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FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB
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AN EARLY SPRING?

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Martin Capper
President

We're Asking for Your Feedback

March is the month that Probus Canada celebrates as Probus month. This March is a more special milestone than most as it is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the first Probus club in Canada. That club is in Cambridge which I am reliably informed falls into the GMA (Greater Milton Area). The club also falls into the same district of Probus Canada as Escarpment Probus.

To help us celebrate this years Probus month we have invited his Worship the Mayor, Gord Krantz, to speak to us at our meeting on March 15th. This will be in addition to our guest speaker. The Mayor will speak just before our coffee break and hopefully will have time to join us for coffee and cake after speaking.

In addition to our activities on March 15th we are reaching out to our members with a survey to help your management team to do as much as possible to ensure your membership of our club gives you the maximum possible enjoyment. To ensure our club lives up to its motto of **"Live. Laugh. Learn."** there is a link to our survey at the bottom of this page and on our Web site. I would encourage you to complete this before the end of March. The survey is totally anonymous so please don't be shy!

Membership Survey

As mentioned at our February meeting we have created a membership survey using "Survey Monkey". This survey is completely anonymous and no information that could reveal your identity is captured. Additionally, you will be able to see results of the survey after you have completed it. You will only be able to complete the survey once.

To access the survey click on the green bubble to the right, or copy and paste the link below to your browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J9PDSMQ>

The management team thanks you for your participation - we value your input!

**Please click here
to start the survey**



Reach us on the web at - www.escarpmentprobus.com



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Our March Speaker

Renita Wood – Director of Alzheimer Services.

A known and favourite quote from Robert Browning “Grow old along with me! The best of life, is yet to be” is a life message for Renita. Although in her teen age years, she vowed not to get old and live past 40 – she has found that life does keep changing, and there is always room to learn, love and enjoy life!

Renita has been with Acclaim Health since 2004 and is now the Director of Alzheimer Services. Renata is involved in educating family caregivers of persons with dementia about resources and strategies for caring for their relative.



Our April Speaker



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

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

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I have six locks on my door all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three.

”

~ ELAYNE BOOSLER

'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

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

"LEGENDS IN CONCERT" - Tom Jones and Neil Diamond perform at David's Erin Restaurant on Sunday April 23, 11:30 am. \$52 includes dinner buffet and tax and tips. See AD on page 12.

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 March meeting.

"GOTTA SING, GOTTA DANCE" - Musical variety extravaganza. Tuesday June 20 at 2 pm and 7 pm, or Wednesday June 21 at 2 pm. Burlington Arts Centre. \$28. See AD on page 7.

"OH CANADA, EH" - Dinner Theatre, Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 12:00 noon - 2:45 pm. A performance of all Canadian comedy, history, skits, and music in Niagara Falls. Dinner includes roast chicken, fish, vegetables, salads, dessert, tea & coffee. \$53.75 per person, includes taxes & gratuities. See AD on page 11.



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The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it.

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~ JOHN
RUSKIN

Freezing Rain Didn't Stop Them

By Jeanne Reid

We played 3 tables of bridge on Tuesday, Feb. 7th at the Crawfords' home. It seems if it's Tuesday, the weather will be bad. Freezing rain did not stop us from having a very enjoyable afternoon.

Wayne Heath was the big winner with Don Corker coming in second.

Our next bridge will be at Vicki Lenarduzzi's home on Tuesday, March 7th.





Dog Wins Top Score

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The February meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Norma and Martin Capper. The D'Stillers were pleased to welcome a new member into the fold, Keith Flowers and his DD Marion, joined our group of 'merry' men.

Without further ado lets discuss this months whiskies.



The winner of the evening was **Jamesons Blenders Dog** with a score of 83%. As its name suggests this is an Irish Whiskey. The Blenders Dog is not the four legged kind but is an instrument for sampling whiskey as it matures to determine its quality.

Unlike other Jamesons whiskies which are in green bottles with colourful graphics, the labelling on this bottle is reminiscent of old fashioned whiskey labels which were basic black and white.

