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Martin Capper
President

“Probus is the Best Thing”

“This Probus is the best thing I have done since retirement. Meeting new people at this age is somewhat difficult but Probus has made it easy and really enjoyable”

This is a quote from one of our members responding to our recent survey and it sums up my own feelings about Escarpment Probus Club. Since joining the club at its first meeting in the Hugh Foster Hall in the fall of 2013 I have enjoyed outings and activities with a group of people most of whom I did not know prior to joining the club.

Over the past four years we have been fortunate in the people who have stepped forward to provide leadership to the club. Together they have ensured that we have been entertained and educated by a wide range of speakers at our monthly meetings. We have enjoyed a wide range of activities and outings, both near and far. Our clubs provide regular meetings of smaller groups in the widest variety of interesting past times under the stewardship of a great bunch of conveners many of whom have been in place since the start.

As we approach the last quarter of our Club's year it is time to find the next group of leaders who will ensure that the quote at the top of the page can be carried forward for all our membership for the next year and beyond. To this end Gloria Pennycook has been seeking individuals who volunteer or who can be gently coerced into joining the Management Team. Elsewhere in this edition of the Forum Gloria is reaching out to you the members and I would encourage you to think seriously about helping our (that is your and my) Club to continue to thrive!



Friendship Club Forming

We had an amazing response to the Friendship Club (a group that wants to get together informally to socialize). An initial meeting will be held soon to decide on details. Those who have signed up will be notified by email



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Our June Speaker

Wayne Romaine - Ontario Fire Marshall: Operational Manager of Fire Investigation Services



Wayne's presentation will touch on the role the Ontario Fire Marshal Emergency Management (OFMEM) in making Ontarians safer as we celebrate 100 years of service via product recalls, greater Public Safety Education and having the Statutes changed. He will comment on the men and women that wear this uniform and the level of commitment required to execute their duties in a very reactionary environment. As well, he will provide a pictorial view of the type of investigations involved throughout the Province and the challenges faced when they are called upon to conduct a comprehensive investigative process regardless of the elements.

Our July Speaker

There will be *no* July speaker as there will be no July General Club Meeting.

Our August Speaker

The Bruce Trail Conservancy - Celebrating 50 years of Conservation

Beth Gilhespy has had a passion for the Niagara Escarpment and the Bruce Trail all her life. An avid hiker and amateur geologist, she became a volunteer on the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) Environment Committee in 1993, eventually becoming CEO. She will showcase the history and work of the Bruce Trail Conservancy against a backdrop of images and stories about the Niagara Escarpment. Participants will learn the origins of the BTC as a conservation organization, its role in Escarpment land protection, and be treated to a virtual hike of the Bruce Trail from Niagara to Tobermory.



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If I won the award for laziness, I would send somebody to pick it up for me.

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~ Anonymous



Annual Probus Picnic

By Julie Flynn - Social Chair

Be sure to set aside Wednesday, July 19 for our picnic at Lowville Park. We will have a barbecue lunch, games, and a scavenger hunt. Details at the June meeting.

—THE SOCIAL SCENE—

Join Us in these Events

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

"Bocce Ball" - Wednesday July 5 SOLD OUT. Rain date is Tuesday July 11. We are holding our First Bocce event at the Italian Canadian Club of Milton, at 104 Tremaine Road.

Right now there seems to be enough interested members that we are looking at holding a Second Bocce event in August (date and time to be determined).



The format will be the same as the July event. We need a minimum of 16 people and a maximum of 32 people. Right now we have 21 who have signed up for the second bocce event. You do not need to know anything about the game in order to sign up. We will divide everyone up onto a team. The Italian Club has 4 courts and there will be one coach on each court who will explain the game and the rules to us. The coach will be there to help us with our technique and scoring, it's not a competition, just lots of fun. It's played on hard packed dirt so you'll need to wear flat soled sandals or shoes.

Our plan is for the event to go from 3 to 5pm and at around 5-5:30 we'll have pizza and fruit trays on the patio. They have picnic tables with a few umbrellas and we have access to a couple of portable canopies we can put up for shade. It's also a good idea to bring along your own lawn chair.

