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## ***BREAKING NEWS \*\*\*\* BREAKING NEWS***

*Milton April 1st, 2017*



**Martin Capper**

*President*

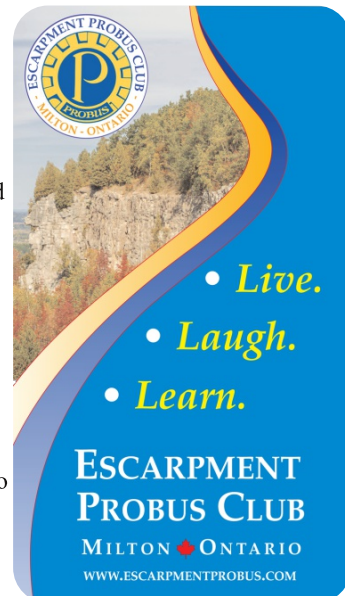
**I**t has just been announced that Escarpment Probus Club, Milton Probus Club and Probus Club of North Oakville are to merge effective immediately to create the largest Probus Club in Ontario with over 700 members. The merged club will be known as the Combined Probus Club of Greater Milton.

Approached about the merger President of the Escarpment Probus Club, Martin Capper, said he was excited to be a part of this Probus history making move and that he expected immediate synergies to be achieved from the merger. He noted that some changes would have to be made the biggest of which would be the meeting venue as none of the 3 current meeting places was large enough to handle the increased membership. However, he confirmed that a local Pentecostal church had agreed to host the clubs' meetings. Members would continue to pay the same amounts as they currently pay each year so no individual will suffer or benefit from the merger in accordance with Probus Canada rules.

He further said that in deference to our new hosts some of the clubs would have to change slightly. The biggest impact would be on the Escarpment Probus D'Stillers and Grapenuts Clubs which would have to disband. Capper said that support for these groups would be provided to assist them in the withdrawal. Nosh nights would be rebranded as BYOP (bring your own pop).

The Federal Ministry of Commerce has agreed to the merger after expressing some concern that the new Club may have too large a share of the available fun and the Provincial Government has also expressed some concern as to the merger's impact on its LCBO operation!

Capper said that his biggest motive behind the merger was to live up to the Escarpment Club motto of Live, Laugh, Learn and in particular, ***Laugh!***



Reach us on the web at - [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://www.escarpmentprobus.com)



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Annual Membership is \$45 per person - One time only fee of \$20 for your name badge  
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**At The Milton Memorial Arena, 77 Thompson Rd. South, Milton, Ontario, L9T 3R5**

**FORUM Deadlines**  
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## Our April Speaker



### Duncan Lyn – Police Officer: Educating Seniors about Frauds, Scams, and Elder Abuse

Duncan has been policing since 2009. The last 8 years with Halton police services currently assigned to the Community Mobilization Bureau in Milton. This department applies community engagement strategies for social development and relationship building between police and public. In particular, educating seniors about frauds, scams, and elder abuse. Presently he works with Milton SALT (Seniors and Law Together) giving seminars.

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*Some people are like clouds, when they disappear it's a beautiful day.*

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## Our May Speaker

### Lorne Greenwood - An Interactive presentation: "You be the Judge"

Lorne has practised law in the Town of Milton since 1977 and has been an instructor for the Ontario Real Estate Association for over 30 years. In his early years he gained experience in all areas of law including duty counsel in the provincial court. His area of expertise has evolved into real estate law, wills and estates law and corporate and commercial law.



### Great Treats

*By Jeanne Reid - Convenor*

We had a great afternoon of bridge on Tues. March 7 at the home of Vicki Lenarduzzi. Vicki is a wonderful cook and the snacks were a real treat. Back to bridge; Our big winners were Beverly Moreland who came first and Bonnie Lennox second.

