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President

It's all About Having Fun

Our first meeting of 2017 saw us in a new venue at the Lions Club Hall and most of the minor teething troubles were quickly forgotten as Humourist Judy Suke brought rings of laughter as she told us that growing old is not for sissies! To my mind her talk really got to the heart of what Probus is all about – having fun! Whether it's dining with friends, old and new, in our supper club, ten pin bowling, wine tasting, whisky tasting, quilt making, card games, or board games to name just a few we have plenty of opportunities for our members to have fun.

If you haven't yet made a New Years Resolution can I suggest one that you should easily be able to keep for the entire year. "Get maximum enjoyment out of your Escarpment Probus membership". You can do this by participating in as much or even as little of our activities as you wish each month. Our Probus club is there for you even if just attending the monthly meetings is what you want out of it, or any of the clubs, or the outings.

In the next few weeks we will be putting together a questionnaire for you all to complete so that we can continue to ensure that our club remains vibrant and provides our membership with the opportunities to have fun – *to live, to laugh and to learn!*



*Just a reminder
that we will continue to
meet at the
Milton Memorial Arena,
77 Thompson Rd. S.
Second Floor, Lions Hall*

*At our new
meeting hall*



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Our February Speaker



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

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

Our March Speaker

Sandi Robinson, MSW, RSW - Caregiver, Education Coordinator, Acclaim Health

Sandi is involved in educating family caregivers of persons with dementia about resources and strategies for caring for their relative. Sandi is also a family caregiver, she moved her mother with dementia into a local retirement home, and Sandi is well aware of the emotional, financial and time stressors on caregivers.



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I changed my password everywhere to 'incorrect.' That way when I forget it, it always reminds me, 'Your password is incorrect.'

”

~ Anonymous

'The Irish Kitchen Party'

Friday March 17, 2017
Bingemans
425 Bingemans Centre Drive
Kitchener

\$47.00 per person
Includes lunch, entertainment, taxes and gratuities
Arrival 12:00 – 12:30





Join Us in these Events

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

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Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

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~ OSCAR WILDE

ST PATRICK'S DAY Celebration: Friday March 17, 2017, Bingemans, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener. See AD on previous page for details.

EASTER TEA: Come and join us on Friday, April 7th at 12:00 pm as we welcome Spring with an Easter Tea to be held at the Robinson-Bray Tea Room in Streetsville. This historic building, established in 1885 specializes in scrumptious afternoon teas and lunches. They have over 40 varieties of tea from all over the world.

The menu for our afternoon high tea is: garden salad, mini sandwiches, mini quiches, home made scones with cream, pastries and squares plus a pot of tea (or coffee). The cost is \$29.00 per person which includes taxes and tip.

Downtown Streetsville has many unique shopping experiences and it's only a 10-15 minute drive from Milton.



The tea-room has a capacity of 32, so its 'first come, first served', there are already 30 signed up. That leaves two spaces left, the sign up form will be available at the February meeting.

LEGISLATIVE BUILDING TOUR: On Wednesday, April 26th we will be touring the Ontario Legislative Buildings from 11:00 - 12:00 pm. There is no cost for this tour. Lunch will be at your own expense after the tour ... details to follow. There are 15 people going so far. Sign up at the February meeting.

Joanne Millichamp is convening the latter two events.

Super Nosh

*Just a reminder that this event is on
Friday February 17th, 2017. 5:00 - 9:30 pm
At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136
21 Charles Street, Milton, Ontario.*

We have 58 signed up.





We Bowled Them Down!

By Ann Du Pont - Convenor

Ten pins are nothing for our group! Down they went. Although maybe half of them were shaken down by the noise and laughter of our 35 active players. There were many strikes and spares and overall, the scores were much higher than last year so practising once a year must make the difference.

Before our tasty buffet lunch of beef brisket and buns, French fries, chicken wings, green salad, tea and coffee, prizes were handed out.

Fun was had by all and prizes were given out to two teams that stood out as having a really excitable great time. They were the team of Cliff Read, Diane Comstock, Marion Flowers and Don Evans and the team of Barb Finnie, Don Corker, Barb Crowe and Harold O'Brien.

