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FROSTY MORNINGS

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Robyn Balfour
President

*Last chance for
tickets to the
Luncheon is Dec. 3*



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HO! HO! HO!

As the weather cools, Escarpment Probus members are keeping pace with our activities. November and December are occupied with juggling the calendar, jammed with activities, Probus Clubs, and the festive season.

The Halloween Party was a great success and so much fun dressing up and "kicking up our heels" to Rocking Rob. Very well organized, thanks go to Pete Shermet, (the headless horseman) and his team.

Flamboro Race Track, 'you win some you lose some' as the beautiful horses raced in snowy, cold conditions. Thank you Ron Millichamp for organizing this exciting evening, enjoyed by 60 Probianians.

Our new monthly meeting venue, met and in some areas exceeded expectations. Members have commented on how pleased they are with the change in venue. One Probian pointed out, that for people who wear hearing aids, and not only people who wear hearing aids, it is very difficult to hear if other members are talking at the same time as the speakers. Please let's all be cognizant and considerate of this. Let's all make the most of the coffee break for socializing.

The December 13th monthly meeting and Christmas Lunch will be held at Granite Ridge Golf Course. (see map/directions on page 11). The December meeting will start at 10:00am and be over by 10:30am followed by coffee and cookies. Doors will open at 9:30am. During the half hour meeting period we will announce any new activities and signup sheets will be on hand. Christmas lunch and entertainment, for those who signed up, starts at 11:00 a.m. This will be our 5th Christmas Lunch, all previous years have been a fabulous success. The entertainment promises to be excellent, the food is reputed to be very good, and a great social time will be had by all.

Prizes!! Prizes!! Let your Christmas outfits dazzle. See you all on December 13th 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Escarpment Probus Management Team, to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

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Our web site is: www.escarpmentprobud.com
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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this newsmagazine with our compliments.

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS CONVENOR'S INFORMATION

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Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Petra Halk	905-876-0248	petra.halk@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellen Crawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	3rd Wed. - Probud Meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellen Crawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-878-5550	4catparr@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Linda Green	289-851-8655	kgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	3rd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Lorette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Jeanne Reid	289-878-9920	jreid345@cogeco.ca
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Cribbage - Card Sharps</i>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	3rd Tues. - 1:15 pm	Lorette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Crafts - <i>Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks</i>	TBD	Chris Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - <i>Quilting Club - Piece Makers</i>	1st Mon. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	3rd Wed. - Probud Meeting	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellen Crawford@gmail.com
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	1st & 2nd Fri. - 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
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Our December Entertainer

Kiley Joe Masson 88 Keys - 10 Fingers - 1 Voice



There will be NO December Speaker as we will be holding our Christmas Lunch program, where we will be entertained by Kiley Joe Masson.

Kiley Joe grew up in the small town of Princeton, Ontario -- population around 500. It was there he honed in his talents as a Vocalist and Rock & Roll piano player.

Kiley Joe has dropped four albums, and released several songs to Canadian and European Country radio throughout the 1990's. Among the songs released, his most popular was a self-penned tune entitled, "Shame On Me" which shared the European Country Music charts with the likes of Brooks & Dunn and Reba McEntire, and tapped in at 49th on Country Music News' top 100.

He also released a song which he penned in high school that became quite popular among the Canadian Legions in Ontario entitled A Soldier's Memories. The song, a powerful ballad closing with a lonely, distant drum, was released to Canadian and European Country radio and is featured on several radio programs in Ontario for their Remembrance Day specials.

Kiley Joe, after working as a "single act" for more than 15 years, now performs with a 5-piece band at several Jamborees and Festivals across Southern Ontario.

Our January Speaker



Ron Base — Sanibel Sunset Detective mystery novelist

A former newspaper journalist, magazine writer, and screen writer, Ron Base has written for the Windsor Star, the Toronto Sunday Sun, and Maclean's magazine.

He has also written for many American publications ranging from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Chicago Tribune* to *Cosmopolitan Magazine*. For the better part of a decade he wrote about movies for the *Toronto Star*, the country's largest circulation newspaper.

In addition to his Sanibel Sunset Detective mystery novels, which have become Florida bestsellers, Base has recently introduced a series of mystery novels set around Milton, beginning with *The Escarpment*. He's currently working on a sequel, *The Mill Pond*, to be published in the spring.

Base lived in Los Angeles for several years where he wrote a book about the history of movie stardom published in the U.S., Britain, and Canada called *If The Other Guy Isn't Jack Nicholson, I've Got The Part*.

He's also written many screenplays and has lived in Montreal, Paris, and Rome.

Base was born and raised and educated in Canada. He and his wife, Kathy Lenhoff, divide their time between Milton and Fort Myers, Florida, not far from Sanibel Island where his mystery novels are set.

“
He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary.