Our next bridge will be at the home of Wayne Heath. Tuesday, April 4th. On May 2nd, we will go to the Card Party fundraiser at Allendale Long Term Care Home



## Join Us in these Events

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair



**“LEGISLATIVE BUILDING TOUR”** – On Wednesday April 26th we will be touring the Ontario Legislative Buildings from 11:00-12:00. There is no cost for this tour. Lunch will be at your own expense after the tour ... details to follow at April 19th meeting. There are 27 people going so far. Sign up at the April meeting.



**“GOTTA SING, GOTTA DANCE”** – Musical variety extravaganza Tuesday June 20 at 2pm and 7pm, or Wednesday June 21 at 2pm. Burlington Arts Centre. \$28 per person. There are 13 people going up so far. Sign up at the April meeting. See AD on page 7.

**“OH CANADA, EH”** – Dinner Theatre, on Wednesday June 28, 2017, 12:00 noon – 2:45 pm. A performance of all Canadian comedy, history, skits and music in Niagara Falls. Dinner includes roast chicken, fish, vegetables, salads, dessert, tea & coffee. \$53.75 per person, includes taxes and gratuities. So far 24 people are going. You can still sign up at the April meeting. See AD on page 8.

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight.

He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.

He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for CNN', he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'

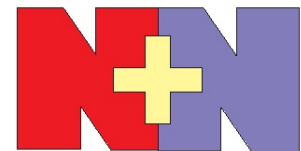
*"Life is short. Drink the good wine first"*



## Always a Great Time

By Carole Pond - Correspondent

The Nosh 'n Natter group met at Carole and Alan Ponds on March 3. As usual there was an abundance of delicious food, plenty to talk about, and everyone had a great time.





# Having a Wee Dram

By Chris Strachan – Convenor

The March meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp. Seven of our nine members were in attendance as we sat down to indulge in a selection of Scottish Whiskies, a Cognac and a Brandy for our tasting pleasure.



There was a tie for first place between *Glenfiddich 12 yr. Old, Single Malt Whisky* and *Armgnac Janneau V, French Brandy* with a score of 79%.

*Glenfiddich 12 yr. Old Single Malt* is the best selling single malt whisky in the world. The distillery produces 10 million litres per year. The distinct bottle with its triangular shape was designed in the mid fifties by a Nazi refugee and graphic designer by the name of Hans Schleger.

*Armgnac Janneau V* is one of the three “Appellation Controlee” French Brandies. The other two are “Cognac” and “Calavados” with Armgnac being the oldest one and the most ancient spirit in France. China is the biggest market for Armgnac.

The next best was *Hennessy VS Cognac* with a score of 77%. One of Frances old Cognac makers dating back to 1765. Richard Hennessy was born in Ireland and after military service in France he decided to stay, later developing his Cognac. The Hennessy family entrusted the critical task of blending their cognac to members of the Fillioux family, noted distillers in their own right. The Fillioux family master blenders is now in their seventh generation.



The third selection of the evening was *McClelland Single Malt Highland Whisky* which scored 73%. There is no McClelland distillery per se, its whisky is supplied by McClelland parent company Morrison Bowmore Distillery. Incorporated in the label is a Mr McClelland, a fictional 1920's explorer making his way around Scotland taking in the sights, sounds and having a wee dram as he goes.

Last but not least was *Grant's Family Reserve Scottish Whisky*, which scored 72%. This is Scotland's oldest, family run, whisky distiller. It uses the knowledge of five generations to create this whisky. This is also Grant's winning flagship blend since 1898, that is what I call staying power.

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

The April 5th meeting will be held at the home of Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks.





*At the Tomson's*



## Grapenuts Dashboard

*By Michael Hooker - Convenor*

The Grapenuts March tasting results:

*At Dianne and Udo Tomson*

Theme: Wines from Portugal

Best wine of the evening was a red from the Dao Valley.

*At Lorette and Pete Shermet*

Theme: Wines from Cave Spring Cellars, Jordan, Ontario

Best White: Cave Spring Riesling (2014). LCBO: 234583. \$15.95. Score: 15.2.