High score for ladies was Anna Strachan and for gents, Paul Crawford. Two players, Kathy Schmidt and Keith Flowers, won passes to practice their skills for next year. And a prize also went out to the player with the most interesting stance and serious expression while waiting for his bowling pins to fall: Michael Hooker.

We know everyone had a wonderful time and we hope even more of our members will join us next year.

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Having children is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.

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~ Martin Mull



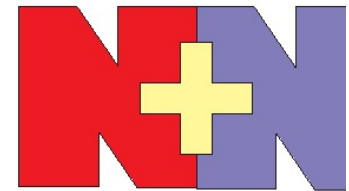
Sisters Scoop Top Rating!

By Martin Capper - Convenor

Sisters Megs and Rosalind scooped star billing at January's cribbage session with Rosalind proving her modesty was false after claiming beginner status and subsequently equalling Joanne's club record score of 28! Megs had an unbeaten run.

20 members braved the cold to enjoy the night of fun and most managed to complete 5 games. As always cribbage is the second Monday night of each month and joining is easy - just sign up at one of the monthly Probus meetings or even easier just send me an email to Martin@martincapper.com.

I generally send out a reminder a week ahead of time and only those playing need to respond. So whether you want to be a regular or just want to fill a vacant calendar day you are welcome.



Hot Food for a Cold Winter's Night

By Barb Crowe - Correspondent

January's Nosh was held at Barb Crowe's and John Yardley's house with around 20 members who all enjoyed hot food and wine on a cold winter's evening. A good time was had by all.

Scrabble Day Changed to 2nd Wednesday of Month

By Petra Halk - Convenor

Since there are so few of us that play Scrabble, I have changed the day to the second Wednesday at 1 pm, same time as the Board Games Club. It will be still at Grace Anglican Church. Other Games will be played as well as Scrabble. The larger group will make it more sociable.



D'Stillers Teary-Eyed

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The D'Stillers first meeting of the new year was held at the home of Suzanne and Wayne Herder. There were seven members in attendance as we sat down to indulge in a selection of Scottish, Irish and Canadian Whiskies.



The overall winner of the evening was *'Writers Tears'*.

This Irish Whiskey is made from unmalted and malted barley in a traditional Irish pot still. "Ireland has been blessed with great poets, and playwrights down through the centuries. However, most, if not all of our great writers suffered from writer's block. Many sought comfort and inspiration from "The Water of Life". It was said that when an Irish writer cried, he cried tears of Whiskey.

Writers Tears is a salute to these great writers with a style of whiskey that was popular in James Joyce's Dublin". It was a pleasant surprise that this whiskey came in first place.



The second whiskey of the evening was *'Wayne Gretzky No 99' Whiskey*.

This was also a surprise, who would have thought that a rookie whiskey maker would come in second. This whiskey is made with locally-sourced grains that are individually distilled, matured and blended, then finished with premium red wine casks from the Wayne Gretzky winery, Wayne Gretzky No. 99 'Red Cask' Canadian Whiskey is made the Canadian way for a smooth, elegant and rich whiskey. I guess Wayne is trying for another record.

Number three whiskey of the evening was *'Glenfarclas Lorne Scots Commemorative 12 Yr Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky'*.

This particular Whiskey was made to honour the 150 year anniversary of the Lorne Scots regiment for service to Canada with battle honours from 1812 until the recent foray in Afghanistan. Since 1865, Glenfarclas has been owned by just one family, the Grants, and is one of only a few distilleries in Scotland to be family owned and managed.

The fourth whiskey of the evening was *'Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey'*

This whiskey was originally made in a small pot still distillery, the licence to distill dates from 1757, a copy of which can be seen in the distillery. The distillery closed completely in 1957 and the building began to fall into disrepair. Twenty five years after its closure, the community of Kilbeggan restored the distillery and opened it to the public as a whiskey distillery museum. Kilbeggan is a double distilled whiskey which is unusual as Ireland is famous for triple distilling its whiskey.