The cost is \$15 per person, this covers the use of the facility, coaching and the food (pizza and fruit).

A REMINDER: This is a VERY CASUAL OUTDOOR EVENT we will have access to the building for use of the washrooms and The Italian Club is providing a bartender so there will also be a CASH BAR. Sign up at the June meeting.

"Ramblin Road Brewery Tour, Lunch at Charles Dickens Pub, Gunn Hill Artisan Cheese Factory Tour" - Tuesday August 1st.

The **Ramblin Road micro brewery** is located in Norfolk County just outside of Delhi Ontario, where they grow their own hops used in the brewing process, on site they also have a kettle chip processing line and you'll see how kettle chips are made. Samples of the beer and chips are available as well as a selection of Picard Peanut products. They make a nice Dakota Pearl Ale (a potato beer) using some of the rinse water from the potato slicing operation. More info at: www.ramblinroad.ca

Charles Dickens Pub for Lunch in Woodstock . More info at: <http://www.charlesdickenspub.com/>

Gunn Hill Artisan Cheese Factory Tour in Woodstock. More info at: <https://gunnshillcheese.ca/>

Sign up at the next meeting.

CAR POOLING IS SUGGESTED, sign up for this on the same sheet.

A quick breakdown of the day:

Leave Milton ~9:00 am for the brewery. Arrive ~10:15 tour no cost.

Charles Dickens Pub arrive~12:00 pm lunch at your expense.

Gunn Hill Cheese arrive ~2:15 tour cost \$5.00

Chequq 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



Click blue links to go to venue websites

Noses are Important

By Martin Capper - Convenor

It's official - we have a new Champion and in horse racing parlance Steve won by a nose over Megs! It was the last deal - Megs crib - needing to peg 5 to win before Steve could score 9 points. Megs pegged 4 and Steve scored 10 to win by a single point! Somewhat reminiscent of two years earlier when Megs triumphed over Wayne by a single point.



We started with 24 players in 6 pools and pool winners Steve, Diane, Anna, Marion, Megs and Bill played off in two semi finals. Rumour has it that the Comstock family will be using Brinks to get their winnings to the bank having won two pools and the grand final!

Thanks to all who provided snacks and cake. Kathy, Ellen and Wayne were all seen arriving with delicious comestibles and she who must be obeyed has reminded me that I forgot to thank Diane in my note on last months meet!



We Need You!

Management Positions for 2017/2018

By Gloria Pennycook - Past president

If you were at our last meeting, you will know that I was actively recruiting for great volunteer opportunities on the Management Team. In order to ensure there is renewal and new ideas, half the Management Positions change every year. All of the Management positions are 2 years except for Vice President which is 3 years.



We are looking for enthusiastic people who want to help to make the Escarpment PROBUS Club a "Live. Laugh. Learn." club. The time commitment on our management team is typically a few hours a month. The Management Team not only helps to guide the Club direction but is also a lot of fun!! Everyone pitches in and helps each other out.

Here are the 6 positions that we are looking to fill:

- 1) Vice President (male) - a 3 year term;
- 2) Treasurer;
- 3) Membership;
- 4) Activities;
- 5) Forum Newsletter;
- 6) Auditor (not on the Management Team, once per year audit required)

You may download a Position Descriptions file at goo.gl/dWxw3x. Please copy and paste, or type this address into your browser to download a PDF description of the various roles.

If you have any questions or are interested in one of these positions, please email me at gpennycook@icloud.com. I will be happy to chat with you.

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A best friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find, lucky to have.

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~ Anonymous

Season One Finale

By Auriel Halliday - Convenor

On Saturday the final dinner of our first season was served and devoured. Our hosts were Diane and Udo Tomson, and they provided a beautifully set table in their lovely Lowville home.

Over a glass of port at the end of the meal we discussed our newly founded club. Everyone agreed that it was a success and should definitely be repeated this coming year.

Megs, Rosalind and I will be getting together in the next month to discuss future ideas, menus etc. We welcome any thoughts from Supper Club members who participated last year, and of course, anyone wishing to join this coming season.