Best Red: Cave Spring Cabernet Merlot (2013).

*At the Shermet's*

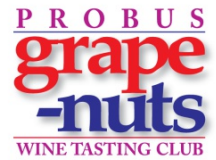


LCBO: 407270. \$16.95.

Score: 13.5.

This time the best wine of the evening was a white.

And by a decisive margin!



*At Joanne and Ron*

*Millichamp*

Theme: "The same, but different". (Three Sauvignon Blanc, three Shiraz).

Best White: Errazuric Estate Series Sauvignon Blanc (Chile). LCBO 263574. \$13.95. Score: 13.3.

Best Red: Wolf Blass Yellow Tail Shiraz (Australia). LCBO: 506691. \$14.00. Score: 15.2.

Our April hosts are: Lorraine Randall, Patricia and Ron Flannagan, Gillian and Bryan Reynolds.



*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



# Gotta SING Gotta DANCE!

Tuesday 20 June 2017  
at 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Wednesday 21 June 2017  
at 2:00pm

at the  
**Burlington Arts Centre**

Regular All-in Price: \$31.50  
Group All-in Price \$28  
Child All-in Price \$16.50

Sign-up on the sheet at the  
Activities Table



Celebrate seniors' month and the art of staying young with the

**Burlington Footnotes  
Senior Performing Troupe**

*This upbeat fast pace musical variety extravaganza, showcases the talent of the 50+ generation!*



## Sequences & Scrabble Sizzle

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor

Steve and Diane were the hosts for our board game afternoon on March 8. Only five members attended.

Gretchen and Lorrette joined Petra's scrabble table, while Steve, Diane and Lorraine played Sequences. Steve was the grand winner, winning three of the five games played.



The next get-together will be April 12 at 1pm at Petra Halk's home. The games have yet to be determined, so if you have a favourite, bring it along. This is a good opportunity to get out that game you always want to play and can't find enough willing participants.

## Knitting Group Debuts

By Chris Willekes - Convenor

The Knitting Group met for the first time on Thursday March 9. Four ladies, Catherine, Barb, Ellen and Linda made the trek to Mississauga to the home of Chris Willekes (convenor). We are made up of experienced and new knitters as well some that can crochet.



We hope to share patterns, ideas, techniques, tips and guidance, assist beginners. We would also like to plan trips to check the latest in yarns and patterns and just knit and chat. We would like to expand our group. If your interested, please sign up at the next Probus meeting.

We don't yet have a name, maybe we'll decide that at the next meeting which will be on Thursday April 20 at 10:30 am at the home of Barb Finnie.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

## **OH CANADA, EH!**

**DINNER THEATRE**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017**

**12:00 NOON - 2:45 PM**

Come celebrate Canada's 150th year anniversary with comedy, history, skits, and music - all Canadian - from 12:00 noon until just before three, in Niagara Falls. It is an informal relaxed and fun atmosphere where the performers are the ones that serve the meal which includes roast chicken, fish, vegetables, salads, dessert, tea & coffee.

**\$53.75 per person, includes taxes & gratuities.**

Sign up next meeting at the Activity table. If you wish to car pool, sign up for that as well on the same sheet.





Newcomers and members who want to know more about Escarpment Probus social activities, clubs and outings are invited to an orientation session. Here's an opportunity to meet and mingle with other members.

We plan to meet at  
**Grace Anglican Church on 317 Main Street East, Milton**  
on  
**Wednesday, April 26 at 9:30**

A continental breakfast of juice, croissants, coffee and tea will be provided. New members will be receiving an email notification of this event but this is also an open innovation to any members interested in learning more about our club.

Cliff and Liz Read will provide a reminder of this event at our April Probus monthly meeting.

Please email [cliff.read@cogeco.ca](mailto:cliff.read@cogeco.ca) if you will be attending.