The fifth and final whiskey of the evening was *'Glengoyne' 12 yr Old Single Malt*.

The distiller showcases the barley, as it is one of two remaining producers that use Golden Promise barley. The other is 'The Macallan', Golden Promise is considered to be of a higher quality, but much more expensive to grow than high-yield commercial strains. Although this whisky was our fifth choice it consistently score very high marks in whisky tasting competitions. As we have often stated the 'Water of Life' is very subjective to ones own taste and opinion.



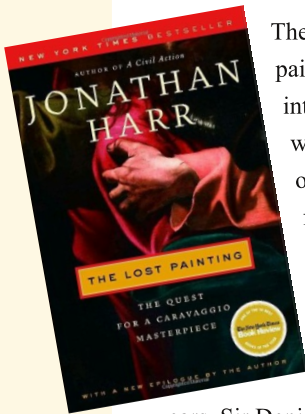
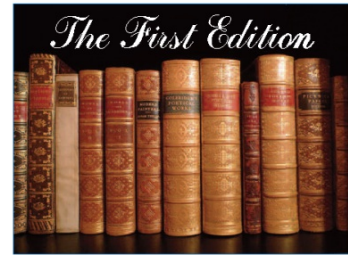
Thanks to Suzanne for hosting the DD's and thanks once again to the DD's for getting us home safe and sound.

The February meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Norma and Martin Capper.

Art and Intrigue

By Joy Castello – Correspondent

On January 9th, the First Edition Book Club met at Joy Castello's home to discuss *"The Lost Painting"* by Jonathan Harr. This book of mystery and intrigue surrounds the Italian baroque artist, Caravaggio (1571-1610).



The main focus of the book is the search for a lost painting called "The Taking of Christ." Harr

introduces the reader to the people involved with the search and intersperses modern events with details of Caravaggio's tumultuous life. Caravaggio was a brilliant artist and at the peak of his career many of his works were copied. Within 100 years of his death he was mostly forgotten until the mid 20th century when his popularity surged again.

In 1989 Francesca Cappalletti and Laura Testa, two graduate students from Rome, were researching the authenticity of two identical Caravaggio paintings of St. John the Baptist. While trying to determine which one was authentic, their search led to clues to another Caravaggio painting, "The Taking of Christ," which had been missing for hundreds of years. Sir Denis Mahon, a Caravaggio scholar, helped the investigation along. In 1990 the painting was finally discovered in Dublin by Sergio Benedetti, an Italian art restorer. However, the story doesn't end there as potential dangers arise during the restoration process that threaten to destroy the painting.

The Lost Painting was entertaining and informative and the group rated it an average of 7 out of 10.

Next month Cliff Reid will be leading us in the discussion of the Canadian novel *"Beach Strip."*



First Supper Club Dinner of 2017

By Anna Strachan - Correspondent

The first Supper Club dinner of 2017 was held on January 21st. I was one of the four hosts. Chris and I had a great time, thanks to our guests, Liz, Cliff, Megs, Anne Marie, Ann and Ron. Great Food, Great Laughs, wonderful Memories, it was fun all the way.



At the Crawfords



At the Strachans

Passengers to La La Land

By Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

We went to the movies on Tuesday, January 10. Most of us went to see *La La Land* and the group gave it a 4 star rating. A couple of the Probus group went to see *Passengers*. They gave it a 4 star rating as well. The latter was 3D and covered the gamut of all emotions.

The next movie night is February 14 th. Robyn Balfour will be taking over as convenor, as I will be away.



Passengers - Synopsis:

Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt are two passengers onboard a spaceship transporting them to a new life on another planet. The trip takes a deadly turn when their hibernation pods mysteriously wake them 90 years before they reach their destination. As Jim and Aurora try to unravel the mystery behind the malfunction, they begin to fall for each other, unable to deny their intense attraction... only to be threatened by the imminent collapse of the ship and the discovery of the truth behind why they woke up.

