

FORUM

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FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB
MILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN - SPRING IS IN THE AIR

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Robyn Balfour
President

False Start to Spring...

Get ready, get set, go...Let's try again...O look, Spring has finally arrived at the beginning of May.

Mother Nature apologizes for the late spring;

it was Father Time who insisted they didn't need to ask for directions.

Let's celebrate the great outdoors. Nosh on patios, golf, lawn bowling, bocce, and our highlight - the Summer Picnic on Thursday July 12th. This year we will also have our regular monthly general meeting on July 18th, the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please mark both these dates on your calendars.

Bring your brilliance - Escarpment Probus needs your input, this is your club, share your ideas please.

Click for Part 1

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Your input and opinions are valued and very much needed. The survey this year comes in two parts. The first part may be filled out anonymously while the second part requires that you provide your name. These are very quick and fun surveys to fill out. Simply click the links to the left or enter the addresses below into your browser to be directed right to the surveys. Please complete before the end of May. Let's see if we can surpass our record of last year when ~ 80 people completed the 2017 survey. We are anticipating new and innovative ideas to keep our club ever active and exciting. Thank you in advance for completing the survey. Once the data is gathered on survey monkey and analysed, the highlights will be shared with members at our monthly general meeting in June.

Part 1 survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/R7KV6GT>

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Our nomination committee of five this year consists of Martin Capper - Past President and Chair of committee, Harold Grace - Vice-President, Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair, Joanne Millichamp - founder member and Past President, and myself Robyn Balfour - President. Come and talk to us about being on the management team. Your club needs you. We have 4 roles to fill: Vice-President, Program, Secretary, and Social. The list of candidates will be presented at our AGM in September. This year we are also looking for members who may be interested in assisting/supporting in any of the management roles.

Hope to see you all at the next general meeting on May 16 at 121 Chisholm Drive, Milton.

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

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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this newsmagazine with our compliments.

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS CONVENOR'S INFORMATION

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Our May Speaker

Tim Talks Tesla

Tim Burrows is a retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distillery and a graduate of the University of Toronto. He is an active member of the Electric Vehicle Society which works to promote the advancement of electric mobility in Canada. Tim and his wife Lesley have lived in Carlisle for the past 23 years.

Tim is an electric car enthusiast who has owned and driven a battery-electric car since 2013. He now enjoys speaking about the benefits of EV ownership to clubs such as Rotary, Lions, and Probus. He has also had the pleasure of speaking at schools, churches, and private clubs, addressing some of the myths and misconceptions about electric cars.

We are at the beginning of a revolution in the auto industry... electric cars and driverless vehicles will begin to have a profound effect on society in the very near future.



Our June Speaker



British Home Children

Ms. Lori Oschefski is a Genealogical Researcher and Advocate whose work is recognized world wide. Her work had been the subject of coverage with interviews and articles from many news media outlets including the BBC in England, multi-award winning regional newspaper Kent on Sunday & Kent on Saturday, Medway Messenger, KMFM Radio Kent, the Meridian Television and in Canada – the Canadian Post Media News and more recently the Winnipeg Free Press, the CBC radio, BBC Radio Wales, CBC The National, The Scotsman (Scotland) and many other community Canadian newspapers. Several magazine articles have been published based on her work, including Bygone Kent and Gillingham Scout News. Lori has written several articles for magazines including “Canadian Stories” and the Grey Bruce magazine "Mosaic", Focus 50 magazine, and a Quebec History magazine. Lori had the honor of writing the forward for the newly released book "Promises of Homes" - a collection of stories of British Home Children (BHC) by Rose McCormick Brandon. She is also recognized in the 2014 release of "Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest" for her contributions to this book and she co-wrote the January 2015 article published in the magazine Your Town Newcastle Magazine.

Ms. Oschefski became involved with the BHC when, in 2008, her mother, at the age of eighty six, revealed that she had been adopted. Ms. Oschefski soon discovered that her mother was, in fact, a Child Migrant of the Salvation Army brought to Canada in 1924. In researching her mother’s family history Ms. Oschefski not only discovered that she was the Child of a Child Migrant, but that in fact, her maternal Grandfather was a British Home Child of the Dr. Barnardo Homes. In fact, research has revealed that there are an incredible number of fifteen BHC in her family tree.

Ms. Oschefski will speak to us regarding her advocacy work with the BHC as she strives to catalogue Home Child information and Home Children stories, and with her abilities in Family History Research, to reconnect families unjustly torn apart by these migrant programs. Ms. Oschefski’s work with the migrant children is cataloged in the December 2011 released web site British Home Children in Canada.

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Genealogy is among the fastest-growing leisure pursuits in the U.K. Indeed, the urge to uncover the truth about our ancestors has proved so compelling that, when the 1901 census first went online, the website crashed after a million people logged on within hours of its launch.
- Rory Bremner

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Spring has sprung; the grass has riz; I wonder where the boidies is?

