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Robyn Balfour
President

Summer in September ... as a New Year begins for Escarpment PROBUS.

An excellent start to Fall, hot sunny days, big blue skies and already we are surrounded by the beautiful colours of fall. Escarpment PROBUS celebrated the end of our 4th year at the annual dinner. 100 +- Probians enjoyed a delicious four course meal and danced to *Rockin Robin*.

The formal portion of the Annual General Meeting was followed by Paul Crawford's Travelogue on China. So very well portrayed and most enjoyable.

As President of Escarpment PROBUS, I am very much looking forward to working with our executive team and members of our club. I am committed to do my very best to uphold the extremely high standard that has been set by my predecessors, to ensure we all continue to enjoy the fun loving, social club we are today.

We wish all of our travellers to Austria, Switzerland and Italy a safe and stunning trip.

In November we move to our fabulous new venue.

I am looking forward to seeing you all back at our Thompson Road Venue for the October meeting.



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Friendship Club

Can you laugh, listen or talk and drink coffee/tea too? Then come and try out these skills at the "Friendship Club" every 4th Wednesday of the month from 10:00am to noon at

Seasons Retirement Home, 760 Bronte St. S.

Sign up at the next meeting or contact Judy Kauss:
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See you soon! Life's good, keep smiling!



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Our October Speaker



Corporal (Ret) Jim Maclean, Medic and his Service Dog

Jim McLean served in our military for 14 years. After release several tests were done and they found out that he was also suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as major depression, anxiety and severe panic attacks. For these mental illnesses, he would receive Elvis, his service dog.

The job of a PTSD service dog is to be a constant companion, providing important reality affirmation to alleviate flashbacks, nightmares and blank stares. Dogs pick up on negative emotions of detachment and depression. They also relieve hyper-vigilance, as well as suppress anxiety by nudging and distracting to relieve escalating anxiety that can lead to panic attacks.

Update: Elvis, Cpl Maclean's companion, died recently and thus will not accompany him.

“

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

”

Our November Speaker

Ellen Roseman — On Your Side Columnist for the Toronto Star

Ellen helps make sense of the business world and advocates for readers in their dealings with large companies. She will tell us about her many interesting experiences assisting people to get fair treatment from businesses.



Join Your friends for Lunch on October 18th

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

Please join the *Lunch Bunch* after the meeting at

**The Ivy Arms
201 Main St East**

We will be in the room downstairs
Entrance is at the back.

[Menu available online!](#)

There will be a sign-up sheets on the tables if you wish to attend.



Bring a Book - Take a Book

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor

Some best sellers were brought in to be exchanged and were quickly snapped up by other avid readers. Please remember to bring those books back to allow others the same opportunity. If you bring more than one book please take the same number home. The book bin was overloaded making it hard to lug home.

I will be away next month. Ravenous Readers will resume in November.

Gentlemen, Where Are You!

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

The outgoing Activity Committee is going to be a challenge to follow. There were really interesting activities, and I'm sure it was like herding cats at times. Thanks so much.

The incoming Activity Committee will be made up of 5 ladies, so far. We share a variety of interests, so we should be able to provide interesting and fun things to do. BUT, we need a couple gentlemen to balance out the committee. I can guarantee you will enjoy it.

Also, if any member has a suggestion that you think the Escarpment PROBUS would enjoy, contact one of the new Activity Committee members. We are: Michelle Tschirhart, Christy Babcock, Pat Vogt, Jenny O'Brien and Stephanie Hamnet.

I'm looking forward to a busy two years.

Sign up for these events at the September meeting, so please don't forget to bring your cheque book.

Halloween Dance: On Saturday October 28th from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. Please join us if you dare for a spooktacular celebration at the Royal Canadian Legion Milton, in the Upper Hall. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a light meal at 10:00pm, door prizes and entertainment by DJ Rob Hewitt who will be playing music from the 50's to the 80's. There will be a cash bar. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Please sign up at the next meeting. *See AD on page 10.*

Flamboro Raceway: Thursday November 9, 2017. Dining room opens at 5:00pm. Post time is 6:00pm. Prime rib dinner buffet. \$35.50 per person. See AD below.