Our first season featured only three dinners, but hopefully we will add additional months in the coming year.

I think that one of the reasons the 2016/17 season was successful is that a certain amount of leeway was allowed for the actual preset dinner dates. Several dinners were rescheduled because members were on holiday. We suggest that individual hosts handle any change of date that is necessary.

In the coming season we hope to add a little more variety, with theme nights and menus from different cultures. The aim is to keep things simple though, so don't be put off joining the club by thinking the menus may be too difficult. The idea is to have an affordable, fun night of dining with friends old and new. We would welcome any suggestions to make our coming season even more fun. Please email either myself at aurielh@gmail.com or mshellard37@gmail.com or rosalind_jordan@msn.com

Please sign up at the June meeting for next season's adventure into the world of food and friends. Or email us with any questions you may have.

Inspired by Ireland Trip

By Chris Willekes - Convenor

Chicks with Sticks shared an enjoyable morning at the home of Ellen Crawford. Thank you Ellen for the refreshments and treats. Ellen showed the group the beautiful sweater

she knit with yarn and pattern she purchased during the Probus Ireland tour. We perused the years and years of patterns Ellen has accumulated, looking for that perfect project. The group shared some new stitches and discussed the practicality of various "casting on" methods. We all agreed that it's fun to knit but sewing the pieces together can be a challenge. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 at the home of Norma Capper. We will see how much progress we have made with our projects



Seventy Seven Tastings in Three Years

By Michael Hooker - Convenor



June 2017 marks The Grapenuts Third Anniversary - our first official tasting was on 2nd June 2014 - hosted by Norma and Martin Capper. Up to the end of May this year we have drunk and snacked our way through seventy seven such events, and the number of liters of wine and kilograms of cheese we have put away must be breathtaking!

May tastings:

Michelle and Jim Tschirhart

Theme: 90+ score wines - not expensive / not from Vintages.

Michelle and Jim hosted ten other thirsty Grapenutters, for a sampling of “highly rated / less expensive” wines – accompanied by cheeses that were labeled and matched with a specific wine. So participants would not only score each wine, but also decide how well each cheese paired with it’s wine.

Best White: Hardys Stamp Series Chardonnay / Semillon Blend (score 91). Australia. LCBO 335638. \$9.95. Our score: 14.7.

Best Red: La Mascota Cabernet Sauvignon (score 93). Argentina. LCBO 292110. \$14.15. Our score: 15.7.

Anna and Chris Strachan

Theme: Wines from the Americas (currently on sale at LCBO).

Best White: Beringer Founders Estate Chardonnay (USA). LCBO 534230. \$15.70. Score 14.0.

Best Red: Cupcake Black Forest Decadent Red (USA). LCBO 470088. \$12.95. Score 17.1.

Rosalind and Alan Jordan

Theme: Antipodean Wines (Australia).

Best White: Hardys Stamp Series Riesling / Gewurztraminer. LCBO 448548. \$10.10. Score 13.2.

Best Red: Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet. LCBO 285544. \$18.20. Score 13.9.



Hardys Stamp Series whites were prominent in the results - must say something about their quality and value. The Riesling / Gewurztraminer was also our overall winner in November 2015, with a score of 14.0, one of the rare times when a white beat all reds.

Our June tastings will be hosted by Gill and Bryan Reynolds, Julie and John Flynn, and Ellen and Chris Wallhouse.

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WINE TASTING CLUB

Join Your friends for Lunch on June 21st

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

Please join the *Lunch Bunch* after the meeting at

EDDIEO'S Pourhouse & Kitchen
370 Main ST.

[Menu available online!](#)



There will be a sign-up sheet at the door if you wish to attend.

Lego my Plant!

By Christy Babcock - Convenor



A group of gardening enthusiasts met at the Royal Botanical Gardens for lunch followed by a visit to a Lego display in Hendrie Park. These masterpieces depicted various aspects of nature from gardening to animals, insects and birds. We then travelled to the new Rock Garden which was renovated beautifully. It wasn't what many of us were expecting - plants located between rocks - instead it was beautifully organized with group plantings, many of which

were identified with small signs. A visit to Northland Nursery was our last stop of the day where we wandered up and down the aisles of plant stock; all in one gallon pots and all \$6.99. We shopped and saved many dollars for our new acquisitions. Overall a great day with the weather cooperating and the breezes keeping the black flies away.