La La Land - Review By Alan Jordan:

Mia, (Emma Stone) is a struggling actress working as a barista, Sebastian, (Ryan Gosling - a Canadian no less) is a frustrated jazz pianist who is determined not to sell out to his music; in true Hollywood fashion they take an instant dislike to each other, but eventually fall in love and encourage each other to pursue their respective artistic visions.

However, things begin to sour when Mia struggles to realize an ambitious one-woman theatre show.

Don't fret too much about the familiar storyline; instead marvel at the vibrant primary colours of cinematographer Linus Sandgren, the beautifully choreographed musical set-pieces and Justin Hurwitz's witty score – and the gorgeous production design.



As singers, Gosling and Stone wouldn't get far on "The Voice" but they don't put a foot wrong in the dance sequences – the scenes in which they waltz together in the Hollywood hills or literally take flight at a planetarium will melt your heart.

The finale starts as confusing but develops quickly into a “what could have been” scenario which will bring tears to your eyes.

Prepare to be dazzled.

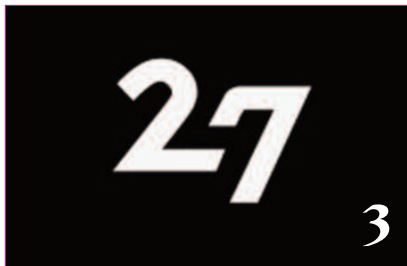
Let's be positive about negative

By Alan Jordan - Art Critic and Occasional Correspondent

Negative space is, quite simply, the space that surrounds an object in an image. Just as important as that object itself, negative space helps to define the boundaries of positive space and brings balance to a design.

In the graphic design of printed materials, where effective communication is the objective, the use of negative space can be crucial. When it comes to negative space logo design, designers incorporate multiple meanings into their logos. Visual illusions are a great way to use negative space. Here are some logos which demonstrate the use of contrast. Some you will recognize and decipher immediately, others you may need a little help.

Check out the descriptions in the bottom right hand corner.



1. The Swan (Profile) & Mallard (Front) public house. Note the use of the ampersand (&).
2. Dog becomes parrot - parrot becomes dog.
3. 24-7 with the black 4 made with the white 2 and 7.
4. Baby's face makes the outline of the crescent moon.
5. The "C" and "D" are separated by the aircraft.
6. The "E" for Ed's is placed in the centre of the male and female electrical plugs.
7. Gorilla and Lioness face each other in the tree.
8. The image of a bear is hidden in the Matterhorn mountain, symbolizing the town's origin, Bern.
9. The FedEx logo displays an arrow between letters "E" and "X". Not being in full silhouette, the effect is subtle and may not be noticed.

Cards, Cards & More Cards

By Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

Euchre: We now have 22 active members signed up to play euchre on the third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.

On Tuesday January 17th fifteen people braved the winter icy weather and went to Lorrette Shermet's house to play euchre. There was suppose to be sixteen but one decided not to chance it from Georgetown. We had four tables. four players at three table and three at one table. We played six games each game consisted of eight rounds. It was a round robin style



after each game the winner moved and changed partners. some players stayed at a table for at least three games. The person winning with the highest score was Paul Crawford and the person with the least score was Dianne Comstock. The most lone hand was a three way tie, players Jennie O'Brien, Bob Stringer and Grace Ricci each achieved three lone hands each. Other players tried but weren't as lucky. It was an afternoon of fun and laughter. If anyone is interested learning more or joining euchre please be in touch with Lorrette Shermet, the convenor.

Bid euchre: A couple people have recently shown an interest to play bid euchre. We have not played for several months but are willing to start up again. If you are interested please join us at Grace Church, 317 Main Street on Thursday February 9th at 1.30 p.m. We will teach you how to play too.

Canasta: On the evening of Monday, January 23rd sixteen players ventured out to Lorrette Shermet's place at 7 p.m. to play Canasta. There were four at each table, two partners playing with two decks of cards. Canasta is a card game from the rummy family. Out of the sixteen we had two brand new players who had no problem picking up the game. To complete a game one must reach a score of 5,000. Three tables achieved the score one actually finishing as high as six thousand. It is a lengthy game and usually takes about an 1 1/2 to complete one game. It was an evening of fun and laughter. If anyone is interested learning more or joining canasta please be in touch with Lorrette Shermet, the convenor.