”

- William Faulkner
(about Ernest Hemingway)



November's lunch at Turtle Jack's

Join your friends for lunch in January

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

There is no lunch bunch in December because of the Christmas Party.

The Lunch Bunch resumes in January and will be at Swiss Chalet.

If you purchase a festive special before the new year, don't forget to save the coupon to use at the lunch!



“

Life is like a game of cards. The hand you are dealt is determinism; the way you play it is free will.

”

- Jawaharlal Nehru

"24" times 3

By Martin Capper - Convenor

The November meeting had 18 members turn out, most of whom managed to play at least 5 games. High score honours were shared between Bonnie Lennox and

Ellen Crawford with scores of 24. Ellen went a step further and repeated her 24 two more times!

Unbeaten for the evening was Cliff Read and everyone won at least one game! In one game the two players had identical hands including a jack each neither of which was his nibs!

Thanks to Ellen, Megs, Wayne, and Bonnie for snacks and cakes.



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



Headless Man Terrorizes Partying Probian

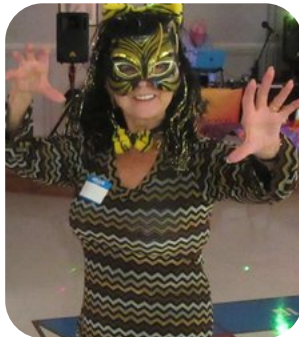
by Pete Shermet - Organizer

The dance kicked off promptly at 7:00, and I want to extend a special thanks to the "Decorating Committee" who helped prepare the hall and clean up afterwards. We bopped to the music of Rockin Rob Hewlett and I don't think the dance floor was empty until the food was served. He played music from our era, the 50's - 60's - 70's & 80's and we all had a great time.

What's a Probus event without wine prizes?

- *Best Costume* was the **Headless Horseman** (Pete Shermet) who won a Coffin Ridge wine called Back from the Dead Red.
- *Second Place* was **The Sultan of Brunei** (Ron Millichamp) who won La Cuvee Mythique Halloween Pays D'OC which came complete with it's own black cape
- *Best Couple* was won by **Raggedy Ann and Andy** (Ellen and Paul Crawford) who won Moselland Black Cat Riesling in a Black Cat bottle no less!

Thank you all who dressed for the occasion , it made it just that much more fun! We played a couple games and had some spot dances, of course all with wine as prizes. Every one was getting hungry after expending all that energy dancing so sandwiches, cheese , dessert, tea and coffee was served but the dancing continued until the end. All in all another successful event! A big thanks to the outgoing and incoming Activities Committee for past and future events!



Triple Move!

by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

The Thursday Joker club was hosted by Stephen & Diane Comstock with eight players in attendance. One of the foursomes took forever to get through their first game, but once finished, quickly caught up. In all, nine games were completed. The move of the day was played by Chris Wallhouse with a 7: he moved 4 spaces to land on his partner, thus moving his partner's marble in front of her home. One of his marbles was sitting there, so it was moved to in front of his home. An opponent's marble sat there, thus it was knocked back to start. Chris then moved 3 spaces into his home to finish his seven. As usual, I forgot to take pictures.



On the Move!

Twelve players met at Lorrette Shermet's home on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Norma and Martin Capper were constantly on the move as they both won all their games as the winners moved from table to table.



“

*If you're quiet,
you're not living.
You've got to be
noisy and colorful
and lively.*

”

- Mel Brooks

Lively and Loud

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

On Thursday November 16, the Knitting Group (Chicks with Sticks) met at the home of Ellen Crawford. Thank you Ellen for hosting the group. We were joined by three new members. Welcome to Robyn Balfour, Leslie Houlihan, and Theresa Spano. We had a lively and loud (as remarked by Paul) discussion of projects, patterns. and ideas.



Since December is such a busy month, the decision was made to have our next meeting in January.



It will take place on Thursday January 18 at 10:30am at the home of Norma Capper, 82 Miles St. in Milton.

Off to the Races!

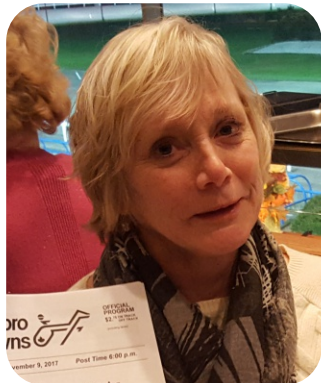
by Martin Capper - Past President

Despite the first snow of the season more than 60 members enjoyed a night of food, fun, and racing at Flamboro Downs. Our Group was so large they dedicated the fourth race to Escarpment Probus.

Dinner was no sooner finished when the first members started lining up to make their fortunes. Didn't hear of any significant fortunes being won but Chris Strachan succeeded in picking 5 winners - unfortunately he chose to back them for a "show" only and won pennies instead of dollars!