(Try it with a Bronx twang.)

by Anne Marie Stockley - Chair

OK, PROBUS members, let's go find them. We are planning outdoor activities for the coming summer. I have not listed all the summer events here, and suggest that you come to the meeting a few minutes early and see what is new, before the coffee break rush. Bring your cheque books and don't forget that using the Cheque Writing Table makes it easier to do the sign-up sheets at the Activity table.



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First, let me tell you that we have had two very successful events this past month. Our cooking class at Superstore's Upstairs Kitchen, Spring into Summer was a great success. We'll do it again in the Fall. Also, we had a huge turnout for the Pub and Quiz Night. Martin and Norma Capper did a terrific job of organizing the event. We had lots of fun, a few mind-bending questions and cheery atmosphere.

Our SUNDAY THEATRE AFTERNOON is on Sunday, May 6th at the Milton Arts Centre at 2:00 pm. This is a production of "The Odd Couple". They are a very flamboyant group of actors who will make you laugh. Reservations for refreshments following the performance are made at Symposium which is located at Derry Road and Holly Avenue. **Group Tickets have been purchased** and will be waiting for you at the Box Office.

Of course, our HIGH TEA at the Escarpment Tea Room, takes place at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 17th. **This event is sold out and there is a wait list.** If you are registered but cannot attend, please let me know so someone else can attend in your place. A refund can be made only if a replacement member attends. The Escarpment Tea Room is located at 104 Tremaine Rd N., Milton. Top hats and fasinators will be in style.

CANVAS AND COCKTAILS has proven to be very popular. We have 34 members who have paid, 37 in total have signed up and we can take up to 40. On Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 pm we will gather at Ned Devine's Pub on Derry Road & Ontario St. You will need to balance a canvas, paints, the apron, and any cocktail you purchase while taking instructions from an expert. I expect to see these masterpieces in the homes of our members throughout the coming years. Again, if unable to attend, a refund can be made only if a replacement is found.

We are sure to find some boidies at PLANT PARADISE Botanical Garden on our tour and Lunch in Caledon. On Wednesday, June 27th the tour starts at 10:00am. The address is 16258 Humber Station Road, Caledon East. \$40 will include your Tour of Gardens and a selection of items from the lunch menu at Ray's Bistro. Individual food sensitivities can be accommodated. Tour the historical town of Alton. Check at the Activity table for names of members to carpool with.

We will visit WHISTLING GARDENS, in Brantford on Thursday, July 19th. The tour starts at 10:00 am. The entrance to the Gardens will be \$13.75. The cost of your lunch is not covered. Lunch is available at the Gardens, or at one of the local restaurants after you leave the Gardens. A list of recommended restaurants will be available next month. Check with the Activity table to Car Pool. We are encouraging afternoon visits in the area to tour the Bell Homestead (\$6 entrance fee) which has two restored Victorian homes and gardens, on the Grand River. Or visit one of the local dairies such as the Little Brown Cow Dairy & Store.

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*Cheque us
out.*

*Please remember to
bring your cheque
book to all the
Probus
meetings if you
would like to sign up
for any of the
activities.
Thank you*

After 2 very successful and capacity turnouts at last summer's LAWN BOWLING activities, we're excited about our return to the Milton Lawn Bowling Club (43 Commercial St.) on Wednesday, June 6th from 1-4PM. It appears you're all excited too, **as the event is now sold out** and there is a wait list. Teams will be assigned, but it's all just for fun and love for the game and the great outdoors! Bring along your lawn chairs and be sure you have comfortable flat shoes. Light refreshments will be provided. Please pay your \$7 registration fee at the May 16th general meeting.

Plans are underway for Bocce and for a golf tournament (9 & Dine) in August. There will be a second Lawn Bowling event later in the summer too. Other events are planned for the summer that you will hear about at the May 16th general meeting.

A NIAGARA WINERY TOUR is set for Wednesday, September 5th. We will leave Milton Sports Centre on two small buses at 9:30 and return about 3:30. The first winery we visit is The Hare Wine Company, then to Caroline Cellars for tastings and you can purchase your lunch. Finally, samplings at Chateau des Charmes. The cost for the bus and all tastings is \$47.00. There is limited capacity on the buses so be sure to pay when you sign up. We will have more information at the May 16th meeting.

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Sign up for the 2018/19 Supper Club!

by *Auriel Halliday - Convenor*

Another season approaches and we are already thinking about the menus for the 2018/19 Supper Club. The idea of the Supper Club is to offer Escarpment Probus couples and singles the opportunity to meet new friends. Singles team up to make a pair. Each dinner caters to four couples including the hosts. Each couple is responsible for providing a quarter of the menu using the recipes provided in the recipe book that is available at approximately \$5.00, which covers the cost of printing. The book lays out each menu, with complete recipe instructions. The cost of the food and wine is divided among the four couples.