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My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

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~ DAVE BARRY

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 or 905-878-1293.



Hilarious Mayhem

By Judy Nelson - Convenor

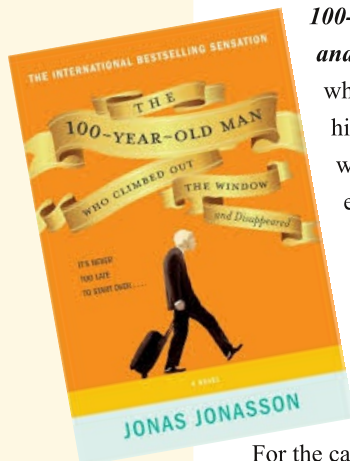
The Sequel book club met on January 11th and reviewed "*The 100-Year-Old Man who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared*".

The book was a delightful romp which really told two stories. It told 100 years of

history through the adventurous life of our protagonist, Allan Karlsson, during which he met and worked with presidents, royalty, dictators and the like. The second story was that of Allan's escape from the restrictions of the nursing home on his one hundredth birthday when he climbed out the window and disappeared. His escape was a wild ride for the reader during which he affiliated himself with some rather unbelievable characters and criminals. The murder and mayhem that followed was hilarious and caused Allan and his cohorts to become the subject of a police manhunt. A delightful read! We highly recommend this book.

In February we will be talking about *Jeannette Walls' memoir, The Glass Castle*.

For the calendar. February's meeting is on the second Wednesday at Patricia Kotack's home.



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The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

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~ MARK RUSSELL

Weather Outside was Frightful

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

Our January bridge was held at the home of Rosemary Thompson. Thirteen players attended even though the weather outside was frightful but inside the carrot cake was delightful. Jack Moreland was the big winner, Rosemary Thompson came second.

Our February bridge will be at the home of Paul and Ellen Crawford on the first Tuesday, Feb. 7th.



Serious Jokers are Never Bored

Rosalind Jordan - Correspondent

Twelve Joker players braved the cold and met at Alan and Rosalind Jordan's home for the fun of playing the board game. This is a game that you can learn easily and the fun and strategy comes when playing with partners. There was lots of concentration going on. One game actually lasted over an hour which is unusual. It is just how the cards come.

After the refreshment break we all decided on a third game and eventually finished after 4:00pm.

It matters not if you win or lose it's all about socializing, having fun and playing the game.

Why not join in and sign up to play on the 2nd Thursday or 4th Wednesday each month.





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-nuts
WINE TASTING CLUB

Warming Winter Wines in Season

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

Hosts: Petra Halk and Stephanie Hamnett

Theme of the Evening was: Wines to go with Petra's favourite cheeses.

And the awards go to:

Whites: With Gruyere - Wayne Gretsky No. 99 Riesling - Canada. LCBO 144865. \$14.95. Score: 13.6

Reds: With Smoked Gouda - G. Marquis The Red Line Merlot - Canada. LCBO 274662. \$13.95. Score: 15.3

Host: Michael Hooker (Grapenuts' favourite convener)

My theme (appropriate for a very chilly evening) was: Winter Wines (with enough heft to warm your heart and tummy).

The Chosen Ones were:

Whites: Como Sur Bicieleta Viognier - Chile. LCBO 64287. \$10.95. Score: 13.4

Reds: Small Gully Wines - The Formula - Robert's Shiraz - Australia. LCBO 142935. \$16.95. Score: 15.8

The final wine that I served was the appropriate way to finish - a really "warming" wine - Taylor Fladgate Late Bottled Vintage Port (2011). And the reaction confirmed my choice. When we scored, a chorus of "Twenty!" rang around the room, with a final score of 18.7 (a new world record for Grapenuts!) However as Port is really in a class of it's own, I felt it would be unfair to our top-rated Red to bump it to second place and relative obscurity (15.8 is a pretty impressive score).