Highlight of the evening was some of our members got to pose with the horse and driver winning combination in the fourth race. Photographs may be a little blurry and I strongly resist any suggestion that was a result of the alcohol consumed!



Cooking, Theatre, and Bowling

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

Your Activity Committee enjoyed the spacious new venue of our November meeting. The "cheque-writing" table has cleared the congestion at the Activity table making it quicker to register for events. Display sheets with the information of each event will be on that table with paper and pens to jot down the information as a reminder.



We had signups for the following activities in the new year:

- Eats from the Far East at Loblaws Superstore on January 25th, 2018 at 1: to 3: in the Upstairs Kitchen
- The Milton Players performance of Noises Off at the Milton Arts Centre on Saturday afternoon, February 10, at 2:00 pm.
- Bowling at Champs on Bronte on Wednesday, February 28th, at 10:30 am.

We will have the signup sheets at the meeting and Christmas Luncheon on December 13th at Granite Ridge Golf Course.

Men of the Deeps played to a full house on November 29th at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. A wonderful performance and 40 fellow Probus members enjoyed singing along. Music, stories, and jokes made you feel good just being there.

Several tickets for 'Elvis Wonderful World of Christmas: Graceland Edition' on December 10th were not picked up. I will have the tickets with me at the event. The concert starts at 7:30 pm, at the Milton Arts Centre.

I mentioned tours of the Ford Motor Company in Oakville are being planned. This would be in March or April so we have plenty of time to get the information to you. It appears to be popular as 10 members asked to be pre-registered so a signup sheet will be available at the Christmas Lunch.

Have a great Christmas everyone.

Big Group for Bridge

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

On Tuesday, Nov. 7th, we had our monthly bridge game at the home of Ray and Shirley Mathews. There were 16 players, a big group. Ellen Crawford was the first prize winner with Ann Corker coming second.

If there are any bridge players out there, please think about joining us. We have a good time, eating, (drinking), and trying to outwit the bridge demons.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at Jeanne Reid's home on Dec. 5th. We'll start at noon (an hour earlier than usual).



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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

Audition, A Memoir

by Linda Green - Convenor

On Wednesday November 8th only three members of the Trilogy Book Club met to discuss 'Audition, A Memoir' by Barbara Walters. It was very easy to read but a very long book, over 500 pages. We all found it became a little monotonous as she described her interviews with heads of state, world leaders, movie stars, criminals, murderers, inspirational figures, and celebrities of all kinds. Barbara was very candid in describing her personal family life from birth to the present day and that information gave insight into her life long career as a journalist.



#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER

**BARBARA
WALTERS**
AUDITION
A MEMOIR

"Suffused with an emotional intensity... it belongs to a part of American culture that Walters helped invent." —The New Yorker

One of us didn't like the book and didn't finish reading it. The other two enjoyed it for the most part and found her life quite fascinating. We all were in definite agreement in stating that "we wouldn't have wanted her life."

A great read for someone with lots of time on their hands!!!!!!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday December 6th at 10:00 am at the Symposium Restaurant at Derry and Holly. We will be discussing the Book "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Ann Tyler.

We are also looking for New Members. Anyone who thinks they might be interested in joining a Book Club please consider joining us! We have wonderful and interesting conversations and much fun.

Probus Jackets

by Harold Grace - Vice-President

At the November meeting, samples of the new proposed Probus Jackets were shown to the Club. The jacket that was chosen is in the colour Cobalt Blue and will have the Probus logo on the left chest.



The price of the jacket, inclusive is \$45. The Key Centre, a local Milton company on Nipissing, will be at our January 17th meeting with samples of the various sizes for you to try on. Orders will be taken at that time.



- Lightweight Softshell Jacket - Women's jackets are slightly tapered more than the Men's jacket.
- 100% polyester mechanical stretch jacket with inner fleece collar.
- YKK Front and pocket zipper closures.
- Adjustable tab closure on cuffs.
- Available Sizes XS - 4XL

We checked with the supplier and the jacket cannot come with a hood. The jackets are water repellant and breathable.

The ugliest of ugly Christmas sweaters

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

Christmas is close and it is time to get out those ugly Christmas sweaters that you hid last year. If you feel that your last year's presentation was not ugly enough, how about getting something like these and be the envy of absolutely no one. Note: not to be worn at Probus events.



“
There's something
about a Christmas
sweater that will
always make me
laugh.

”

- Kristen Wiig

Christmas Luncheon

By Julie Flynn - Social Chair

THE SOCIAL SCENE

Come join us in December for our annual Christmas Luncheon. We will gather at 9:30am for a very brief membership meeting at 10:00am. Coffee about 10:30am, followed by our entertainment provided by Kiley Joe Masson between 11:00 - noon.