Oscar Movie Reviews

By Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

Some of the Oscar Movie group went to see the *'The Circle'* which is a gripping modern thriller starring Emma Watson, Tom Hanks and John Boyega. When Mae (Emma Watson) is hired to work for the world's largest and most powerful tech & social media company, she sees it

as an opportunity of a lifetime. As she rises through the ranks, she is encouraged by the company's founder, Eamon Bailey (Tom Hanks), to engage in a ground breaking experiment that pushes the boundaries of privacy, ethics and ultimately her personal freedom. Her participation in the experiment, and every decision she makes begin to affect the lives and future of her friends, family and that of humanity. The Movie rating for this movie was 3 Stars.



The rest of the group went to see *"The Guardians, of the Galaxy Vol. 2"* which continues the team's adventures, as they traverse the outer reaches of the cosmos. The Guardians must fight to keep their newfound family together as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage. Old foes become new allies and fan-favorite characters from the classic comics will come to our heroes' aid as the Marvel Cinematic Universe continues to expand. The movie rating was 4 Stars.

After the movies the group met at Turtle Jacks for refreshments and social time.



Membership Survey responses make our club even more successful

By Robyn Balfour - Vice-President

Thank you Escarpment Probians, who gave your time and thought in completing the 2017 Survey. Our monthly Forum again has proved to be invaluable to our Club. We are able to monitor how many people visited our Forum monthly - February 191, March 145, April 241 and May 154. The large number of hits in April were likely due to Martin's April Fool's Joke.

We had a total of 80 respondents some of whom were couples, so the number of folks who actually gave their feedback was higher than 80 out of 200 members. 40% feedback on any survey is considered an excellent response, as we were much higher, well done members.

PROBUS is your social club and we want to make sure everyone's voice is heard and that the Escarpment PROBUS remains all-inclusive and transparent. We want you all to have the opportunity to view the entire survey and all responses. To access the Survey Monkey website go to

www.surveymonkey.com

Username: EscarpmentProbus

Password: 2017memb survey

Most of the responses were extremely positive.

The first question was:

What do you like about being a member of the Escarpment PROBUS?

My favourite response here was, "Friendships that we make and the social interaction with great people. Social engagement and friendships are very important to all of us."

Out of these categories, the scores were:

Activities 88.75% - 71 people

Meetings 81.25% - 65 people

Clubs 61.25% - 49 people

Other 33.75% - 27 people

The following items stood out for the Management:

What would you change about PROBUS?

Most respondents said they would change nothing; however, there were 14% comments for changing the venue for our monthly meetings.

The solution: we are going to look for another venue. As I have been given the initial task of scouting, I am asking you for ideas for a new venue. Please speak directly with me. I need all the help I can get.

The question that generated a strong response was:

What would you change in the meeting format?

A number of folks said "not enough time to socialize at the monthly meetings."

The meetings really are designed to allow the Management Team and club convener's time to provide the members with all the latest activities, new outings and to provide an interesting speaker.

We realize you have to be mighty efficient during this short coffee break to accomplish coffee, write out cheques and most importantly sign up for clubs, activities and outings.

To date, so many excellent friendships have been forged during outings, activities and clubs, we have decided to start a brand new club called the Friendship Club to incorporate the strong request for more socializing time.

What are your thoughts and suggestions about the membership size of the club?

About 60 people responded. Most said we would likely have to cap according to what the meeting venue people capacity is. In January 2015 there were 153 members, January 2016 - 173, January 2017 - 202 members and we are still growing.

This is a topic that is discussed at every monthly Management Meeting. We are not going to cap numbers at this time but rather be proactive in looking for a new venue.

Guest speaker suggestions

Program Chairperson, Wayne Herder, will be delving into the excellent suggestions for speakers. Many thanks for your input.