The Supper club meets 3 times during the fall, winter, and spring months. Hosts are rotated, their responsibility being to provide the main course as well as two bottles of wine and, of course, an ambient atmosphere for their guests. All members are expected to host at least once throughout the season.

Sign up sheets will be available in July and August. Please join us for our third year of good food, laughter, and friends.

Oh la la Francaise

by *Megs Shellard - Correspondent*



It was "Ladies Night" at the Supper Club event held on April 28th. The theme for the evening was "Oh la la Francaise" hence the red, white, and blue. Our main dish was Coq au Vin, with Crepes Suzette for dessert. Everything tasted great and many of the participants said they would use the whole menu again. We had lots of fun and Anne Marie also provided a "pasta quiz". Must do it again some time.



Compte-rendu club francais

by John Yardley - *Convenor*



The second meeting, held at the home of Barbara Crowe and John Yardley, turned out, to our great surprise, to be even more popular than our inaugural meeting in March. We also noticed a number of new names added at the last Probus meeting, making us both astounded at the presence of so many Francophiles in Milton and its environs. Of course we are all 'd'un certain age', as the French delicately say, and that explains a lot--education now is different (though not necessarily inferior) from what it was then, when French was a regular part of the school curriculum.

This being a social club, not a class, we do not take attendance, but we estimate that there were about a dozen attendees at each session. Anne listed and explained some expressions useful for the traveller in France at the first one, and at the second we had a wide-ranging conversation that jumped about all over the place. We insist again that this is relaxation and entertainment and not competitive, so members should feel relaxed whatever their level of attainment in the language.

Our next meeting will, as has been agreed, once more take place on the Wednesday of the week before the next Probus meeting, i.e. on May 9. A la prochaine!

New Member is a Winner!

by Stephen Comstock - *Convenor*

Steve and Diane Comstock were the hosts for our board game afternoon on April 11th. Four members attended, First game was "Ticket to Ride", and although new member Beth Barnes was unfamiliar with the game, she came out the winner. Since we had time, we played another game, "King's Cribbage", and Diane was the runaway winner there.



The next get-together will be May 9th at 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. Lorrette is the host for the May meeting and is thinking of playing "Camel Cup" or "Ticket to Ride". If you have a favourite game, bring it along and share it with everyone.



Tables of Four and Two

by Lorrette Shermet - *Convenor*



Canasta was hosted by Lorraine Randall on April 23rd. We had two tables of four and a table of two. Canasta is a game that can be played by two, three, or four people. At Probus we prefer to play partners with four per table. The next Canasta game will be held at Rejeanne Petroff's place on May 28th at 7 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

by Julie Flynn - Chair

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

PROBUS PICNIC

Mark your calendars for a day of fun! The annual Probus picnic will be held at Lowville Park on Thursday, July 12. Join us for bocce, mush ball, a scavenger hunt, and of course great food, catered by Troy's Diner. Tickets will be for sale at the May and June meetings.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Plans are already under way for our annual dinner dance. It will be held at The Grand Chalet on Friday, September 14. Details and tickets to follow.



Saving Fish from Drowning

By Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent

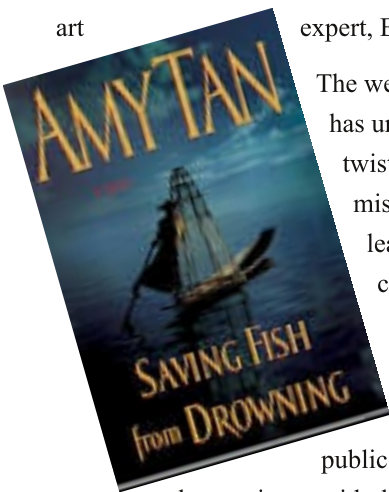
The Trilogy Book Club met at member Linda Green's home on April 11th to discuss our book pick, *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan. The book was one of the most challenging this group has read to date. The plot describes the escapades of a group of 12 American tourists from a prepubescent teen to middle-aged divorcees who have booked a tour through Myanmar (formerly Burma) with tour guide and art expert, Bibi Chen.



The well-orchestrated tour gets off to a shaky start when the group learns that Bibi has unexpectedly died under mysterious circumstances. In an unexpected plot twist, Bibi's ghost accompanies the rag-tag group and is the narrator of their misadventures that include cultural gaffes that incur the curses of locals and lead eventually to the group being kidnapped and taken to a remote jungle compound.

It is here that the group experiences the lives of the Karen tribe, a fugitive sect who have been brutalized by the Myanmar regime for decades. The group comes to understand the reality behind the travel brochures and public relations campaigns that paint an idyllic picture for tourists but are at complete variance with the harsh conditions of their citizens.