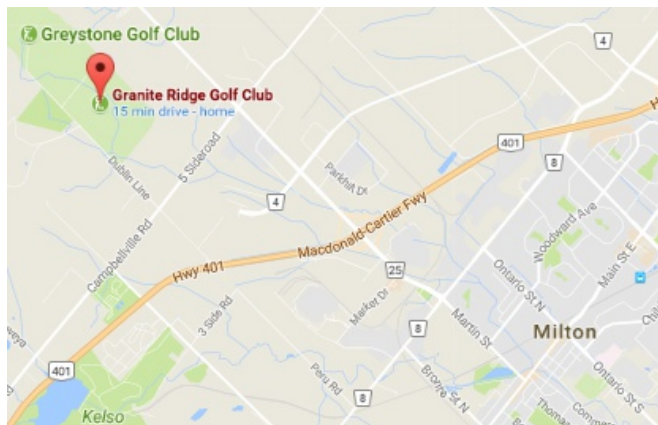


When? December 13, 12:30pm
Where? Granite Ridge Golf Course
Three course meal, with choice of entrées.
\$40.00 per person, (guests \$50.00), cash bar.
Questions or tickets? Call Julie Flynn at 905-824-1996
Last chance to get tickets is **Sunday, Dec. 3.**

Don't forget to wear your best Christmassy outfit. Prizes for the best dressed!

9503 Dublin Line, Milton, ON
L9T 2X7

North on Hwy 25 to 5 Sideroad
Left on 5 Sideroad to Dublin Line
Right on Dublin Line



“
Don't sweat the petty things
Don't pet the sweaty things
”
- George Carlin

COME BOWL WITH US

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Champs - 300 Bronte Street South

No Experience Necessary - Just Be Willing to Have Fun

\$25 covers: as many games as your team can play in 2 hours; your bowling shoes; a great lunch, and practice time if you come a bit early.

Arrive just after 10:00 am in time to pick up your shoes, find your team, and throw a few practice balls.

Bowling 10:30 - 12:30 then lunch at their restaurant

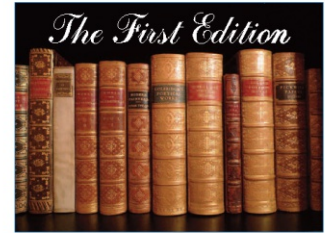
Still room for 15 bowlers.



Cutting For Stone

By Ellen Crawford - Correspondent

Our book club met to discuss Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese. I thought our members would kill me for choosing such an involved book of over 600 pages. Some struggled with the book while others thought it was one of the best books they have read. The ratings ranged from 7 to 10. However, two did not become engaged enough to finish and were unable to rate the book.



This deeply layered novel spans 50 years as well as countries in three continents. The author explores numerous aspects of life: physician care, siblings, twins, adoption, Ethiopian life, revolution, relationships, and the gulf between rich and poor. Since the author is a physician, many graphic perhaps gruesome details were documented giving some the feeling they could almost perform surgery. The three nurses in our group were very taken with the book. The characters are well developed each suffering losses and wins at times, finally resulting in peace and reconciliation.

Perhaps if the author omitted some of the medical details the book could be condensed, however in doing so that may take away some of its authenticity.

I have included a picture of how I introduced the theme.

If you can persevere with the read I am sure you will find Cutting For Stone well worth the effort. You will have to read the book to understand the meaning of the items in the picture, especially the finger in the jar.

Our next meeting is at 1pm on Monday December 11 at Julie Flynn's home.

Luminosity

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

Three ladies met at Diane's house to for the Piece Maker's meeting. We watched a Fons & Porter show called Luminosity demonstrating how to audition fabrics for Kaleidoscope blocks and then how to cut and sew the blocks. Different looking Kaleidoscope blocks can be created from the same fabric by fussy cutting different areas of the pattern. It is suggested that a large print with at least 6 repeats of fabric be used for this exercise.

Quilting terms of the month:

Fussy Cut – To cut a particular piece from printed fabric as opposed to cutting a strip so you can get the specific image you need from the fabric.



Kaleidoscope – A quilt block pattern in which the fabric is pieced in a way that resembles different images seen through a kaleidoscope. Selecting the right fabric is important for these types of quilts.



Information Meeting Very Helpful!

by Cliff Read - Convenor

On Nov. 22nd, 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. Hopefully these connections will carry over to regular meetings and activities.

One of the participants, Leslie Houlihan, had this to say about the morning:

"As a newcomer to Probus I found the information meeting very helpful! I met other new members which gave me an opportunity to get to know them! Learning more about Probus was helpful and now I hope to share this with a friend who also recently retired!"

Thanks go out to Lorrette Shermet for arranging the venue for this meeting. As well, Julie Flynn, our Social Chair, provided details about many of the interesting social clubs. Harold Grace, our Vice President, was also on hand to welcome people and share some of his experiences in Probus. He mentioned that attending a previous Newcomers' session helped him in deciding to volunteer and become part of the Escarpment Probus Management team.



Murder and Holiday Foes!

by Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

Murder On The Orient Express * * * * out of 5.