Suggestions for new clubs

Great suggestions: computer, photography, mindfulness meditation, history, cock-tails, trivial pursuit, beer, and classical music. So we haven't reached a ceiling yet.

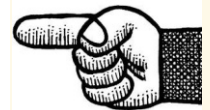
What discourages you from attending clubs, activities and events.

100% said "nothing", an excellent response.

General comments

There were so very many positive responses, and my personal favourite was this:

"This PROBUS is the best thing I have done since retirement. Meeting new people at this age is somewhat difficult but PROBUS has made it easy and really enjoyable."



Click blue links to go to survey website. Then enter username and password

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Home: Where I can look terrible and not care.

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~ Anonymous

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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Dear life, when I said "can this day get any worse" it was a rhetorical question, not a challenge.

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~ Anonymous

Chinese Rice Liquor not a Hit

By Chris Strachan – Convenor

Hello Probians, as mention last month I returned from my vacation in China where I was accompanied by other Probus members. The D'Stillers were originally slated to hold a tasting with a Whisky representative but due to his unavailability it was decided that the May meeting be held at my home.

The winner of the evening: *'Dewar's - The Monarch' 15 year old Blend*. This whisky is sold exclusively at Airports in the Duty Free Store, needless to say I bought this in Hong Kong. This easy drinking whisky scored 82%, it's a pity it is not available at the LCBO as it was well worth the cost at \$94 per litre.



The second Whisky was *'Tomatin Legacy' Single Highland Malt*, with a score of 72%. Tomatin is the only Scottish distillery wholly owned by a Japanese company the Takara Shuzo Corp. At one time this was the biggest malt Distillery in Scotland and could store 40 million litres of whisky. This was a great buy at \$46 per bottle.

Number three was an old friend of mine, *'Teacher's Highland Cream'*. This one scored 69% but what a blend, at \$26 per bottle this could possibly convert a non whisky drinker to give whisky a try. This blend uses 30 single malt whiskies and a few grain whiskies to achieve its taste. Teacher's had been the largest independent Distiller still in the hands of its descendant founders until 1976 when the company was taken over by Allied Distillers.

Number four of the evening was *'Robert Burns Arran Single Malt'* which scored 66%. This whisky is from the Isle of Arran which is one of the few remaining independent distillers in Scotland. Although the Bard never visited the Isle of Arran on a clear day he could see it as he worked on his farm in Ayrshire. Another malt in the \$50 range, good value for your buck.

Bringing up the rear, number five was a Chinese liquor made with rice and grains, obviously one of my Chinese purchases. I should have left it in China as it tasted horrible, despite the high alcohol content of 54% everyone threw it out. This Liquor is popular in China and is often used as a toast at Banquets.

Thanks to the DD's for the safe rides home and thanks to Anna for hosting the DD's and serving the goodies. The June 7th meeting will be held at the home of Al and Barb Finnie.

Fundraiser at Allendale

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

Twelve members of our Escarpment Bridge Club attended the Allendale Card Party on May 2nd. Lunch was served and there were numerous draw prizes We had 6 winners.

Joan Hardman won the bridge match with Bev Moreland coming second. It was a great fundraiser for Allendale.

Our June 6th bridge game will be at the home of Elinore Shannon.



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thought derailed.
There were no
survivors.

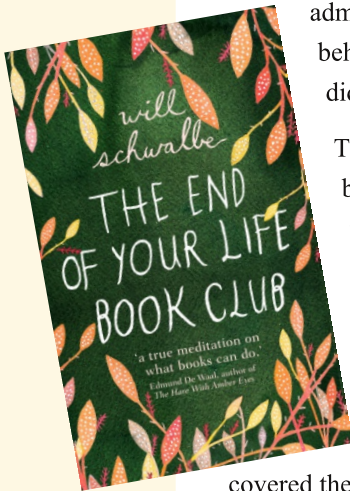
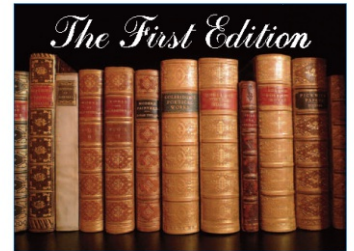
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~ Anonymous



This Man Really Loved his Mother!