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*I don't know how to act my age. I've never been this age before.*

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## Laughter Keeps You Young

*By Auriel Halliday - Convenor*

**A**s you can see from the photos below our Joker Club is growing. We have 30 members and we play twice a month at different host houses. I suspect that before long we will be forming a third monthly group.

If anyone is interested in joining, or wants to ask questions please email [aurielh@gmail.com](mailto:aurielh@gmail.com) Or call 905 336-2430.

If you love to play games and do not know how to play Joker we will easily be able to teach you. It is a fun game with an equal amount of luck and strategy. Remember ... all Probus activities are a LOT of fun and laughter keeps you young.





**Tom Jones**

The singing legend, has produced hits in both the United States and the United Kingdom.

Highlights include classics such as "Once Upon a Time", "With these Hands", "What's New Pussycat", "Green, Green Grass of Home", and "Delilah".

Do you have anything to throw at Tom?



**Neil Diamond**

On a quieter basis we will also welcome Neil, American singer-songwriter, musician and actor. His career began in the 1960s and he has sold over 150 million records worldwide making him one of the worlds best selling artists of all time.

He has had 11 number 1 singles including: "Craklin Rose", "Song Sung Blue", "Sweet Caroline".

***Come Join us for an afternoon of great music and a fabulous buffet dinner***

## **Legends in Concert - Live and Direct**

**Sunday April 23, 2017 - 11:30 am**  
**David's Restaurant**  
**20 Shamrock Road, Erin ON**

**Cost \$52, includes tax, tips and and non-alcoholic drinks. Grannie pants not included.**

**Sign up at the April 19 meeting.**

**Last chance to sign up at the April meeting. Cheques only please.**

## **Bring a Book - Take a Book**

*By Ellen Crawford - Convenor*

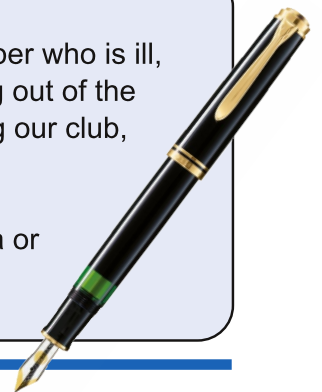


Browse the table and feel free to take a book. Recommend to others ones that you have found to be a good read.

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.

## **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.







## Canada Blooms - Getting In the Mood for Spring

By Kate Watkiss - Correspondent

**W**e have had two gatherings in the last month, both arranged by our convenor, Christy Babcock, even though she was unable to attend either. Thank you Christy!

Our first gathering was to the Canada Blooms show on March 10. We had a full bus load of participants and spent a full day at the show trying to get into the mood of spring despite the freezing weather that day. We had our own gathering space for leaving coats, eating or just resting tired feet. We then dispersed through the show seeing



beautiful settings of gardens, water features and amazing outdoor gathering spaces. It was easy to imagine enjoying the summer in these settings with friends and a glass of wine.

There were also flower arrangements with amazing insights and fascinating interpretations of the titles given for the various classes. Perhaps most moving feature of the show was a walk through garden called The Secret Path. This garden was an interpretation of the album and graphic novel by Gord Downie, about the story of Chanie Wenjack whose body was found 50 kilometres from the residential school he had been trying to escape home from. After a busy day we gathered together for our return home, each with a lovely miniature rose as part of our package. Mine was red and white. Perfect for Canada's 150th celebration.



Our second gathering was on March 22nd at Landscape Ontario for a talk by Rodger Tschanz, Trial Garden Manager from the University of Guelph. This was our second talk by Rodger and this time our session was opened up to the Milton Horticultural Society too. Rodger was talking about the plants that were very successful in the trial gardens last summer and that we should look for this coming garden season. Rodger also picked up on the 150th Canada anniversary and had recommendations for plenty of red and white

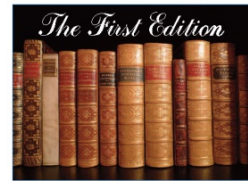


flowers for those who would like to theme their gardens for this occasion. There were some beautiful new blue petunias, mildew resistant red zinnias, variegated leaf impatiens. He was also able to explain the way the plants were judged and that if we wanted to know where to buy these plants we could visit <http://all-americanselections.org/> and find the local suppliers.