So if you want to indulge in something special, here are the details:

Taylor Fladgate Late Bottled Vintage Port - Portugal. LCBO 46946. \$18.10.

Our February Tastings:

Thursday 2nd February - Liz and Cliff Read (already full)

Monday 6th February - Ellen and Paul Crawford (already full)

Wednesday 8th February - Auriel Halliday and Don Evans (already full)



Photo Gallery - Our January Meeting



Brisk business at our Library



Our greeters: Al and Barb Finnie



Our speaker, Judy Suke

*And our January winner is
Jack Willekes
with \$123.75*



I hope Robyn is sharing those cookies

***Join Your friends for Lunch on
February 15th***

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

Please join the *Lunch Bunch* after the meeting at

Shoeless Joe's Sports Grill

800 Main St. (across from Supercentre)

Newly renovated and a new Menu!



Knot on the Needle

By Diane Comstock - Convenor

The Piece Makers welcomed a new member, Gail Coulson, when we met on Monday, Jan. 9. We watched a video on hand quilting and Judy demonstrated how to knot the thread, bury it in the quilt sandwich, and create the stitches using the rocking method. Each member was given a pieced hexagon mug rug and a needle (complements of Diane) and a hoop and thread (complements of Wendy) to practise our hand quilting. Consensus: Machine quilting is so much easier – sorry Ellen!



Quilting term of the month: ***Knot on the Needle*** – A tiny knot that quilters use, which can be pulled through a layer of fabric so that the end is essentially hidden on both sides. It is also known as a “quilter’s knot.”

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, when we plan to visit a quilt shop (weather permitting). Anyone who quilts or would like to learn are welcome to join our meetings. Please contact Diane (905-876-4909) if you plan to attend our February outing, so driving arrangements can be made.

French Delicacies on the Menu

By Kelly Ground - Correspondent

You never forget your first taste of Paris. French delicacies, macaroons, les petit pain au chocolat and coffee were enjoyed as we discussed this month’s selection. ***The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah*** was agreed by all to be an excellent read.



The story follows two very different sisters through the German occupation of France in World War II. As the war progresses, the sisters' relationship and strength are tested. With life changing in unbelievably horrific ways, Vianne and Isabelle will find themselves facing frightening situations and responding in ways they never thought possible as bravery and resistance take different forms in each of their actions.

Its opening opening statement sets up one of the major themes of the book, and offers food for thought. “If I have learned anything in this long life of mine, it is this: In love we find out who we want to be; in war we find out who we are.”

Our next selection is ***The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay***. The meeting will be in March, hosted by Avril O’Reilly.





Warm Hospitality on Tap

By Ellen & Paul Crawford - Convenors

Nineteen Noshers enjoyed the warm hospitality at the Capper's. Caught up about trips past and those to come. This group loves these get togethers and is always game for more.



Lexophilia - One Liners

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a typo.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a bloke who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading an anti-gravity book. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
FEBRUARY 2017			
Management Meeting	8 February - 7 pm	Capper Home	Martin Capper
Escarpment PROBUS	15 February - 9:30 am	Milton Memorial Arena	Martin Capper
Lunch Bunch	15 February - Noon	Shoeless Joe's Sports Grill 800 Main St.	Bonnie Lennox
Super Nosh	Fri, 17 February - 5 - 9:30 pm	Royal canadian legion, Branch	Pete Shermet
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannag
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	Crawford Home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Capper Home	Chris Strachan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1 to 3 pm	Reid Home	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	Kotack home	Judy Nelson
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Scrabble	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	Thurs Feb. 9 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Crawford Home	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre*	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	3rd Friday 1 - 3 pm	TBD	Linda Green
Canasta	4th Monday - 7 pm	Dorcich Home	Lorrette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	TBD	Christy Babcock
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday 5:30 to 8 pm	Gloria & Bob's home	Paul & Ellen Crawfo
Bowling	Last Wed of month 3 - 5 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett
MARCH 2017			
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