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 NIGHT AT FLAMBORO DOWNS RACETRACK

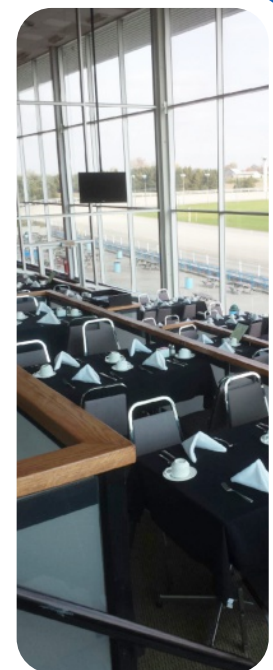
Thursday November 9, 2017

Prime rib dinner buffet
\$35.50 per person

Includes taxes, gratuities, race name in the program,
Group photo in the winner's circle and racing programs

TOP O' TURN dining room
Panoramic view of the Racetrack
Post time is 6:00pm
Dining room opens at 5:00pm

\$5.00 slot play incentive with Valid government id.



Christmas Dinner being Planned

By Julie Flynn - Social Chair

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Our dinner was a great success. The Grand Chalet once again provided an excellent meal, and everyone enjoyed listening and dancing to *Rockin Robin*. A huge thank you to the social committee for all their help. See photos on page 8.

THE SOCIAL SCENE



CHRISTMAS LUNCH - SAVE THE DATE

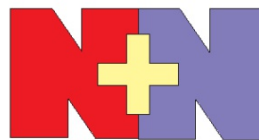
Looking forward, we have started plans for our Christmas Lunch. This year, it will be held on December 13 at Granite Ridge Golf Course. Entertainment will be provided by Kiley Joe Masson. Details will follow.

Get your tickets at the October and November meetings.

Noshing in a Hidden Gem in Georgetown

By Gillian Reynolds - Convenor

The September 8th Nosh n Natter was held at the delightful secluded home of Russ & Mary Cousins tucked away in the corner of a secluded downtown enclave. The four couples took liquid refreshment in the beautiful walled garden and then went inside to partake of the fine array of foods, the men in one room and the women in another - sexual segregation. From the photos you can tell who was having the most fun!

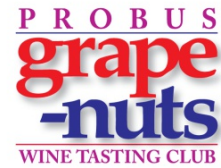


Noshing & Nattering at the Hieberts'



Last Days of Summer

By Ron Millichamp - Correspondent



The Millichamps hosted wine tasting on September 5th. The theme was "the end of summer" and accordingly we sampled 6 wines (2 sparkling, 2 rosé and 2 reds). The sparkling wines were a Bottega Prosecco from Italy and a Cathedral Cellar Brut from South Africa, a recommendation from the LCBO sommelier. They both had similar scores, in the high 12's.

The rosés were well received with a French Chateau Bellevue and a VQA called Malivorie Ladybug . They both scored in the high 13's.

The reds were both beaujolais from France. One was a Georges Duboeuf Brouilly, considered a 'Cru' (top of the line) at \$18.45, and the second a more common red called Pisse-Dru. The winner of the evening was the Pisse-Dru with a score of 15.5. This wine sells for \$13.00. Both wines were considered extra dry with a very low sugar content. One of our tasters rushed to his local LCBO to purchase the Pisse-Dru which was on sale for \$2.00 off until September 10th. An excellent buy!

A good time was had by all.



Competing with a certain politician in the 'Most Colourful Socks' category.



Ron proving to us that he's a Lord! & Norma curtsying in deference.



September's Lunch at East Side Mario's



Passing the Editor's Torch

By Peter Lasota - Past FORUM Editor

It's time for me to retire (again)! I am passing the torch into the capable hands of **Diane Comstock**.