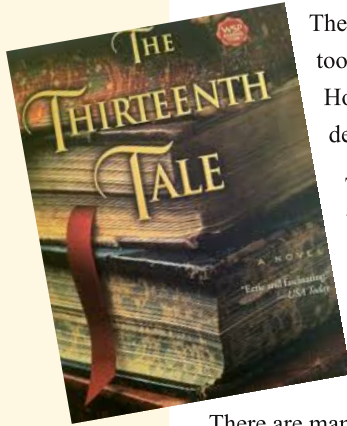
Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 26th.

# A Gothic Suspense Novel

By Ellen Crawford - Correspondent



**T**he *Thirteenth Tale* is Diane Setterfield's first novel. She had been a professor of French literature and made the decision to leave the university to focus on her writing.



The novel is of a gothic suspense genre. Most of the members of our book club felt there was too much description, it was too long and too contrived thus rating the book from 4-6.

However, 3 members gave a rating of 8 as they each enjoyed the author's use of language, descriptions and storytelling.

The story revolves around a famous author, Vida Winter, who has had a very secretive life. Vida has chosen a biographer, Margaret Lea, to write her biography. Margaret Lea is rather eccentric and lives above her father's antiquarian book store. Margaret accepts the job and travels to Ms. Winter's home in the North of England to begin the task of unravelling many dark secrets. The chapters switch between the present and past lives of each main character. Both characters have their own ghosts to reconcile.

There are many themes explored throughout the story, death, identity, loss, reconciliation, isolation, twins (evil and good). Jane Eyre is often referred to perhaps showing the author's strong connection to gothic writers.

For those who enjoy authors such as Jane Eyre, and Wuthering Heights this novel may appeal.

The next meeting will be hosted by Patricia Flannagan on April 10, reviewing *The Silent Wife*.

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Chocolate comes from cocoa,  
which is a tree,  
which makes it a  
plant ... so  
chocolate is a  
salad.

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## Our March Lunch at the Rad Brothers



**Join Your friends for Lunch on  
April 19th**

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor  
Please join the *Lunch Bunch* after the meeting at

**Symposium  
611 Holly Ave  
(Holly and Derry Rd)**

***Menu available online.***





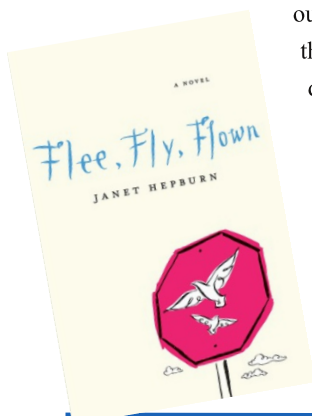


# Flee, Fly, Flown

By Carolyn Rumley - Correspondent



Our March read was *Flee, Fly, Flown* by Janet Hepburn. This novel is the story of two seniors, Lillian and Audrey who are residents of a nursing home in Ottawa. They decide that they are tired of the regimented routines and humiliations of nursing home life and they hatch a plan to escape and take a vacation. They manage to break out and to link up with an unsuspecting young man who agrees to drive them to Vancouver. As the story unfolds the young man discovers that he is dealing with two Dementia patients. By the time he realizes the truth he has fallen under the spell of these funny, brave women and the journey proceeds.



We found the novel to be an easy read, humorous yet sad. It acted as a catalyst for a lengthy discussion regarding Alzheimer's disease and Dementia. Many in our group have had experience dealing with people living with these afflictions. It was interesting that our March speaker at Probus addressed this topic.