By Paul Crawford - Convenor

The End of Your Life Book Club was written by Will Schwalbe as a testimonial to his mother. She was a woman of many accomplishments who was a force of nature in her family's life and in the life of many of the people she met as an admissions officer, advocate for refugees and driving force behind building a library in Afghanistan. He idolized her. Unfortunately the quality of his writing did not match his subject and the book dragged along at times.



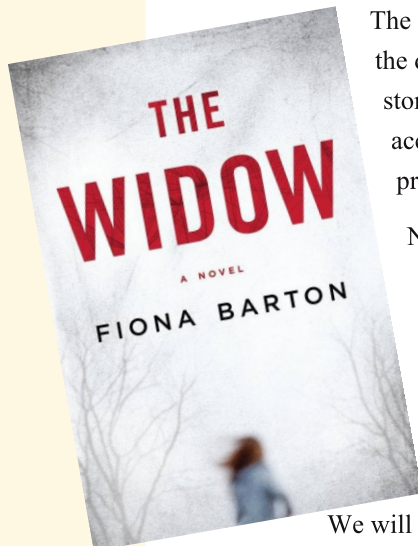
The book covers the time from her diagnosis with a deadly cancer to her demise two years later but does reference earlier events in their life throughout. He accompanied his mother on the many trips to the hospital for chemo and during those times rather than talk about death and how serious she was they talked about books. They were both prodigious readers and covered books on a wide range of topics. There were some insightful sections in regards to certain author's points of view and how it helped his mother and him deal with her upcoming death.

Our members gave it a rating of about 5 or 6 out of 10. A good attempt to come to terms with his mother's death but not nearly in the class with "Tuesdays With Maury" which covered the same story arc.

Accused of Child Abduction

By Linda Green - Convenor

On Wed. May 17th four members of the Trilogy Book Club met at the home of Linda Green to discuss "*The Widow*" by Fiona Barton. While feasting on tea sandwiches and wine, we all agreed that it wasn't our favourite book but it was indeed a worthwhile read.



The story is told through the eyes of the widow, Jean Taylor, the detective, Bob Sparkes, the reporter, Kate Waters and the mother Dawn Elliott. The story begins with the accidental death of Glen Taylor, Jean's husband. Glen was accused of abducting a child, Bella Elliott, years earlier but there was never enough proof to convict him.

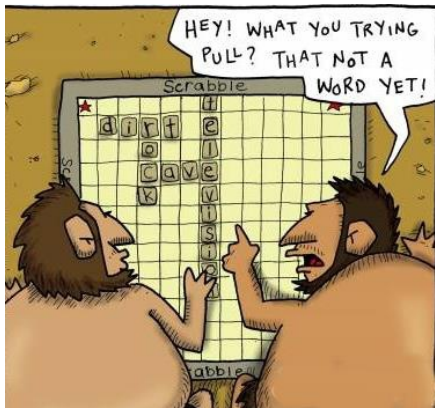
Now that he is dead all parties look to Jean for the answers.

Throughout the story, the characters are developed and we learn the details and consequences of what has taken place and how they have affected and determined the lives of all concerned.

The book made for some very interesting and lively conversation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 1:00 pm, at the home of Kelly Ground.

We will be discussing "*And the Birds Rained Down*" by Jocelyne Saucier. New members are always welcome.



Scrabble Invitation

By Petra Halk - Convenor

Scrabble players, and Board Game players are welcome to come to my house on Wednesday June 14 at 1 pm, 466 Bell St, Milton. Bring your own Board Games. Let me know if you are coming. Email to petra.halk@gmail.com.



Mother Nature not Cooperative

By Ellen & Paul Crawford - Convenors



Another enjoyable Friday evening was spent Noshing and chatting with 26 fellow Noshers at

Lorrette and Pete's home. Some of us looked longingly at the beautiful back deck but Mother Nature still is not being very cooperative. Hopefully our next few Nosh evenings will allow some outside time.

The next Nosh will be at Auriel and Don on June 23.