As a group, we felt that we were taken along on a journey that had a lot of humour in the beginning but were then plunged into the horror of an authoritarian regime that showed no mercy in the brutality they showed against their own people. When asked that all important question – would you recommend this book to a friend, our group had to think hard. It's not a story that flows easily and it does require effort to keep going. But if you have an interest in the history of Myanmar and its culture, it would be an interesting read, but overall our group was less than impressed.



Four Time Winners

by Ellen & Paul Crawford - Correspondents



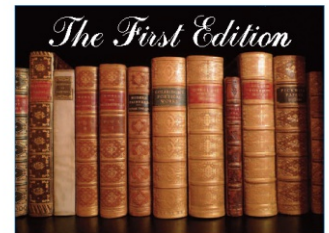
Sixteen avid Joker enthusiasts met on Wednesday to test their skills against each other. The play was very high level with many pulling off the dreaded 3 way bump using a Joker to frustrate their opposition and help their team. Many games were decided by a small margin with the losing team also ready to go out. Any new members wanting to learn this game can ask for help to learn and become part of this enjoyable Probus activity. Ellen Wallhouse and Joanne Millichamp were 4 time winners. We kept no records of any 4 time losers.



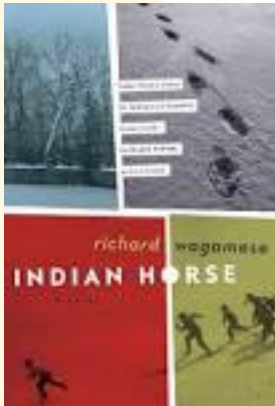
Indian Horse

By Paul and Ellen Crawford - Convenors

Nine of our book club members met to discuss the novel Indian Horse, ratings ranged from 7-9. Everyone agreed that it was a very easy read, however, the subject matter was extremely difficult. Richard Wagamese writes well in a non-preaching manner, with compassion and insight into residential schools, bullying, racism, and the loss of culture of Canada's indigenous people. We realized that much of what happened in



the book occurred in our lifetime and many of us were not truly aware of the situation. Being indigenous himself and facing many of the same issues, Richard Wagamese brought authenticity to the story. Apologies by the Canadian government have been given, but most felt that the solutions would not occur for many many years as the cycle is so difficult to break.

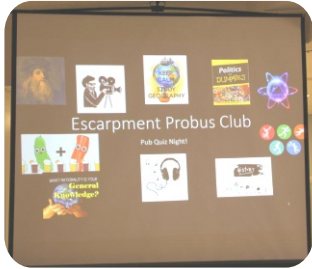


Saul Indian Horse is a young Ojibway boy who was taken from his family by a series of hardships and placed in a residential school in Northern Ontario in the 1960's. A kindly priest and hockey appear as liberating experiences for Saul however, both leave abusive scars on his psyche that affect him deeply in ways that make settled normal life difficult. He eventually finds some peace after counselling. He returns to the lake in the bush where his family had lived and rediscovers positive possibilities through visions of his grandmother, brother, and the horse.

The movie Indian Horse has just been released and is in theatres now. This is an excellent book to read to enlighten Canadians about our Indigenous people.

Pub Quiz Night

by Martin Capper - QuizMaster



Question - What do Marie Antoinette and Benedict Cumberbach, Victoria Falls and Lake Superior, Donald Trump and Dom Perignon all have in common?

Answer - They were all answers to our Pub quiz night and the Millichamps and Crawfords teamed together as the First Responders to show they knew a little more than the rest of us to win the prestigious trophy and first prize of \$180. In second place was the T squared Team of the Reads and the Flynns.



The best team name as judged by members of the Ladies Auxiliary was the Know Brainers who won the other half of the 50/50 of \$91- full marks for creativity but a fail for spelling :-). The other half of the 50/50 was scooped up by Lorrette.

70 members in 15 teams participated in answering 120 trivia questions and the scores ranged from 70 to 92. Judging by some of the team discussions I overheard there seemed to be an element of guessing in many of the answers - at least one team even democratically took turns in guessing.



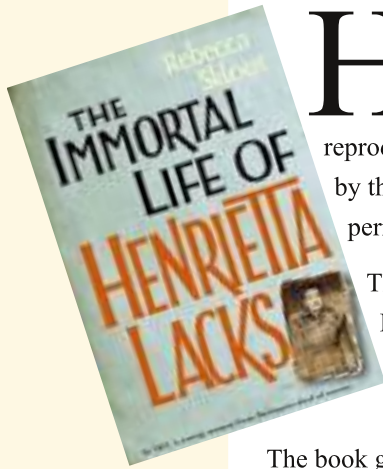
Supper was catered by the Ladies Auxiliary of RCL 136 and our thanks go to them and to all the helpers; to Anne Marie and her activities committee; to Norma for her creativity in decor and shopping!; to Stephanie, Anne Marie and Norma for scoring; to Anna and Ann Marie for selling the 50/50 tickets; to Ron, Joanne, Paul, Ellen, Pete, Lorrette, Anna, and Chris for setting up the room and of course to all the participants.