What starts out as a lavish train ride through Europe quickly unfolds into one of the most stylish, suspenseful and thrilling mysteries ever told. From the novel by best-selling author Agatha Christie, a Murder on the Orient Express tells the tale of thirteen strangers stranded on a train, where everyone is a suspect. One man must race against time to solve the puzzle before the murderer strikes again.

Kenneth Branagh directs and leads an all-star cast including Penelope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley and Josh Gad.



A Bad Mom's Christmas * * * * out of 5 - A great comedy to see!

This holiday movie follows our three under-appreciated and over-burdened moms (Amy, Kiki, and Carla) as they rebel against the challenges and expectations of Christmas in hopes of creating a more perfect holiday for their families. And if that was hard enough, they have to do all of that while hosting and entertaining their ultimate holiday foes: their own mothers. By the end of the journey, our moms have redefined how to make the holidays special for their families and it ends up bringing them closer to their own moms.



Cast: Mila Kunis, Kathryn Hahn, Kristen Bell, Wanda Sykes, Peter Gallagher, Susan Sarandon, Jay Hernandez, Christine Baranski, Cheryl Hines, David Walton, Oona Laurence

“
The sky is an infinite movie to me. I never get tired of looking at what's happening up there.

”
- K. D. Lang

Whiskey Tasting is Subjective!

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The October meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Martin and Norma Capper. Martin presented us with six whiskies for our tasting pleasure following are the results:



The number one whiskey of the evening was 'Middleton Very Rare' Blended Whiskey with a score of 77%. The last time we tasted this whiskey was in July of 2015 when it was beaten by another Irish whiskey 'BushMills 1608'.

Tied for second place was 'Two Gingers' and 'Jameson 'Distillers Safe' with a score of 76%. The owner of the 'Two Gingers' named his whiskey after his mother and aunt the two fiery-redheads whose likenesses are on their bottles. The last time we tasted 'Jameson Distillers Safe' April 2017 it came in first

place. It shows how whiskey tasting is very subjective on any given night.

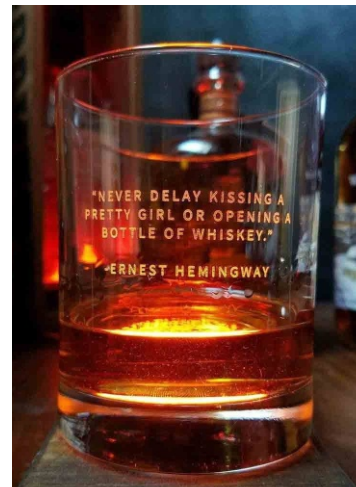
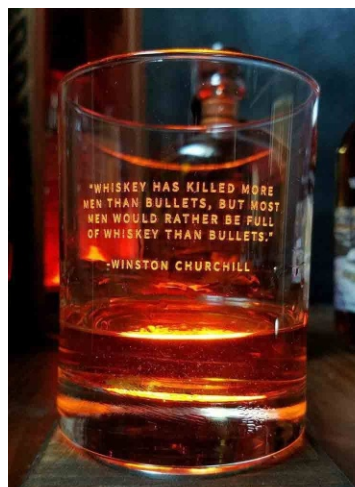
The Third whiskey of the evening was 'Jameson Blenders Dog' a blended whiskey with a score of 74%. Again a whiskey we previously tasted in Feb of 2017 when it came in first place. The whiskies are selected by the host the other D'Stillers do not know what to expect thus October's tasting was a coincidence that we had tasted them before.

In fourth place was 'Jamesons Coopers Croze' also a blend with a score of 73%. The three Jameson whiskies, Distillers Safe, Blenders Dog and Coopers Croze have a theme: they all have old fashioned black and white labels, with their names derived from tools used in the distilling process.

Last but not least was Middleton 'Method in Madness' a single grain whiskey with a score of 63%. Middleton converted one of their whiskey warehouses into a micro distillery where they experiment with new types of whiskey.



We'd like to thank our hostess Norma for the treats and for entertaining the DD's. Thanks also to the DD's for getting the D'Stillers home safe and sound.



The Couple Next Door

by Catherine Parr - Convenor



The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena proved to be a light read which was a welcome change from some of our recent in-depth and darker selections. In the genre of psychological thrillers, this book had many twists and turns and kept most of our readers turning the pages to the very end. On the down side, the character development was lacking with the characters being as well generally unlikeable. The tale was considered by most as improbable. Although not likely to be a “recommended read” by our group, there was an appreciation by many for the easy, quick read and engaging story development.

Dues were Due October 1, 2017

I am still waiting to hear from 16 members.

Hope you are renewing!

If you have not already renewed, please mail your cheque made out to

Escarpment PROBUS in the amount of \$45 per person to:

Maggie Boothe

980 Dice Way

Milton, ON

L9T 8C1



You must have your dues paid up by the December general meeting (Dec. 13th) to be eligible to attend activity clubs and the Christmas Luncheon.