Waste not, want not!

Our May Lunch at Kelsey's



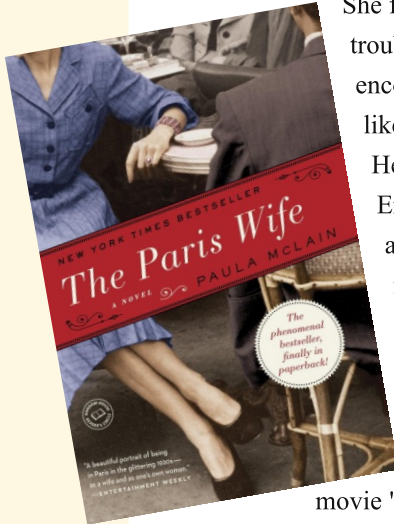
Bonnie Lennox, our Lunch Bunch Convenor, had her birthday on lunch day. Happy Birthday Bonnie!



Hemingway Loved Alcohol and Women

By Gretchen Greene O'Brien - Correspondent

Our May meeting was held at the home of Carolyn Rumley. This month, we read *THE PARIS WIFE*, an historical novel about Ernest Hemingway's first (of 4) wives. Hadley came from a sheltered and well-to-do background.



She fell madly in love with the debonair, but deeply troubled, Ernest. They married and eventually moved to Paris, France, where they encountered the Post-War Jazz Era cafe society. They regularly rubbed shoulders with the likes of Scott & Zelda Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein. But home life for the Hemingways was not a "bed of roses" – they lived in impoverished conditions and Ernest was suffering from undiagnosed PTSD. He'd had 10 concussions. Ernest had an astounding capacity for alcohol and women – which eventually Hadley could not ignore. After the birth of their son, Bumby, she separated from him and later divorced him.

Our book club members were divided about liking the book, for various reasons. Most felt the quality of writing was good; some sympathized with Hadley – others found Ernest a selfish, narcissistic person. We were encouraged to watch the movie "Midnight in Paris" about life in the Jazz era to gain a better understanding.

Yummy Appetizers at Sobeys

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

On Wednesday May 3, 2017 a very enthusiastic group of our members attended a cooking class at the Sobeys store in Milton. The class was given by Chef Dave Pyper.



One of our club's favourite things to do is to enjoy a Nosh evening, everyone brings an appetizer to share with the group. Another favourite of ours are the wine tasting evenings.

Dave was able to combine these two interests into his cooking class. He arranged for a representative from the local LCBO, Carmen, to talk to us about wine pairing and selection. She sure knows her wines and her wine regions. Chef Dave demonstrated how to prepare a number of appetizers that would not only impress your guests but were easy to put together. The best part of all, we were able to sample each dish Dave made. During the cooking demonstration Carmen explained how to pick the best wine for each dish.



All in all everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Photo Gallery - Our May Meeting



Our mobile library is expanding



Our greeters Tony and Maureen



Finding our badges



Wayne Herder with Lorne Greenwood, our speaker, who had us judging contract law cases



May's winner was Stephen Comstock and his winnings where \$118.50.



Our newest members

Bring a Book - Take a Book

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor



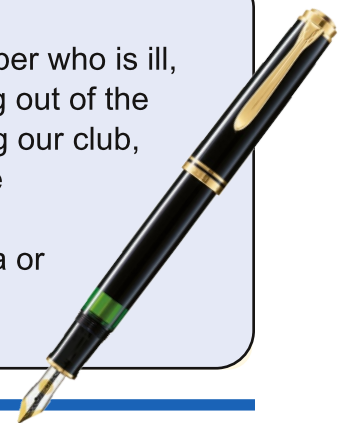
There was a much better turnover of books this month. Very few books to lug home!

Please bring back books that you have enjoyed, especially best sellers to share with other book lovers. Pick up a "summer read" at the June meeting.

Ravenous Readers Recycle will resume in September.

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.