If anyone wishes to use the questions for another not for profit event please feel free to contact me.



The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By Carolyn Rumley, Correspondent



Henrietta Lacks was a young, black mother who died of cervical cancer in the early 1950s. During her treatment, doctors took some cells from her body and used them for research. These particular cells were unusual in that they reproduced rapidly and were valuable as research tools. Labeled 'HeLa' cells they were reproduced by the billions and used worldwide in experiments. The cells were used without Henrietta's permission and without her family's knowledge.

The book, written by Rebecca Skloot, combines the story of the cells along with the story of Henrietta's family as they struggle with poverty and subsequently the knowledge that Henrietta's cells are being sold by the vial at impressive prices. The Lacks family received no compensation or recognition for the contribution the cells made to medical science.

The book generated a great deal of discussion. Our group generally liked the book although a few found some of the scientific detail tedious. We agreed that we would recommend this book.

Play Postponed One Week

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor



Bid Euchre was cancelled on the regular play date due to not having enough players for the game. We have eight regulars to make up two tables but do to unforeseen schedules, they could not play on April 19th. After some discussion, the O'Brien's offered to host Bid Euchre on April 26. Seven players attended and had a great time playing at a table of four and a table of three. Thanks to her partners and some effort of her own at the table of three, Diane was the top winner for the afternoon. Thanks to Jenny and Harold for their hospitality and great snacks. If you are interested in learning to play the game, please get in touch with Lorrette. The next game will be May 17th at Grace church at 1.30 p.m.

Seeking all Golfers!

By Harold O'Brien - Convenor

The 2018 Golf season is upon us. Join us every Thursday @ Granite Ridge. Tee off time is 9AM. Choose to play 9 holes or 18. Skill is not required - come out for the fun and camaraderie.



Great Afternoon of Bridge

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

Twelve happy players got together in April at the home of Ray and Shirley Mathews. The bridge was great, the treats were great...in all a great afternoon. Shirley Mathews had the top score and Ray Mathews came second.



Our May 1st bridge will be at Allendale Long Term Care home. We always enjoy the luncheon and all the door prizes.

Record Numbers for Cribbage

By Martin Capper - Convenor



Twenty-six people turned out for April cribbage night including newcomers Lorene and Malcolm. Highest score honours were shared between Gretchen, Ellen, Megs, and Diane with 24. Longest winning streak went to Stephen and Lorene who managed 4 wins before being toppled.

I am starting to build a ladder of our participants and for the first round 7 people achieved 4 wins - it may take a few rounds till the ladder begins to be a bit more evenly spaced! I won't talk about the lower rungs of the ladder and will spare your blushes :-)

Thanks to Sandy for her valiant efforts to increase our waist lines with the snacks and cakes she supplied and to everyone else who brought wine and snacks. Thanks also to Paul and Ellen who has offered to host the May get together while the Cappers and Strachan's carry out some in depth whiskey research in God's own country and in Scotland!



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Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
- Albert Einstein

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Members & Guests

By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair

Please let me know of any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, email) so I can keep our records up-to-date. Email me at mbdice5@gmail.com.

Bringing a guest to the meeting?

Please introduce your guests to me, so I can acknowledge them during the meeting.

High Scores in the 50s

by *Lorrette Shermet - Convenor*

Euchre was hosted by the Crawford's. We had four tables of 16 players with Lorrette earning the highest score of 55. She beat four men, Harold O'Brien (54), Jim (53), Harold Grace and Bob (51). She shared the lone hand prize with Jim with each having four. The most honest player was Diane with a score of 22. It was a great afternoon.

The next euchre will NOT be the third Tuesday but the fourth - May 22nd and at Grace church hosted by Pat Vogt and Grace Ricci at 1p.m. If you would like to learn how to play the game, please get in touch with Lorrette.



Niagara Winery Tour

When: Wednesday Sept. 5, 2018

Cost: \$47 per person (based on 42 participants)

Departure Time: 9:20am

Returning around 3:30pm

We will depart from the back of the Milton Sports Centre at 9:30am via two small buses to Niagara on the Lake. Our first stop will be at The Hare Wine Co., where we will have a quick tour and then a tasting of three wines. From there we will go to Caroline Cellars for another tasting and lunch. Our last tasting will be at Chateau Des Charmes, where we will tour the vineyard as well.

Please be advised that you will be walking up and down a few flights of stairs.