If you are not renewing or if you have any new contact information (e-mail, phone number or address) please e-mail me at mbdice5@gmail.com so that I can have all the correct information before issuing a new membership list.

Wine and Dine

by Gillian Reynolds - Correspondent



Sixteen people enjoyed being wined and dined at the lovely downtown Milton home of Barb Crowe and John Yardley on Friday, November 19th. We were having such a good time that we totally forgot to take photos.

Nosh @ Nite

by Liz Read - Correspondent



Nosh at Night members kicked off the Christmas season at Liz and Cliff Read's on Friday, the 24th of November. The house was decorated with Santas and rang with good cheer of a gathering of friends.



A request was made by the Noshers for this highly addictive recipe called **Christmas Cranberry Crunch**:

- 1 - In a medium bowl, combine 3 cups of Golden Graham's cereal, 1 1/2 cups of dried cranberries and 1/2 cup of slivered almonds.
- 2 - In a microwave, melt 2 cups of white chocolate wafers (Bulk Barn) and 1 tsp of oil in a microwaveable bowl at medium power.
- 3- Stir the melted chocolate into the cereal mixture.
- 4 - Spread onto a cookie sheet and refrigerate until it hardens.
- 5 - Break into pieces and serve.

Don't know if this recipe can be frozen as it disappears as quickly as it's made!

“
My interesting diet tips are eat early and don't nosh between meals. I mean, I can pack it away.

”

- Carol Burnett



Best Sellers Chosen Quickly

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor

There was an excellent exchange of books this month. There is always an interest in best sellers and those books are chosen quickly. Usually avid readers willingly offer their recommendation to others of a book they have enjoyed.



Note: There will be no book exchange in December. Remember to bring a book in January.

A Lot of "Bull"

by Stephen Comstock - Convenor



Time to grab the “bull” by the horns and hope other players don’t call your bluff! Balderdash game features interesting, unbelievably true content and categories about people, words, initials, and movies. Players make up phony definitions to read along with the legit ones as others decide which is real. How well can you fake it? Score points if you do and call other players’ bluffs. You will laugh out loud as you hear the hilarious, clever, and creative definitions!

Lorhel, Ann, Diane, Jenny, and Stephen laughed their way through two games while Lorrette and Petra concentrated on their Scrabble game.



Our December get-together has been pre-empted by the Christmas Luncheon. We will resume our game-playing on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Grace Anglican Church at 1pm. I will bring the snacks and drinks and the plan at this time is to play Sequences. All are welcome to join in the fun!



“
Ofentimes, even as a little kid, I would get up before anyone else. My brother would still be sleeping, my mom would still be sleeping, so I would literally play 'Monopoly' by myself. I would play board games; I would do things by myself.
”

- Will Ferrell



Eats from the Far East

at Loblaws Superstore on January 25th, 2018 from 1-3pm
in the Upstairs Kitchen

\$17 per person

As our chef demonstrates the skills of creating Spring Rolls, Chicken Tofu Pad Thai, Asian vegetables, and Coconut rice pudding with Mango fruit salad, you will learn the benefits of the ingredients.

This is a full lunch and recipes are provided.

Seats still available.

Fun Evening @ Rejane's

by Pat Vogt - Correspondent



After treating all the ghouls and goblins, we were treated to Nosh N' Natter at Rejane Petroff's home for a wonderful evening of good conversation, great noshing, and adult beverages. Thank you Rejane for a fun evening.



The Milton Players

performance of a comedy by our amateur players.

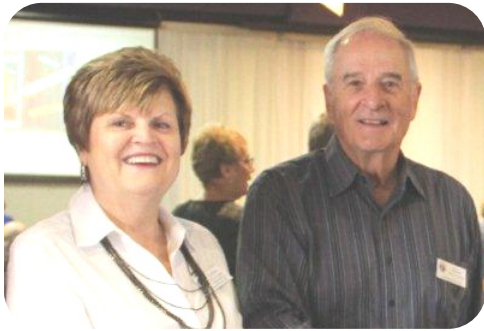
It is only hours before the opening of a British adult FARCE, "Nothing On," and the touring company is hurriedly running through a final dress rehearsal in the Grand Theatre, Weston-SuperMare, before the first audience arrives.



Noises Off is at the Milton Arts Centre on Saturday afternoon, February 10, at 2:00 pm, \$27, with **13 seats still available.**

Let our fellow Miltonians entertain us for an afternoon of British farce. Drinks at East Side Mario's follow at your own expense.

Our November Meeting



The friendly faces of Joanne & Ron Millichamp greeted us as we came in



Who keeps us active and engaged?
Our club convenors

Have an idea or suggestion?

Write it down and place it in the box for the management team to review.