It takes a lot of people to make the FORUM. I want to thank the many correspondents, convenors and managers who contributed articles and photos.

Special thanks to Lorrette Shermet for her role as 'photographer at large'. The majority of the photos in the FORUM are her work. Without all these people's contributions the FORUM would be little more than an empty shell. Also, many thanks to Alan Jordan, the original editor, for his mentorship and for his design of the magazine. His were big shoes to step into but he helped me all the way.

Diane will be producing the November issue of the FORUM, so please remember to send your contributions to her at meljenscc@sympatico.ca

Best wishes and good luck Diane, I wish you smooth sailing.



Controlling your Stash

By Diane Comstock - Convenor



The Piece Makers met on September 4th at Wendy Stringer's home. We admired Wendy's show and tell: a book bag (Wendy we need the pattern) and her row of appliqué houses (great job).



Barbara Alderson once again joined our meeting and this time brought a bag of pink materials and floral materials for us to pick over. Diane spoke about ways to cut and store our endless fabric stashes. Idea is to cut your leftover fabric from your project

immediately into usable sizes: strips and squares of 1.5", 2", 2.5", and 3.5" work nicely. If you are into string quilts or appliqué with small items (example: windows, doors, and chimneys in Wendy's quilt above), you can keep anything less than 1.5" wide or something that is long and tapered from squaring off a cut of fabric. Use clear-plastic storage boxes to hold fabrics of the same size and label the boxes for true efficiency.



Quilting Acronyms and Term of the month:

SABLE = Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy

SEX = Stash Enhancing Excursion

STASH = Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden

Stash – The term that refers to a quilter's collection of fabrics, which is usually quite an impressive amount of fabric.

Our next meeting will be a virtual one as several members cannot attend in person. We are all encouraged to email the group with pictures of our projects and our "controlled stash".



Anniversary Dance - Gallery



“

There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will have truly defeated age.

”

~ Sophia Loren

Catan Popular

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor



Steve and Diane were the hosts for our board game afternoon on September 13. Six members played a very competitive game of Catan, with Diane being determined the winner at the end.

The next get-together will be October 11 at 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. The games have yet to be determined, so if you have a favourite, bring it along. This is a good opportunity to get out that game you always want to play and can't find enough willing participants.



Cribbage Club Fall Tournament

By Martin Capper - Convenor

A record 28 people turned out for the Fall Tournament. The round robin portion was broken down into 7 pools with each player playing 3 games. Pool winners were Don, Steve, the two Ellens, Paul, Keith and Bill. Paul, Ellen W and Keith survived the knockouts to play in the final in which Ellen W triumphed to be crowned Fall Champion.

Several players scored 24, including Joanne who managed it with two identical hands in successive games! Closest match up of the night went to Bill and Marion in a pool that went to a second cut (our version of penalty shots!) of the deck to decide Bill was the winner!



The photograph is of the 3 finalists and the Champion - with her winnings!

Thanks to Gloria, Ellen C, Wayne. and Anna for contributions to our taste buds with snacks and treats.

REMINDER: The October meeting will be Thanksgiving Monday at the home of Ellen and Chris Wallhouse as the writer and 31 others will be trying to find George Clooney and family at Lake Como! Address details will be sent out a week ahead of the meeting!



Dues are Due October 1, 2017

Thanks to all of you who have renewed. We have received 157 renewals to date.

Our annual dues are due by October 1. If you have not already renewed, please bring your cheque to the October meeting, made out to **Escarpment PROBUS** in the amount of \$45 per person.

If you don't plan to attend, please mail your cheque to:



Maggie Boothe
980 Dice Way
Milton, ON
L9T 8C1

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

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Close friends contribute to our personal growth. They also contribute to our personal pleasure, making the music sound sweeter, the wine taste richer, the laughter ring louder because they are there.

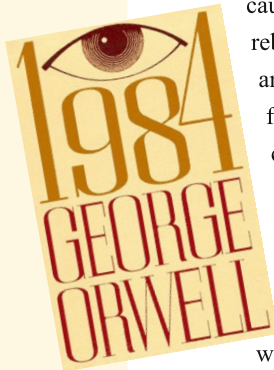
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~ Judith Viorst

Big Brother is Watching You!