Price includes transportation, tasting fees, HST, and gratuities for the drivers.

The cost for your lunch is not included, and a sample menu for the restaurant is available at the cheque signing table.

Bring a Book - Take a Book

By *Ellen Crawford - Convenor*

Remember to bring in your bestseller for others to enjoy.

Don't forget to take one home! *Happy Reading!*



Productive Morning

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

On Thursday April 19 the knitting group enjoyed a very productive morning at the home of Wendy Stringer. A small group was in attendance but much sharing and problem solving ensued and of course when in doubt, “rip it out”. Wendy’s dog Penny came to say “hello” to each of us. Thank you Wendy for your refreshments. The next meeting will be at the home of Leslie Houlihan on Thursday May 17.

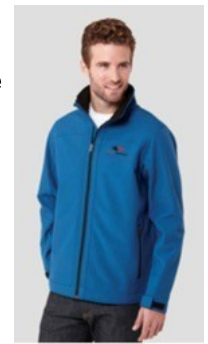


Escarpment Probus Jackets

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

The price of the jacket, inclusive of tax, is \$50.

Jackets can be ordered directly through Key Centres/KCK Teamwear located on 100 Nispissing Road, Unit 13, Milton Ontario



Wintry Conditions & New Home

by John Yardley & Julie Flynn - Correspondents

Given the wintry conditions--it was the evening before the nasty snowfall--it is perhaps surprising that as many as a dozen or so of us made it to Chris and Anne Gibbard's country residence for Friday, April 6th's Nosh'n'Natter. It was a lively evening with much very good nosh, including desserts with a distinctly French flavour (thanks to our hostess's Parisian upbringing) and considerably animated natter! Thank you from all of us, Anne and Chris.

On April 20, nineteen people gathered at the home of John and Julie Flynn (most, we suspect, anxious to check out our new home!). As usual there was a lot of talking and great food. Unfortunately, we were too busy to even think about photos- you'll have to picture it!



Snowbirds Are Back!

By Peter Lasota - Correspondent



It looks like almost all of the snowbirds are home now as there were 27 people at the nosh hosted by Josie and Peter. There were many "Welcome backs" to our travellers who regaled us with the details of their trips and future plans.

It was still a tad too cold so we were stuck indoors. With a bit of creative furniture rearrangement and borrowed chairs, everyone had a place to sit. Many thanks to our Noshers for the yummy food and great conversation. It's always fun to get caught up with everyone.



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The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.

- Saint Augustine

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All Dressed Up!

by Irene Hiebert - Correspondent

We enjoyed a very interesting tour of the Ford Oakville Assembly Plant. Sitting for an hour on a trolley, we were whisked away through the 700 million dollar transformed facility. We saw racks of parts, assembled dashboards, and motors.

We were told if they were waiting for parts, they would bring them in by helicopter to avoid any delays in the assembly line. It was amazing to watch the automated line. We saw robots attaching doors and windows with accuracy and precision. Using automated lifts, we saw employees installing seats and parts. The cars kept rolling off the line every 44 seconds, and each inspected with laser and optical sensors.

We were hoping for free samples at the end of the tour, but were disappointed to leave empty handed. We will keep driving our Honda! LOL!



A Wrinkle In Time

by Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

A small group of ladies attended movie night and the ratings for the movie ranged from 1 to 4 out of 5 *. The movie is a Disney release and it has great visual effects. It is a story about hope and love and would be good family entertainment.



Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, have been without their scientist father, Mr. Murry, for five years, ever since he discovered a new planet and used the concept known as a tesseract to travel there. Joined by Meg's classmate Calvin O'Keefe and guided by the three mysterious astral travelers known as Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which, the children brave a dangerous journey to a planet that possesses all of the evil in the universe. Oprah Winfrey and Reese Witherspoon are two of the main actors that have major parts in the movie.

Our next movie night is Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

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Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer.
- Allen Klein

50/50 Needs Help

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Diane and Richard Armand can no longer be the 50/50 convenors. We are looking for two people to take over this task. Please contact Robyn if you are interested.



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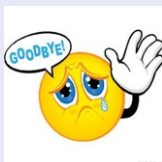


Semi-colon

This punctuation mark unites two independent clauses with a common thematic tie: “Leonard had nothing against tigers; he grew up with cats.” In this example the two clauses would be perfectly permissible sentences on their own, but because they both relate to the same person and the same affection for felines, they are appropriately linked with a semi-colon. The addition of the prefix semi-, meaning “part,” to the Greek root kolon meaning “part of verse” makes the semi-colon quite literally a part of a part.

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 Lorette Shermet at lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293.