The second selection was **Cardenal Mendoza Brandy** with a score of 78%. Founded in 1781 in Jerez Spain. Cardenal Mendoza is one of the best selling brandies in the world, it is aged for 15 years to reach perfection.

'**Raynal VSOP**' (very special old pale) a French brandy, took third place with a score of 75%.

Brandy is a spirit produced from distilled wine.

An interesting fact about Brandy: in order to test the purity of the rectified spirit of wine, a portion was ignited. If the entire contents were consumed by a fire without leaving any impurities behind, then the liquor was good. Another, better test involved putting a little gunpowder in the bottom of the spirit. If the gunpowder could ignite after the spirit was consumed by fire, then the liquor was good. Needless to say, this method of testing was done in days of yore.

Number four tasting of the evening was **BenRiach Single Malt Scotch** with a score of 72%. This whiskey label showed no age of the product which is becoming a common practice these days.

The BenRiach distillery was founded in 1898. The 1890's represented a real boom in Distillery building with more than thirty new distilleries being built in Speyside during this decade.

Last but not least **Bushmills 12 year old Single Malt** with a score of 58%. Clearly a big disappointment after tasting other Bushmills products which scored much higher.

This whiskey is only available at the Distillery, included with this purchase, Martin was able to have his name prominently displayed on the label.

Thanks once again to our DD's for getting us to and from the Cappers. Thanks also to Norma for hosting the DD's and for the nibbles at the end of the evening.

Our March 1st meeting will be held at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp.



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A room without books is like a body without a soul.

”

~ MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

Wine to Water at Cribbage!

By Martin Capper - Convenor

Twenty one members gathered for a night of fun on Monday Feb 13th. It appears even introducing an element of randomness to starting seats couldn't get Gretchen out of "Gretchen's Corner". In a draw for seats she drew her usual corner!



Steve had two significant achievements for the night — he achieved high score of 24 but perhaps even more significantly he claimed to have turned wine into water. He grabbed a bottle out of the sink and poured himself what he thought was a glass of finest white but by the time he got back to the table it had turned into Milton's finest! White wine in the fridge Steve and thanks to the person who rinsed out the empty bottle!



Megs got close to the highest score at 23 but when she came to play her crib realized there were only 3 cards in the crib — she had played 5 cards in her hand! The perils of moving from games with 3 players to one with only two! After a restart she and I enjoyed an incredibly close game that ended with 1 point between us — modesty forbids me from saying who won!

Thanks to Ron, Ellen and Wayne for adding to the snacks and cookies!

Anyone wishing to join this fun group, that meets 2nd Monday of each month, just sign up at our regular monthly Probus meetings. The objective is FUN!

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It's useless to hold a person to anything he says while he's in love, drunk, or running for office.

~ SHIRLEY MACLAINE

Lego my Batman

By Robyn Balfour - Correspondent

A small group of Oscar Night Movie Members came out in February. After the show we enjoyed a few drinks, laughter and chat at Turtle Jacks.

The popular choice was The Lego Batman Movie. This was an incredible experience. Simply amazing how advanced the complexity, animation, content and presentation of kids movies are today. A knock out kids movie.

Very fast paced and bulging with the latest technology. I feel sure as a grandmother I will see this movie many more times on home entertainment with the little lads.

The Lego Batman Movie - Synopsis:

In the irreverent spirit of fun that made THE LEGO MOVIE a worldwide phenomenon, the self-described leading man of that ensemble — LEGO BATMAN — stars in his own big-screen adventure. But there are big changes brewing in Gotham, and if he wants to save the city from The Joker's hostile takeover, Batman may have to drop the lone vigilante thing, try to work with others and maybe, just maybe, learn to lighten up.





Gotta SING Gotta DANCE!

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

Wednesday 21 June 2017
at 2:00pm

at the
Burlington Arts Centre

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

**Sign-up on the sheet at the
Activities Table**



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

**Burlington Footnotes
Senior Performing Troupe**

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



Farkle and Catan Featured

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor

Cliff Read was the host for our board game afternoon on February 8. Four members played "Catan", Although Cliff, Diane and Steve played well, ultimately, Ellen was the winner. Paul joined Diane and Steve for a game of "Farkle", where Diane overcame the two men.