By Christine Cormier - Correspondent



The Trilogy Book Club met this September to discuss the book *1984* by George Orwell. The book took place in a fictitious place called Oceania. Winston, the main character, worked in the Ministry of Truth for the ruling Party under the leadership of Big Brother. It was here that Winston, although seemingly following party lines, realized that, under the fanatical party, lies became truth and that the past was being altered both in written works and in the language at that time. He observed how Big Brother had control over all their lives. Telescreens monitored every facial expression, daily propaganda told them what to think, "Doublethink" manipulated them causing contradictions in their minds and the Thought Police monitored them for any thoughts of rebellion. Parts of Winston struggled with himself whether he should act and rebel. He finally did and his rebellion took many interesting turns throughout the book but, in the end after being found out and tortured, he finally won the victory over himself (or finally defeated himself) and conceded he loves Big Brother. This book was Orwell's warning to us against communism and totalitarianism or any extreme fanatical government being in power.



Although most of us agreed we didn't enjoy reading the book, we did have a very lively discussion. We compared it to today in regards to technology tracking and manipulating us, media influencing our grasp of reality in the world, leaderships power using their might and wealth to control and to the growing spread between the top wealthy class and the rest of society.

We came away understanding ideas such as "war is peace" and "newspeak" versus "oldspeak" and certainly the very popular phrase "Big Brother Is Watching You"!

Our group is small in number but wonderful! We get off topic a lot and enjoy many laughs along the way as we navigate a new book or just talk about our own lives. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Please let Linda Green know at 289-851-8655.

Our next meeting is October 11th at Shirley & Ray's and we will be discussing Born A Crime by Trevor Noah.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

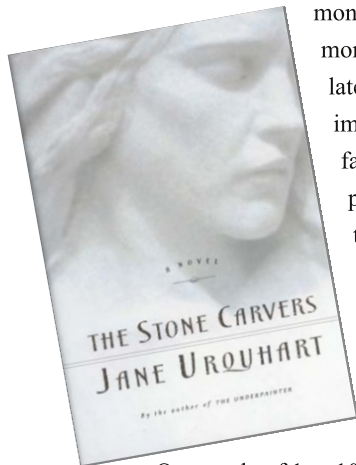
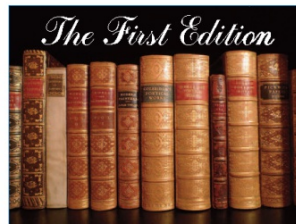
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136
21 Charles St, Milton, Upper Hall
Saturday October 28th
7:00 - 11:00 pm
\$25.00 per person
Light meal at 10:00pm
Cash Bar Door prizes
Costumes encouraged but not mandatory
D.J. Rob Hewitt
Music from the 50's to 80's



More than the Vimy Memorial

By Penny McIlwaine - Correspondent

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, reputedly a significant battle in WWI as well as in the history of Canada as a nation. The First Edition book club recently reviewed *The Stone Carvers* by Canadian author Jane Urquhart. The book gives an account of the carving of the famous Canadian



monument commemorating Vimy – and so much more. Klara Becker, granddaughter of German immigrants to Ontario in the late 19th century and one of the carvers, loses the love of her life, an Irish immigrant, to the War. Klara's brother Tilman wandered away from the family's farm home from an early age and was gone for many years prompting discussion of possible diagnosis of autism. The book has many themes; a partial list would include immigration and building of church and community, child abuse, loss and redemption. All characters were fictional except for Walter Allward who designed not only the Vimy monument but many buildings in Ottawa. After pouring 15 years of his life into the Vimy project, which was completed in 1936, he was ignored by Ottawa and was a broken man.