Welsh Whisky Wins

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



The April meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home and Marion and Keith Flowers who supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure, they were rated as follows:



Perderyn Legend is single malt whiskey, the first Welsh whisky the D'Stillers have tasted. Low and behold this was the winner of the evening. This whiskey has a ABV of 41% (Alcohol by Volume) and costs \$63.40 per bottle. Fine single malt whisky had been produced in Wales for centuries. But then inexplicably all that stopped in 1894. Crazy right? Well, the Welsh Whisky Company was founded in 2004 to put an end to this tragic Welsh drought and bring the magic spirit back to the land of King Arthur. But they didn't "just" start a new distillery, they decided to do it a bit differently. They contacted scientist Dr. David Faraday 'grandson of the famous physicist' to design a special pot still that would yield a more pure distillate at a higher ABV. And this single, one-of-a-kind still has a full capacity of only one cask of spirit per day. We whisky nerds think that's cool as heck. Today, these fine blokes produce what they call "the smoothest Whisky on Earth" and they make a strong argument with their award-winning range of finished-wood Whiskies.



There was a tie for the number two whisky of the evening: Islay Mist 8 yr old Scotch Whisky a blended whisky and McClland Single Malt Islay Scotch. **Islay Mist** is 40% ABV and costs \$31.95 per bottle. This whisky is blended with one of my favorite single malt whiskies 'Laphroaig'. I think this whisky surprised all of the D'Stillers for it's smoothness as Laphroaig is not a whisky for novice whisky tasters but a nice introduction to 'peated' whisky. **McClland Single Malt Islay Scotch** is 40% ABV and costs \$45.20 per bottle. McClland makes four types of whisky each one from a different region, Islay, Highlands, Speyside, and Lowlands. On the bottle is a hand painted watercolour image of the region the whisky came from.



The fourth whisky of the evening was **Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 YR Old Scotch Whisky**. This is a blended whisky with a ABV of 40% and costs \$56.95 per bottle. Forty different whiskies are used to make up this blend. Johnnie Walker is the official whisky of Formula One, and are a sponsor of two F1 teams McLaren and Force India. A number of singers and songwriters have referenced Johnnie Walker in their works, from Amanda Marshall to ZZ Top. Heavy metal band 'Black Label Society' was named after Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky, Zakk Wyldes, guitarist for Ozzy Osborn, is very fond of this whisky.



Last but not least was **Jameson Caskmates Irish Whiskey**. This is a blended whiskey with a 40% ABV and costs \$39.95 per bottle. The Jameson Caskmates release is a unique whiskey that has been made with the help of Cork's Franciscan Well brewery. Barrels that had been previously used for Jameson whiskey were taken to the Franciscan Well Brewery to use in the ageing of their full-bodied craft stout. Once used for beer maturation they were sent back to the distillery where Jameson whiskey that had already been aged was filled into them for a finishing period.

It is interesting to note that in the first four months of the year, whiskies from Wales, Taiwan, and India were the winners for their respective month. Scotland beware, they are all after your reputation as the Whisky capital of the world.

Our thanks to Marion for hosting the DD's and supplying us with such lovely homemade treats. Thanks also to the DD's for getting us all home safe and sound. The May 2nd meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Kim and Ron Whaley.

Wines from below the Equator

by Anna Strachan - Correspondent

Twelve happy Probiants, Sandy Cannell, Michael Hooker, Petra Halk, Stephanie Hamnett, Gillian and Bryan Reynolds, Marion and Keith Flowers, Norma and Martin Capper met at the home of Anna and Chis Strachan for one of the monthly wine tastings.

The theme of the evening was 'Wines from below the Equator' namely Argentina, Chile and Australia. Thanks to Petra's influence we made a game out of it by guessing a letter and filling in the blanks, just like hangman, but fortunately no men were hung. Martin Capper guessed the theme after a few letters so we think we should ban him from any further games...

The winning white of the evening with a score of 12.4 was Lurton Piedra Negra Organic Pinot Grigio. Most of the wines we tasted were on sale. The regular price of this wine is \$13.45 but we bought it for \$11.95 and saved \$1:50.

The other whites we tasted were Wolf Blass Yellow Label Chardonnay with a score of 11.5. The regular price is \$15.95 we paid \$13.45 saved \$2.50. We also had Frontera Sauvignon Blanc with a score of 10.9, regular price \$8.95 we paid \$7.95 and saved \$1.

The winning red and overall winning wine of the evening was Wolf Blass Red Label Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon. With a score of 15.0, this was the only wine that was not on sale and it cost \$14.95.

The other reds were Santa Rita Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon which scored 14.2, the regular price is \$14.95 but we purchased this for \$11.95 and saved \$3. We also had Santa Julia Magna Malbec / Cabernet Sauvignon. This one scored 13.4, the regular price is \$14.95 but we paid \$12.95 and saved \$2.

Thanks to all of our guests/friends we had a great evening. Looking forward to many more wine tastings still to come.