Catan Board

The next get-together will be March 8 at 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. The game has yet to be determined, so if you have a favourite, bring it along.



Grapenutters Discover Secret to Get Through February

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

Our Grapenutters believe that there's nothing like a good dose of good wine to keep Frigid February at bay. Three great events this month, all well-attended and lots of fun.

Liz and Cliff Read:

Note: All photos on this page were taken at the Read residence.



In honour of Canada's 150th birthday, Liz and Cliff chose to go where Canadian vineyards actually started in 1611 ... Nova Scotia. That's correct, the vineyards close to Annapolis Valley are some of the oldest in North America.

Initially the wild grapes were of poor quality and it wasn't until many decades later when they were cross-pollinated with European varieties that true hybrids were created. Today long warm summers combine with cool evenings and warm ocean breezes to create unique micro-climates and truly delicious wines.

In the White category, Nova 7 from Benjamin Bridge vineyards was the favourite, getting an average rating of 13.5. This wine is available from the LCBO #256289 for \$24.95.

Best Red was: Lucie Kuhlmann from the Gaspereau vineyards. "A robust red that stands on its own two feet – usually in high heels." It got an overall score of 16. Unfortunately it is not available in Ontario but if you are ever travelling to



Nova Scotia it would be worth trying.

We were surprised by the excellent quality of the Nova Scotia wines, with one notable exception - the first Red we tried produced all sorts of strange looks — and achieved what

is probably the lowest score ever given at one of our tastings — 5.5! The rest were great, so don't let this put you off trying Nova Scotia wines if you get the opportunity.

Ellen and Paul Crawford:

Theme: Valentine's Day Wines

Top Rated Red was: Passion (of Portugal). LCBO #146449. \$8.45. Score: 14.3

Top Rate White was: Secret Affair (Dirty Laundry Vineyards) - Okanagan Valley, B.C,

LCBO #464115, \$19.95. Score: 13.4

As a special treat and toast for Valentine's, Ellen and Paul brought out Wilson Creek Vineyard, California, Almond Sparkling Wine. Everyone gave this wine top rating, averaging 18.3.

The conclusion was dessert of valentine cookies, valentine brownies, butter tarts and red velvet cupcakes.

Auriel Halliday and Don Evans.

Auriel was just back from a tour of India, and still horribly jet-lagged; Despite that, they put on an excellent evening, with a surprise at the start - two very different types of hot mulled wine to warm everybody up.



The theme was: "The Big A's - Austrian Gruner Veltliner Whites and Aussie Reds".

The winner in the Whites was: Durnberg Falkenstein Traditional Gruner Veltliner (Austria). LCBO: 464529. \$18.95. Score: 13.5.

Best Red: Gentleman's Collection Cabernet Sauvignon (Australia). LCBO: 461533. \$17.95. Score: 14.2.

In March our hosts are: Dianne and Udo Tomson, Lorrette and Pete Shermet, and and Joanne and Ron Millichamp.

Austria Here We Come

By Auriel Halliday - Correspondent

As this year's Probus trip is based in Austria, Don and I decided that at our next wine tasting we would feature, as our white wine choice, the most popular wines of Austria, made from the Gruner Veltliner grape.

On February 8th, we welcomed a group of wine tasters to our home. Only four of us were going to Austria in October, but I hoped the other guests enjoyed the wines.



Gruner Veltliner is a dry white wine, that grows only in Austria, with flavours of green pepper and lime and is quite similar to Sauvignon Blanc.

Gruner Veltliner literally means "green grapes from the village of Veltlin in the Tirol", and until the 1990's very few wine lovers outside Austria had even heard of it.

It is a very food-friendly wine and mostly intended for drinking young in the Heuriger's (bars selling new wine) in Austria. I, for one, will be testing my new found knowledge.

Not only did we taste Austrian wines, we compared mulled wines from Sweden and Germany and also celebrated Patricia Flannagan's birthday. A fun night!



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WINE TASTING CLUB

Newcomers and members who want to know more about Escarpment Probus social activities, clubs and outings are invited to an orientation session.

We plan to meet at

Grace Anglican Church on 317 Main Street East, Milton

on

Wednesday, April 26 at 9:30

A continental breakfast will be provided.