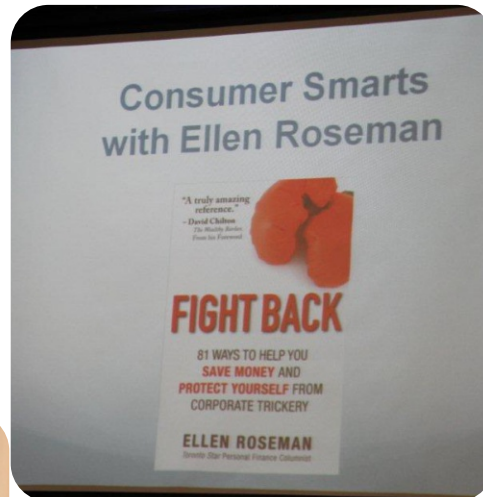
Chris Strachan and Martin Capper gave us a travelogue on the British War Museum



“
The weapon of the advocate is the sword of the soldier, not the dagger of the assassin.
”

- Alexander Cockburn

Our newest members, left to right:
Reg Zanatta, Christine Taylor, Dawn Ross, Leslie Houlihan, Lauraine Andrews, Bert Andrews



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is.....
Cindy Penfold who took home \$173.50.



"How many customers give up on a justified complaint when they can't reach a corporate decision maker?
Glad I can throw a life line to some very frustrated people."

Striding Man is still Walking

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

After missing the D'Stillers meeting in October, I was raring to get back into the swing of things and was happy to attend the November meeting held at Joanne and Ron Millichamp's home. Ron had five interesting spirits for our enjoyment.



The best Whisky of the evening was 'Johnnie Walkers Centenary 18 Yr Old Blend' with a score of 84%. This whisky was discontinued and replaced with their Platinum Brand. Today, four bottles of Johnnie Walker, the world's No. 1-selling Scotch whisky, are consumed every second, with some 120 million bottles sold annually in 200 countries. From a small town in the Scottish Lowlands, the Striding Man has come a long way — and he's still walking.

The number two Whiskey was 'The Famous Grouse' blended scotch whisky with a score of 79%. The Famous Grouse is produced in the oldest working Distillery in Scotland and is also the best selling blended whisky in Scotland.

Third of the night was 'Paddy Irish Whiskey' which is also a blended whiskey, it scored 77%. This is Ireland's third best selling whiskey. When the Duke of Windsor died his widow Wallis Simpson auctioned off his collection of rare and expensive fine spirits. A bottle of Paddy 1920 Irish Whiskey from the Duke's collection was bought by Irish Distillers for \$3000 in 2003.

Fourth was 'Macallan Gold Label' a single malt whisky with a score of 73%. In the James Bond movie Skyfall James's favorite tippie is a 50 Yr Old Macallan single malt.

Last but not least was 'Bushmills 1608 Reserve' which is a blended Irish whiskey, it scored a respectable 72%. This particular blend is sold in Duty Free stores only. Bushmills claims to be the oldest Distillery in the world.

Our thanks to Joanne for the nice treats, great conversation and entertaining our DD's. Thanks also to our DD's for a safe journey home.

The December 6th meeting will be held at the Georgetown home of Mary and Russ Cousins.

Morph a word into something different

by Alan Jordan - Word-a-Holic

When you rearrange the letters of a word, phrase, or sentence, they become quite different, "ANGEL" is an anagram of "GLEAN". Some become funny - others, not so much. Take a look at these. If you have any favourites, pass them to me at the next meeting.

SLOT MACHINES - when you rearrange the letters - CASH LOST IN ME

DORMITORY - could be - DIRTY ROOM

SNOOZE ALARMS - becomes - ALAS NO MORE Z'S

ANIMOSITY - turns into - IS NO AMITY

PRESBYTERIAN - when you rearrange the letters - BEST IN PRAYER

White rules over Red!

by Martin Capper - Past President

A disturbing trend is starting to emerge. After 4 years of red wines being Grapenuts favourites the whites appear to be taking that role! Last night was the second time I have seen a white secure star billing! This time it was a Mosel Riesling By Dr L Loosen Brothers a wine that averages 15.8 on the Grapenuts scale but was rated 90/100 by Natalie McLean and tipped by her as one of the best value writers in the LCBO at \$13.95. I just hope I get to the liquor



store before this is published!

Second at a lowly 14.1 was a red by Bear Flag of California colourfully labelled as a smooth red wine blend.

Following an over indulgence at the Crawfords Nosh night, the Hallowe'en Party, and Ron Millichamp's whisky tasting my brain was too addled to come up with a theme. Instead I set a test. I cut and pasted the tasting notes and challenged our tasters to match the taste notes with the wines. Surely after 4 years of tasting one of us would know what we were doing? Not so - top scores of 4/6 went to Chris and Norma. There were some anonymous zeros and I confess to a miserly 1/6.

