at 1pm. Lorraine Randall will be hosting and providing a game and refreshments. New members are always welcome.

Please note: the BGs will now be meeting at 1pm instead of 1:30pm.





Zoomer bloomers

By Christy Babcock - Convenor

This month our group visited the home of new Probus members Marion and Keith Flowers in Oakville. This couple have a passion for



gardening and belong to numerous garden clubs; some specializing in particular types of plants such as Delphiniums and Dahlias. Their front garden had lots of colour provided by dahlias, canna lilies, coneflowers, perennial hibiscus to name a few. Their backyard is an oasis complete with a pagoda, manmade stream and pond. Their in-ground pool, that was no longer wanted, was not filled with soil but became a rock garden that also incorporates their water features; interesting and beautiful. Again, our members learned “tricks” that this couple have incorporated into their landscape that help beautify and keep their extra thirsty plants well watered.



Our second stop was at Gairloch Gardens on the Lakeshore. We walked through and enjoyed this garden but wondered what some of the plant names were in particular a large succulent with extremely thick leaves. Some of us visited the Oakville Art Gallery on the grounds. Another enjoyable outing.



Scrabble Group Debuts

A new game 'Scrabble' will be available for sign-up at the next meeting. It will be held at Grace Anglican church on a Wednesday at 1 pm. The Convenor is Petra Halk. Which Wednesday of the month has not been determined as yet.



Ghostbusters

By Robyn Balfour - Convenor

Oscar Night Members came out to see Ghostbusters. It was a hilarious fun movie enjoyed by all.



SYNOPSIS

Ghostbusters makes its long-awaited return, rebooted with a cast of hilarious new characters. Thirty years after the beloved original franchise took the world by storm, director Paul Feig brings his fresh take to the supernatural comedy, joined by some of the funniest actors working today – Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones, and Chris Hemsworth. This summer, they're here to save the world!



“
True love is like
ghosts, which
everyone talks
about and few
have seen.

”

— Francois de La
Rochefoucauld

Next Lunch at Montana's BBQ & Bar

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

Location:

Montana's BBQ & Bar

1230 Steeles Ave E, Milton, Ontario

(In Walmart plaza.)

Menu: montanas.ca, see Lunch Menu for many well priced items.

Wednesday Special: All you can eat ribs. (\$29.99)



It has been fun setting up eateries for our monthly PROBUS lunches. We have had many successes and some surprises over the past 3 years! Your new Convenor, Bonnie Lennox, will be lining up restaurants beginning this October. Please keep your ideas and recommendations coming as I know she will appreciate them as much as I have! Cheers to all!

Our August Lunch at the Symposium





Newcomers Welcomed

By Cliff Read - Facilitator

Last Wednesday approximately twenty five of our newest members met for a short presentation at Grace Anglican Church on Main Street. Liz and Cliff Read welcomed them and provided an overview of the many activities that Escarpment PROBUS has on the go. More importantly, ideas and suggestions about how to make the most of a PROBUS experience were provided. There were refreshments, lively conversations and the opportunity to make new friends. These friendships will carry over to regular meetings and activities.



Thanks goes out to Lorrette Shermet for arranging the venue for this meeting. As well, many members of the Management team were on hand to assist and answer any questions that might have arisen. Thanks - Gloria Pennycook, Anna Strachan, Julie Flynn, Barb Finnie, Sandy Cannell, Ron Du Pont, and Robyn Balfour.

Our feedback indicated that it was very helpful to have a chance to meet and talk to the Management team in a relaxed setting. Many of those who attended have signed up for some of the clubs after learning more details. They appreciated learning about how they could contribute to Escarpment PROBUS' continuing success.



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 August winner is Wayne Heath with \$141.50





PROBUS grape -nuts WINE TASTING CLUB

*A Tasting at
Megs Shellard's*



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*Do not go where
the path may
lead, go instead
where there is no
path and leave a
trail.* ”

— Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Practising for Poland

By a Nosh

A gorgeous hot day brought a good turnout to the Reads' back yard. Several of the Noshers will be Poland bound next month on our club's annual trip, so they were learning and practising Polish phrases from a few of our members with Polish backgrounds. This was topped off with an impressive round of "Sto Lat" (literally, 100 years, the Polish version of Happy Birthday) when word got out that Peter Lasota's birthday was the next day.



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
SEPTEMBER 2016			
Management Meeting	14 September - 7 pm	Pennycook Home	Gloria Pennycook
3rd Annual Dinner Dance	16 September - 6:30 pm	Grand Chalet on Steeles Ave	Anna Strachan
Escarpment PROBUS AGM	21 September - 9:30 am	Milton Sport Center	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch	21 September - 12 pm	TBD	Catherine Parr
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		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		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	Robyn Balfour
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am		Judy Nelson
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm		Auriel Halliday
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Randall Home	Lorette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre*	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	3rd Friday - 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Linda Green
Canasta	19 September - 7 pm	Shermet Home *	Lorette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Chrysy Babcock
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm		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
OCTOBER 2016			
Management Meeting	12 October - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
Car Rally	17 October - time TBD	TBD	Sandy Cannell
Escarpment PROBUS	19 October - 9:30 am	Milton Sport Center	Martin Capper
Lunch Bunch	19 October - 12 pm	TBD	TBD
Dinner Club	22 October - time TBD	Various	Auriel Halliday
Nylons Farewell Tour	28 October - 8 pm	Milton Centre for the Arts	Sandy Cannell
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Temporary Change