This is an opportunity to meet the people who can share with you how to get the most of your membership.

More details will be provided by Cliff and Liz Read at our next Probus monthly meeting.

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The Venue Made the Story

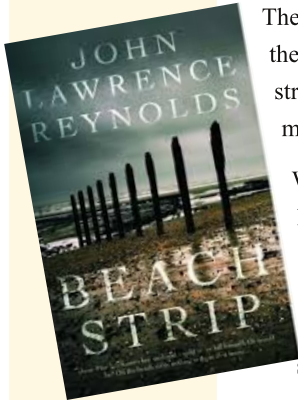
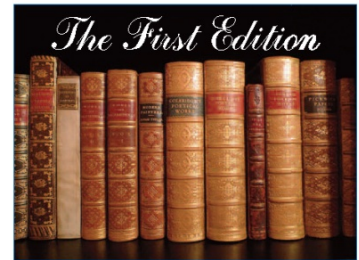
By Cliff Read - Correspondent

On February 13th, the First Edition Book Club went on a lunchtime outing to enhance our discussion of *The Beach Strip* by John Lawrence Reynolds.

The novel is a murder mystery set in Hamilton Beach alongside the Burlington Skyway. It's a micro-community on a narrow strip of land housing an eclectic assortment of Victorian mansions, post war bungalows, infill townhouses, and even a home that resembles a castle.

We decided to meet at *Hutch's On The Beach*, a legendary burger joint that has been in business since 1946. There were references in the story to a similar local hangout. Certainly our field trip allowed us to appreciate the key role the setting has within the novel.

Almost everyone agreed that the story was easy to read with appropriate plot twists and feisty characters. Overall the book received an average score of 8 out of 10. One member felt that it would be an excellent 'cottage read' and we would recommend it to others.



Join Your friends for Lunch on March 15th

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

The Rad Brothers
550 Ontario Street
(Ontario St and Derry Rd)!



February's lunch at Shoeless Joe





WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

OH CANADA, EH!

DINNER THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

12:00 NOON - 2:45 PM

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

\$53.75 per person, includes taxes & gratuities.

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

Three Dog Night in February By Ellen & Paul Crawford - Convenors

Gloria and Bob hosted the February Nosh at their lovely home in the country. The fog and lightning gave the evening a most unusual vibe for this time of year. The three dogs in attendance kept everyone on their toes to ensure that they were given the attention they deserved and that no food that fell from a plate was left untended.

Over 20 people attended. Much laughter and good conversation on a multitude of topics. Next meeting is March 24, at Robyn's.





Tom Jones

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

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

Do you have anything to throw at Tom?



Neil Diamond

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

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

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

Legends in Concert - Live and Direct

Sunday April 23, 2017 - 11:30 am

David's Restaurant

20 Shamrock Road, Erin ON

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

Sign up at the March 15 meeting.

Bring a Book - Take a Book

*By Ellen Crawford -
Convenor*

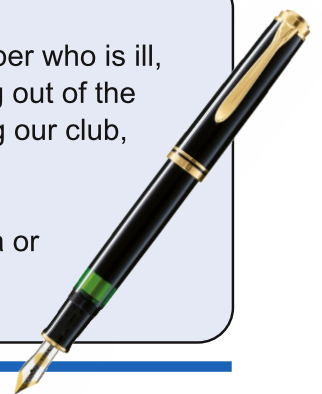


Browse the table and feel free to take a book. Recommend to others ones that you have found to be a good read.

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.



Super Noshers Have Identity Crisis

By Pete Shermet - Convenor

The decorating committee comprised of Ann and Ron Du Pont, Norma and Martin Capper, Chris and Anna Strachan, Joanne and Ron Millichamp, Sandy Cannell, Robyn Balfour, arrived just before 4:00 pm. When Rejean Petroff and I arrived at about 4:05 (the latter part of the decorating committee) the decorating and set up was almost complete, they were an efficient crew!

The hall was just the right size for our group, with a cozy ambiance!

There were a total of 63 in attendance at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. We had about 24 different appetizers and 14 desserts.