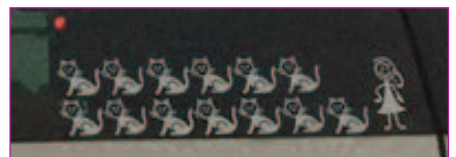
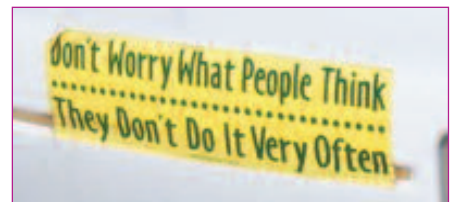
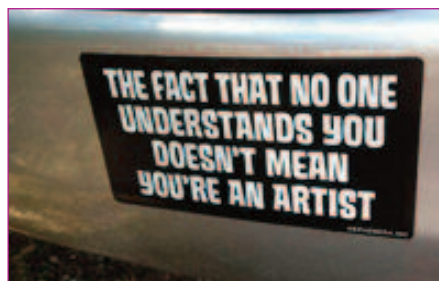
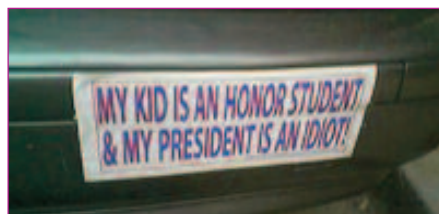
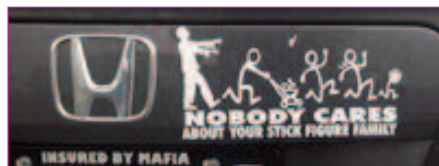
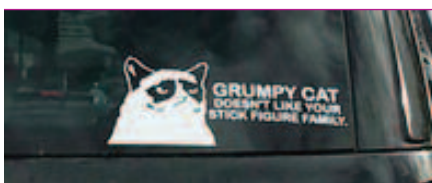
Don't bump my sticker

By Alan Jordan - *Curmudgeon and Occasional Correspondent*

Many experts credit Forest P. Gill, a silkscreen printer from Kansas City, as the father of the bumper sticker. Gill recognized that the self-adhesive paper used during the Second World War could be used to advertise promotional products in the late 1940s until today.

Stickers can be rude, gross, commercial, religious, secular, humorous, or in support of a sports team or other organization. They may also promote or oppose a particular philosophical or political position. In Canada, bumper stickers are a popular way of showing support for a candidate for a government seat. In others, such as the United Kingdom, they are rarely seen in any form.

The latest iteration of bumper stickers is the irritating "stick people" decorating the rear windows of many SUVs, mainly by "cat lovers"!



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
JUNE 2017			
Lawn Bowling	8 June time 1:30 to 4 pm	Milton Lawn Bowling Club	Joanne Millichamp
Management Meeting	14 June - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance	20 June - 7 pm	Burlington Arts Centre	Rosiland Jordan
Escarpment PROBUS	21 June - 9:30 am	Milton Memorial Arena	Martin Capper
Lunch Bunch	21 June - Noon	EDDIEO'S Pourhouse & Kitchen. 370 Main ST.	Bonnie Lennox
Oh Canada, Eh.	28 June - 12 noon to 2:45	370 Main ST.	Ann Du Pont
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Golf Club-Probos 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	Shannon Home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	TBD	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	Leach Home	Judy Nelson
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	TBD	Stephen Comstock
Scrabble	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Knitting Club	June 14 at 10:30	Capper Home	Chris Willekes
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	June 22 at 1:30	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Nosh+Natter	2nd Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Gillian Reynolds
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre*	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	June 14 at 1 pm	Ground home	Linda Green
Canasta	4th Monday - 7 pm	TBD	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	Auriel and Don home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Bowling	Last Wed of month 3 - 5 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett
JULY 2017			
Bocce Ball	5 July 3 - 5:30	Italian Club of Milton 104 Tremaine.	Sandy Cannel
Management Meeting	12 July - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
Picnic	19 June - TIME????	Lowville Park, Campbellville	Julie flynn
Escarpment PROBUS	NO Meeting this month	Milton Memorial Arena	Martin Capper
Lunch Bunch	NO Lunch Bunch this month	None	Bonnie Lennox
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