On a scale of 1 to 10 most members rated the book an 8 with one 6 and one 9. Jane Urquhart is a masterful writer; even when the book suffered from “too many words” the writing was beautiful. This is definitely a book to read for the history of the monument, the time in Canadian history and for the poetry of the writing.

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Language is wine upon the lips.

”

~ Virginia Woolf

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, November 22nd 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.

newbies

A Tie for First Place

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

Wayne and Suzanne Herder were the hosts for the September meeting of the D'Stillers. Wayne presented us with five whiskies for our tasting pleasure, following are the results:



Tied for first place were '**Tomatin 8 Yr Old' Single Malt** and '**Old Parr**' Blended Scotch with a score of 78%.



Tomatin Distillery, producer and blender of Highland region whiskies, is located in the Monadhliath Mountains just south of Inverness, capital of the Highlands of Scotland. Established in 1897, Tomatin is also one of the highest distilleries in Scotland at 315 metres above sea level. The Distillery produces 5 Million litres of Malt Whisky per year making it the largest Distiller of malt whisky in Scotland, their warehouse can hold up to 40 Million Listers of whisky.

As for 'Old Parr' it was introduced in 1909 by Greenlees Brothers of London and Glasgow. It takes its name from the reputed oldest man in Britain, 'Old Tom Parr' The name emphasised the maturity of the product. The brand was initially successful in London, before finding popularity in export markets. Interestingly enough the image of Old Tom Parr on the label of the bottle was painted by Peter Paul Rubens.

Second of the evening was '**Whitehorse' blended scotch whisky**' with a score of 75%. This is one of Scotland's oldest whiskies still in production since 1861. Whitehorse is particularly noted for it's use of Lagavulin one of the great single malt whiskies from the island of Islay.

Third was '**Haig Club**' a single grain whisky which scored 72%. Single grain whisky is characterized as being produced from unmalted cereal grain. The British soccer star David Beckham endorses this whisky, however, most of the reviews have not been very good. Perhaps marketing with a high profile name and the distinctive blue bottle will help its survival.



Last but not least was '**Wolfhead**' Canadian Whiskey with a score of 57.5%. Wolfhead is a brand new distillery, it opened in July 2016 in Amherstburg Ontario. This is one of the new type craft distillers that has become popular of late. Currently they produce six different products, they also have their own restaurant on the premises and cater to tour groups.

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

The Wednesday October 4th meeting will be held at the home of Martin and Norma Capper.

Our September Meeting - Our 4th Anniversay



Our Greeters - Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks



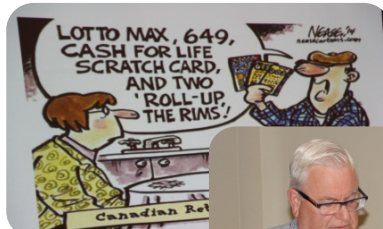
Our newest members, left to right: Josie Bruno, Linda Burdon, Pamela Lester, Judith Mitchell, Ev Zanetta



Paul Crawford telling us about his China trip



Our 50/50 winner was Carolyn Rumley - she took home \$125.50

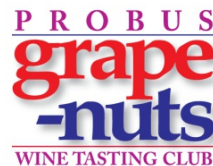


Our speaker, Tammy Kennedy, gave us a lot of valuable information about retirement planning. Left: her assistants.



Grapenuts – Getting Ready for Fall

By Michael Hooker - Convenor



Our September Tasting Results:

Joanne and Ron Millichamp picked the perfect theme - "Wines for the End of Summer".

Best of the "non-Reds" was a Rose - Malivore Ladybug Rose - Canadian - VQA, LCBO 559088, \$16.95, score 13.9.

Best Red: Pisse-Dru Beaujolais (France) LCBO 2881. \$12.95. Score 15.5.

Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks' theme was "Wines from South Africa".

Best White - A tie, with a score of 14.6, between: Sonance Pinot Grigio, LCBO 483487, \$11.95; and Inception Irresistible White, LCBO 441535, \$13.95,

Best Red: The Bean Coffee Pinotage, LCBO 251165, \$16.95, score 13.7.