We had decided on two cold tables and one hot table, but as appetizers and guests arrived, I think it ended up about 50/50.

Joanne and Ron organized an icebreaker called "Guess who I am?" (at least that's what I called it).

The premise was that you had a name taped on your back which was of a famous or well known pair in History, Mythology, or Hollywood. You would then ask another guest, who has seen your back, a maximum of three questions that can only be answered with a yes or no. Upon completion of your three questions you move on and ask another guest three questions until you figure out who you are, then you find your partner and you have completed the assignment. I was really surprised at how quickly people figured out who they were.

The winners were, (right to left, photo next page) Lois Lane and Superman, (Carol Pond and Brian Reynolds) Edith and Archie Bunker (Alan Jordan and Len Bennink) Maid Marian and Robin Hood (Lorraine Randall, and Patricia Kotack) Cleopatra and Anthony (Christy Babcock and Bob Stringer).

The appetizers were laid out on the table and everybody was invited to "Nosh." The food disappeared off the serving plates quickly with the hot *hors d'oeuvres* leading the race followed close behind by the cold appetizers. I don't think any one was left hungry but in retrospect we could have had more appetizers. The person who made the tuna sandwich quarters was my saviour because by the time I got up to the table there was little to chose from.

Later the desserts, tea and coffee were put out and once again there was plenty to go around.

We had a raffle draw and every attendee was given a ticket upon arrival. The winners of these draws were Michael Boothe, Anna Strachan, Wendy Stringer and Cliff Read.

The natter continued and by about 9 o'clock we were pretty well cleaned up and on our way.

Many thanks to the team that made this all possible! and as I always say, "many hands make light work!"

The feedback so far indicates another successful Probus event.

See Photo Gallery on next page ...



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There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

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-Edith Wharton, novelist (24 Jan 1861-1937)

Photo Gallery - Super Nosh



Slab Blocks Featured

By Diane Comstock - Convenor

Four members of the Piece Makers went on an outing on Friday, Feb. 19. We trekked to Uxbridge to visit the Quilters Cupboard. It is a lovely, well-organized full service quilt shop with friendly, knowledgeable staff. Quilters Cupboard has a wide selection of fabrics, notions, patterns, books and more! Diane bought some Sesquicentennial fabric to make

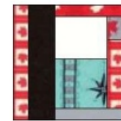
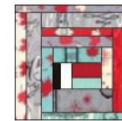


slab blocks for Canada's Big Quilt Bee (a project to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday with the goal to make and donate 1,000 quilts for kids at Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada).

We ate lunch at a local restaurant, "Wixan's Bridge", where three of us ordered the Corned Beef lunch special and the rebel Diane had the Beef Dip. All were delicious.

It started to snow, so we headed back home, but on the way we had to stop at Quilted Memories in Mississauga where Michelle Palermo gave us a long-arm quilting demo. She is a delightful lady and took the time to explain the process and to show us her inventory of wide-backing fabric.

Quilting term of the month: Slab Block – Scrappy log cabin block using groups of two pieces of fabric sewn together.



Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 6, where Judy will show us how she makes microwave bowl covers. Anyone who quilts or would like to learn are welcome to join our meetings.

"Canada Blooms" Opens the Season

By Christy Babcock - Convenor

Canada Blooms is a "GO". Enough people signed up to operate this event. The bus will depart from the Sports Centre on Derry Road on March 10 at 9 am and will leave the CNE at 4:30.



Trial Gardens Talk, the free talk, open to all Escarpment Probus members, to learn the results of the Trial Gardens in Guelph and Landscape Ontario will take place on March 22 at 1 pm at Landscape Ontario in the Canada Blooms Building (Fifth Line S off Steeles, not accessible from Main Street). Roger Tschanz, Trial Garden Manager/Research Technician of the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph will report on his findings, will advise us of the best annuals, vegetables, roses and some perennials that will be new in the garden centres this spring/summer. Also, he will advise which plant stock performs best (older variety might require dead heading or cutting back and the newer variety might be maintenance free) and will answer our questions.