We believe that the book is a worthwhile read, if not for its literary value but for the discussion it generates.

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*Only dead fish go with the flow.*

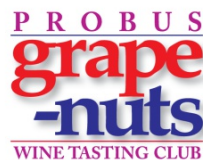
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# The Same But Different

By Ron Millichamp - Correspondent

Eleven wine aficionados gathered at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp on March 8th. The theme of the tasting was "The Same But Different". After the blind tasting of all six wines no-one was able to guess the theme. We had three Sauvignon Blanc's and three Shiraz's. All six wines were from different countries. The highest scoring white was Errazuriz Estate Series from Chile at \$13.95 per bottle. The score was 13.3. The highest scoring red was Wolf Blass Yellow label from Australia at \$14.00 per bottle. The score was 15.2. All the wines were considered dry or extra dry.



There was considerable discussion comparing the merits of the same grape variety but the different nuances from each of the six countries. Unfortunately the special one time only prize of a trip for two to Paris went unclaimed.



## 2018 RIVER CRUISE

By Joanne Millichamp - Convenor

Join us in late September 2018 as we enjoy an 8-day cruise on the Elbe River from Berlin to Prague.

We will be travelling with a company called CroisiEurope. CroisiEurope is a well established company in business for over 40 years. They operate mostly in Europe, but also have ships in Asia and Africa. They have 50 ships in total, ranging in size from barges to ocean going vessels. In 2016 they built a paddlewheeler to cruise on the Elbe River. It was such a success they now have commissioned another ship to be ready in early 2018. Paddlewheelers are ideal for some of the smaller rivers in Europe as they are able to navigate when water levels are low.



The cruise begins in Berlin and we have added a full day there prior to the start of the cruise so that we have enough time to see this exciting city, whose history dates back over 800 years. The ship stops every day for sightseeing in towns and cities along or nearby the river. Highlights include Wittenberg, where Martin Luther sparked the Protestant Reformation, Meissen known for its famous porcelain, Dresden, known for its Baroque architecture and Karlovy Vary (better known as Carlsbad), famous for its thermal springs. There are many other attractions outlined in the brochure.

These ships are small and can hold only 90 passengers, so we have decided to partner with the Probus Club of Mississauga South; in other words we will split the 45 cabins on the ship. There are 17 cabins on the Main Deck and 28 cabins on the Upper Deck. Prices are \$4,925 for the Main Deck and \$5,245 for the Upper Deck. All cabins are exactly the same size. The only difference is that there is a Juliette balcony on the Upper Deck and a larger window. The cabins are fully furnished with a private bathroom and shower, flat screen tv, free wifi and all beds face outward to the windows providing a great view as you cruise along.

The price includes your round-trip flights and the extra day in Berlin (including hotel and meals). All shore excursions are included. Complimentary bicycles are also available. Also included are wine and beer with lunch and dinner and there is an Open Bar on-board (champagne not included). All gratuities are also included. Airport departure taxes are currently \$540.

As this is a new venture for our club, reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis and we will be restricting this offer for the first few months to our members only. After that we will open it to family and friends.

Brochures are available at the meetings. Please see Joanne Millichamp - 289-878-2969 for further information.



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*A poem about  
work: Coffee /  
Blah blah blah /  
Drive home /  
Wine*

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# Gallery - Our March Meeting during Probus Month



All in Probus Colours for Probus Month ...



... and a cake to boot!



Jenny O'Brien and Pat Voght greeted us with bright smiles



Lorrette Shermet and Dianne Dickie looked after the membership table. We had 15 guests



50-50 Draw - Today \$122.00 went to Jim Coulson.



Renita Wood talked to us about resources and strategies for caring for our relatives who suffer from alzheimers.