Ellen and Paul Crawford took a different line – their theme was: "In a Different Direction" - Wines from the Pacific North West.

A tie for Best White: Mission Hill Pinot Blanc Five Vineyards (British Columbia), LCBO 145094, \$16.45 / Pinot Gris Oregon Firesteed Estate. LCBO 323808, \$19.95. Both scored 13.5

Best Red: Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Crest Horse Heaven Hills (Washington State), LCBO 210047, \$20.95, score 15.4.

Our October genteel sipping events will be hosted by Sandy Cannell and Robyn Balfour, Liz and Cliff Read, Ellen and Chris Wallhouse. Ellen and Chris still have space available.

“

I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

”

~ Douglas Adams

Grapenuts at the Crawfords'



It doesn't matter if the glass is half full or half empty, there's clearly room for more wine.



Planning Future Projects

By Christine Willekes - Convenor

After a summer recess the knitting/crocheting group met on Thursday September 21. We shared our current projects and discussed future project possibilities and of course future trips, some with PROBUS and some without.



Since several members of our group will be travelling in October, our next meeting will be on Thursday November 16 at the home of Ellen Crawford at 10:30.

Pictured, is one of several blankets crocheted by Barb Finnie and she only has about one quarter of it left to finish.

Enjoy your needlework.

Woof!

By Petra Halk - Convenor



Ten people came out for Board Games/Scrabble. Four played Scrabble. We play with the use of the dictionary. The other 6 played ————— ?



The next meeting will be at Grace Anglican Church Wednesday October 11, at 1pm.

Passing the Gavel

By Robyn Balfour - President

As said by Robyn after Martin handed the President's gavel to her.

It is my honour and pleasure to thank Martin Capper for his service and leadership of the Escarpment PROBUS. Martin has been a very important influence in moulding the Escarpment PROBUS Club. Martin's long tenure and commitment to the Executive team and PROBUS members has paid off.

Martin was Treasurer for the first two years then signed on for three more years as VP, then President and has one more year to go as Past President. Martin is extremely astute and knowledgeable.

A fantastic team player who goes above and beyond. Martin's insights and encouragement to participate are extended to all.

These are large shoes to fill. Thank you most sincerely on behalf of the Executive Team and Escarpment PROBUS Members, for your dedication to maintain and grow our club to be the successful, efficient, fun loving club so many of us enjoy today.



Toasting the Arrival of Fall

By Barb Finnie - Correspondent



What a wonderful evening it was to welcome in fall. A beautiful blue sky, followed by the dazzling stars after dark and serenaded by music from the illustrious Milton Fall Fair. Twenty four of us enjoyed a great evening full of continuous friendship at the home of Al and Barb Finnie. Despite the onslaught of mosquitoes that chased some indoors and the unfortunate one who was locked in the "loo" by the "trick" door, everyone had a good time.



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To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

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~ Edmund Burke

Indigenous & Ecological Issues

By Judy Nelson - Convenor

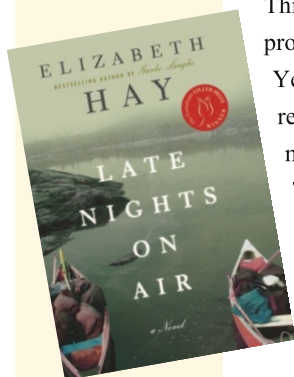


This month the Sequel book club reviewed Elizabeth Hay's *'Late Nights on Air'*. As usual, not everyone agreed and we had a lively discussion.

This is a Canadian book by a Canadian writer. Elizabeth Hay is a skilled writer whose beautiful poetic prose is evident in this novel. She won the 2007 Giller prize for *Great Nights on Air*. She brings Yellowknife to life for those who have never been there. It deals with issues still relevant today in respect to indigenous Canadians and ecological issues. It is a novel but it also contains a lot of factual material. The Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry heard by Justice Thomas Berger plays a large role. The Ill-fated Hornby expedition talked about in the book is fact and inspired the story. I also note that this story rang true because the author herself actually followed the trail travelled by the Hornby party.