If you would like to attend, and have not already signed up, please contact Kate Watkiss, home 905-820-5378 or e-mail katewatkiss@rogers.com

The planning meeting for this season's Gardening Club will take place at Christy Babcock's on Wednesday, April 26th at 1pm. Those not already signed up who would like to join, please contact Christy at cbabcock5652@gmail.com

Women's fashions, too far?

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

So, we laughed at the men's fashion faux pas in our recent Forum, now it is time to catch up to the ladies and their bizarre getups.



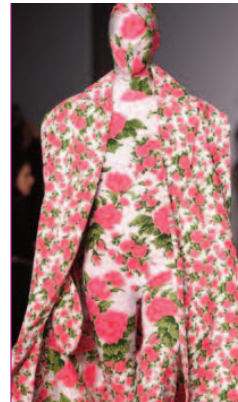
"If You Go Down In The Woods Today" - Ensure you take your menagerie of appliquéd bears.



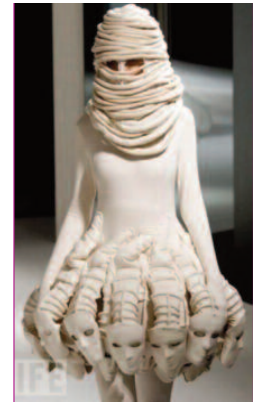
Remnants - What to do with those little pieces of fabric left over from your last project.



Ewok - Often seen in a Star Wars sequel, rarely in the high street. May attack unsuspecting sniggerer.



Camo Davenport - Don't sit on this comfy chesterfield, it may move unexpectedly.



Many Faced Lady - Go nowhere without your posse of admirers hanging at your hem.



Toadstools - Delicious at any time of the year. One size fits all.



Lampshade Extravaganza - If you can't decide what colour of lampshade to wear, use them all.



The Hearthrug - A fine piece of carpet to catch the occasional spark from the fire.



The Eyes Have It - Cyclops never looked so good with this attractive scaly body of a terrified pufferfish.



Deflated Balloons - When the party's over, collect the limp balloons and affix them to your longest dress.



Full English Breakfast - Just missing the sausage, baked beans, black pudding and the ubiquitous fried slice.



Two Dimensional - Back from the dry cleaners with just a tad too much starch.



The Vase Look - For ladies with an hourglass figure, the sand has moved south.



Photo Gallery - Our February Meeting



Greeters Anne Marie and Megs



Petra Halk giving her bio and a quilt of all the marathons she has run



Christopher Bint talked to us about the benefits of todays technologies



Wayne Lister took home \$111.00



Our Activities committee



Dianne and Richard, purveyors of our 50/50 tickets



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



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events			
EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
MARCH 2017			
Management Meeting	8 Mar 2 pm	Cannell Home	Martin Capper
Canada Blooms	10 Mar - 9 am	Depart from Sports Centre on Derry	Christy Babcock
Escarpment PROBUS	15 March - 9:30 am	Milton Memorial Arena	Martin Capper
Lunch Bunch	15 March - Noon	TBD	Bonnie Lennox
St Patrick's Celebration	17 March 12 noon	Bingemans. 425 Bingemans Cente Dr. Kitchener	Pete Shermet
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Golf Club-Probuss 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	Lenarduzzi Home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Millichamp Home	Chris Strachan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10 am	Carolyn Rumley	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	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorette Shermet
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Petroff Home	Lorette 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	O'Brien Home	Lorette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Landscape Ontario, Canada Blooms Building, Fifth Line S off Steeles NOT up from Main as road closed at Hwy 401	Kate Watkiss
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday 5:30 to 8 pm	Balfour Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Bowling	Last Wed of month 3 - 5 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett
APRIL 2017			
Management Meeting	Wed 12 April - 7 pm	TBD	Martin Capper
Escarpment PROBUS	19 April - 9:30 am	Milton Memorial Arena	Martin Capper
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Legends In Concert	23 April - 11:30 am	David's Restaurant. 20 Shamrock Rd. Erin, ON	Ron Millichamp
Legislative Bldg tour	26 April - 11 am.	Legislative Bldg.	Joanne Millichamp
Newcomers Orientation	26 April - 9:30 am	Grace Anglican Church	Liz & Cliff Read
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