Wines tasted were:

Riesling by DrL Loosen Brothers from Mosel Germany	15.8
Pinot Grigio by Mallee Rock out of SE Oz	11.4
Pinot Grigio by Gabbiano Promessa out of Bella Italia	11.8
Smooth red wine blend by Bear Flag out of California	14.1
Malbec Reserve by Salentien from Mendoza Argentina	13.3
Merlot Reserva by Casillero del Diablo out of Chile	13.4

PROBUS
grape
-nuts
WINE TASTING CLUB

*A puzzle to finish -
When is a Pinot
Nero not a red
wine?*

*Answer - when
you buy it at an
InterSpar for
approx 3Euro in
Como! Nuff said!*

Common Thread & Wines from Europe

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

Anna & Chris Strachan hosted the First Tuesday session with bended wines that contained a common grape – Cabernet for reds, and Riesling for whites.

Best White: 13th Street Burger Blend. Ontario. LCBO 469304. \$14.95. Score 12.3

Best Red: Pelee Island ECO Red VQA. Ontario. LCBO 612465. \$11.95, Score 13.8

As Rosalind and Alan had just returned from our Europe tour, they picked as their theme – Wines from countries they visited: Austria / Germany / Italy.

Best White: Relax Riesling, Mosel (Germany). LCBO 621888. \$12.95. Score: 14.2

Best Red: Villa Wolf Pinot Noir Pfalz. Germany. LCBO 291971. \$14.95. Score 12.2

Alan pointed out that one thing we've learned over the years is "An expensive wine does not guarantee an exemplary taste" Their most expensive wine, Nipozzano Vecchie Viti Riserva Chianti Rufina, costing \$29.95, had the second lowest score of the evening!

The Christmas "Wineathon" will be at Auriel Halliday's and Don Evans's house on Thursday December 7th, around 7:00 pm. This is our equivalent of the "Nosh" – bring a wine and an appetizer, meet, and natter. Don and Auriel will provide the desserts, and based on past experience you won't go home hungry.



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
December 2017			
Activities			
Management Meeting	6 December - 2 pm	Herder home	Robyn Balfour
Elvis	10 December 7:30 pm	FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton	Anne Marie Stockley
Escarpment PROBUS	13 December	Granite Ridge	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	cancelled		Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Walkers - <i>Track & Nordic Pole</i>	Every Mon. & Fri. - 10:30 am	Milton Sports Centre*	Liz & Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Cancelled		Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Cancelled		Auriel Halliday
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Cancelled		Auriel Halliday
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Cancelled		Petra Halk
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Cancelled		Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Cancelled		Lorette Shermet
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Cancelled		Lorette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Cancelled		Lorette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Cancelled		Chris Willekes
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Dec. 1 - 5:30 pm	Babcock home	Gillian Reynolds
Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Dec. 4 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Dec. 5 - noon	Reid home	Jeanne Reid
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Dec. 6 - 10 am	Symposium Restaurant	Linda Green
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Dec. 6 - 7 pm	Cousins home	Chris Strachan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Dec. 7 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Dec. 11 - 1 pm	Flynn home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Dec. 11 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Dec. 12 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Dec. 13 - 1 pm	Green home	Linda Green
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Dec. 13 - Probus meeting	Granite Ridge	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Dec. 14 - 10 am	Millichamp home	Catherine Parr
Friendship Club	Dec. 27 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Dec. 27 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Dec. 29 - 5:30 pm	Armstrong home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
January 2018			
Activities			
Management Meeting	10 January - 7 pm	Capper home	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	17 January	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	17 January	Swiss Chalet	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Walkers - <i>Track & Nordic Pole</i>	Every Mon. & Fri. - 10:30 am	Milton Sports Centre*	Liz & Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Cancelled		Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Jan. 2 - 1 pm	<i>To be determined</i>	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Jan. 3 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Chris Strachan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 4 - 7 pm	Shellard home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jan. 5 - 5:30 pm	Reynolds home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Jan. 8 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Jan. 8 - 1 pm	Reid home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Jan. 8 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Jan. 9 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Jan. 10 - 10 am	Rea home	Catherine Parr
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Jan. 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Jan. 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Jan. 10 - 1 pm	<i>To be determined</i>	Linda Green
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 10 - 7 pm	Reynolds home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Jan. 11 - 1:30 pm	Jordan home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jan. 12 - 5:30 pm	Murphy home	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Jan. 16 - 1:15 pm	Shermet home	Lorette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Jan. 17 - Probus meeting	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Jan. 18 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Jan. 18 - 10:30 am	Capper home	Chris Willekes
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Jan. 20 - 6:30pm	<i>as per schedule</i>	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	Jan. 24 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Jan. 24 - 1 pm	Comstock home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Jan. 26 - 5:30 pm	Willekes home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Jan. 28 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Lorette Shermet
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Jan. 31 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett

* Always held at this location

Temporary Change