Some of our readers were unhappy with the introduction and development of the many eclectic characters in this book, which they felt was much too long, so much so that in a couple of cases they couldn't get past it and missed the story of the book.

The majority of our readers would recommend this book as a good read.



Synopsis of Escarpment PROBUS Annual General Meeting - September 20, 2017

By Robyn Balfour - President

The meeting was brought to order by Martin Capper at 9:30 a.m.

Ron Du Pont, Membership Chair, verified that there was a quorum (minimum of 56 members) in attendance, as required by PROBUS.



Ron Du Pont presented the membership report. We have 221 members; five new members were introduced at the September meeting. Ron also extended a warm welcome to three new guests. Ron thanked his wife Anne for assisting him in the role.

Martin Capper thanked the outgoing management members:- Gloria Pennycook, Ron Du Pont, Peter Lasota, Sandy Cannell and John Flynn for their two and three years of dedication and commitment to the success of Escarpment PROBUS.

These positions will be filled by: Martin Capper (Past President), Robyn Balfour (President), Harold Grace (Vice President), Maggie Boothe (Membership Chair), Diane Comstock (Forum), Anne Marie Stockley (Activities Chair), Jacqui Gerard (Treasurer)

Wayne Hearder will stay on as Program Chair, Julie Flynn will stay on as Social Chair and Dianne Tomson will stay on as Secretary.

The Management team slate was acclaimed.

The Annual Financial Report was distributed to each table prior to the meeting for members to review. Motion was made and carried to approve the Audited Financial Statement, all questions were addressed.

Martin Capper formally turned over the role of president of Escarpment PROBUS to Robyn Balfour. Robyn gave a tribute to Martin's five year commitment to the club (*see page 15*). Robyn also thanked the members of the management team who have completed their term and extends a very warm welcome to the new members.



Maggie and Michael Boothe (Membership)



Jacqui Gerard (Treasurer)



Anne Marie Stockley (Activities)



Martin Capper passing the presidency to Robyn Balfour



Harold Grace (Vice President)



Diane Comstock (Forum)

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
OCTOBER 2017			
Management Meeting	11 October - 7 pm	TBD	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	18 October	Milton Memorial Arena	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	18 October	The Ivy Arms - 201 Main St E	Bonnie Lennox
Halloween Dance	28 October 7 - 11 pm	Royal Canadian Legion Milton	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	Granite Ridge	Harold O'Brien
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thurs. - 7:00pm	TBD	Michael Hooker
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st Monday - 1:00pm	TBD	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	Allandale	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 - 10 to 11 am	TBD	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Wallhouse Home	Martin Capper
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10 am	B. Alderson @ Rumley home	Judy Nelson
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - Scrabble	2nd Wednesday - 1:00pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Knitting Club	No October meeting	Willekes home	Chris Willekes
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	TBD	TBD	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 Memorial Arena	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	11 October	Mathews Home	Linda Green
Canasta	4th Monday - 7 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	4th Wednesday - 10 am	Seasons Retirement Home	Judy Krauss
Joker Club	4th Wednesday - 1:30pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday 5:30 to 8 pm	TBD	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Bowling	Last Wed of month 3 - 5 pm	Champs Bowling	Stephanie Hamnett
NOVEMBER 2017			
Management Meeting	8 November - 7 pm	TBD	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	15 November	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	15 November	TBD	Bonnie Lennox
Flamboro Raceway	9 November ' - 5pm @ dining Rm	Flamboro Raceway	Ron Millichamp
Newcomer's Welcome	22 November - 9:30am	Grace Anglican Church	Liz & Cliff Read
Men of the Deeps	29 November 8pm	Burlington Perf. Arts Center	Ron Millichamp
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Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	Matthews' Home	Jeanne Reid
Board Games - Scrabble	1st Wednesday - 1 to 4 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
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* Always held at this location	Temporary Change		

New Venue!