Mayor Gord Krantz High Fives Robyn Balfour







## Birthing a Quilt?!

By Diane Comstock - Convenor

The Piece Makers welcomed new member, Louise Ellis, to the group on Monday, Mar. 6. Carol Anne showed us her finished Row by Row quilt using patterns and materials she gathered from her trip down east last year. We all marvelled over her quilting techniques and button embellishments. Diane showed us the pieced t-shirt quilt that she is working on with her friend Lorraine.



Judy then demonstrated how to make a reversible microwaveable fabric bowl. You must use 100% cotton fabric, thread, and batting. You sew 4 darts in a square of fabric and batting together to make a "bowl". Then you use the birthed quilt process to sew two "bowls" together.

Now you may be wondering "What is a Microwaveable fabric bowl?"... well it's a hot pad that allows you to take a hot bowl right out of the microwave without burning your hands!

Quilting term of the month: **Birthing a Quilt** – A birthed quilt is basically a quilt without binding and involves layering the right sides of the quilt together (like the inside of a pillow case) and sewing around all four sides, but leaving a gap to turn through. Then you'd turn the quilt right side out and sew the gap closed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 3, where Diane will show us how to use rulers to sew straight and curved lines when doing free-motion quilting. Anyone who quilts or would like to learn is welcome to join our meetings.



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*When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electric bill I am scared of the lights.*

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## Cheer up, we're almost there

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Comedian

It's that time of year when, us non-Snowbirds, are fed up and ready for spring. So here are some laughs to make the last of winter pass just a little bit faster.

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat at you with experience.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

- Evening news is where they begin with "Good Evening" and they proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I put "Doctor."
- A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need it to skydive twice.
- Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.



# St Patrick's at Bingemans

*By Anna Strachan - Correspondent*

**O**n Friday 17th March 23 Probians gathered at Bingeman's Conference Centre in Kitchener to celebrate St Parick's Day. In true Probus fashion we donned "the green" to get into the spirit of the day, green beer and all.

It was a lovely warm and sunny warm day for the drive to Kitchener. At Bingeman's we enjoyed a lovely Buffet lunch followed by wonderful entertainment by the "The Celts" and world champion Irish Step Dancer Daniel Carr. There is only one St Patrick's Day but there are 364 practice days.



# Celebrating the Jordans' 50th

*By Ellen and Paul Crawford - Convenors*

Twenty Three nosherers enjoyed the warm hospitality hosted by Robyn and Sandy. We helped celebrate Rosalind and Alan's 50th wedding anniversary with a special cake in their honour. Another excellent evening of delicious appetizers and varied conversation. We always look forward to Noshing with our friends. Next nosh April 28th at Joanne and Ron's.







## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>APRIL 2017</b>			
Management Meeting	Wed 12 April - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>19 April - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Memorial Arena</b>	<b>Martin Capper</b>
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>19 April - Noon</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Bonnie Lennox</b>
Legends In Concert	23 April - 11:30 am	David's Restaurant. 20 Shamrock Rd. Erin, ON	Ron Millichamp
Legislative Bldg tour	26 April - 11 am.	Legislative Bldg.	Joanne Millichamp
Newcomers Orientation	26 April - 9:30 am	Grace Anglican Church	Liz & Cliff Read

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	Comstock Home *	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	Heath Home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Schmidt / Willcocks home	Chris Strachan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10 am	Catherine Parr hosting @ Rumley Home	Judy Nelson
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Halk Home	Stephen Comstock
Scrabble	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorette Shermet
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Comstock Home	Lorette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre*	Ellen Crawford
Knitting Club	<b>April 20 10:30 am</b>	Finnie Home	Chris Willekes
Book Club - Trilogy	3rd Friday 1 - 3 pm	TBD	Linda Green
Canasta	4th Monday - 7 pm	Boothe Home	Lorette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	TBD	Linda Green
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday 5:30 to 8 pm	Millichamp Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Bowling	Last Wed of month 3 - 5 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett

### MAY 2017

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<b>Appetizers at Sobey's</b>	<b>23 May - 12 - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Sobeys</b>	<b>Sandy Cannell</b>

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