PROBUS
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WINE TASTING CLUB



Wines from Portugal

by Lorraine Randall - Correspondent

We had an excellent turnout with great group 12 dedicated wine tasters. The original theme was German wines as we love our red wines. Unfortunately, the LCBO did not have any red wines from Germany. So I switched to Portugal with accompanying cheeses. The Portuguese cheeses were light in flavour; some white and resembling mozzarella in taste. To our surprise the white

wines were all light and bubbly. The rose was again bubbly but the reds were full bodied. Surprisingly all the wines came in around the same scores in the twelves.

Lots of laughter and lively conversation was had by all followed by dessert and coffee with the evening ending after 10 pm.



Think you know which movies these quotes came from?

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

I know there are many filmophiles in the Escarpment Probus as is indicated by the attendance at our movie nights. Here is a test of your memory of some outstanding funny, silly, romantic and scary "one-liners" from recent and not-so-recent movies. Occasionally you can remember only one significant line from a movie, but can you name the movie? For extra points, which character said it and for extra, extra points, in which year was it made? Answers in next month's Forum.

1. "Show me the money!"
2. "Hasta la vista, baby."
3. "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the war room!"
4. "I'll have what she's having."
5. "Leave the gun. Take the cannoli."
6. "I am serious. And don't call me Shirley."
7. "They may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom!"
8. "They call me Mister Tibbs!"
9. "You complete me."
10. "Get your stinking paws off me, you damned dirty ape!"
11. "You make me want to be a better man."
12. "Chewie, we're home."
13. "Magic Mirror on the wall, who is the fairest one of all?"
14. "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in."
15. "Elementary, my dear Watson."
16. "That'll do, pig. That'll do."
17. "Good morning, Vietnam!"
18. "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers."
19. "Go ahead, make my day."
20. "You is kind. You is smart. You is important."
21. "Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain!"
22. "I'm also just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her."
23. "I'm having an old friend for dinner."
24. "What we've got here is a failure to communicate."
25. "I love the smell of napalm in the morning."
26. "You had me at hello."
27. "You can't handle the truth!"
28. "My precious."
29. "You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow."
30. "Stella! Hey, Stella!"
31. "Play it, Sam. Play 'As Time Goes By.'"
32. "If you build it, they will come."
33. "Mama says, 'Stupid is as stupid does.'"
34. "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings."
35. "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"
36. "We'll always have Paris."

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I think cinema, movies, and magic have always been closely associated. The very earliest people who made film were magicians.
- Francis Ford Coppola

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Our April Meeting



Lorraine joined Diane to greet the members



Members enjoying cookies, coffee, and tea at the break

Our newest members receive their badges left to right

Sandy & Robert Ewing; Colleen & Henry Kozarski



S.S. Keewatin is a passenger liner that once sailed between Port Arthur / Fort William (now Thunder Bay) on Lake Superior and Port McNicoll on Georgian Bay (Lake Huron) in Ontario, Canada. She carried passengers between these ports for the Canadian Pacific Railway's Great Lakes steamship service. Keewatin also carried packaged freight goods for the railway at these ports.



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is.... Nigel Punton who took home \$167



Andrea Pincombe, whose grandfather was a Captain on the S.S. Keewatin, thanked our speaker Eric Conway for his illuminating presentation.

Suzanne and Norma helping at the 50/50 table



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
Activities			
Management Meeting	May 9 - 7 pm	Grace home	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	May 16 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	May 16 - noon	EddieO's Poorhouse	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Walkers - <i>Track & Nordic Pole</i>	Every Mon. & Fri. - 11 am	Milton Sports Centre*	Liz & Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	May 1 - noon	Allendale Long Term Care home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	May 2 - 7 pm	Whaley home	Chris Strachan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	May 3 - 7 pm	Schmidt/Willcocks home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	May 4 - 5:30 pm	Cousins home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	May 7 - 1 pm	TBD	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	May 7 - 7 pm	Crawford home	Michael Hooker
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	May 8 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	May 9 - 10 am	Rumley home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	May 9 - 10 am	Ground home	Linda Green
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	May 9 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	May 9 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Club <i>Français</i>	May 9 - 10/11 am	Crowe/Yardley home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	May 9 - 7 pm	Dupont home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	May 10 - 1:30 pm	Taylor home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	May 11 - 5:30 pm	Jordan home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	May 14 - 1 pm	Mcllwaine home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	May 14 - 7 pm	Crawford home	Martin Capper
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	May 16 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	May 17 - 10:30 am	Houlihan home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	May 17 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	May 22 - 1:15 pm	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	May 23 - 1 pm	Strachan home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	May 25 - 5:30 pm	Jordan home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	May 28 - 7 pm	Petroff home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	May 30 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	May 30 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
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Activities			
Management Meeting	June 13 - 7 pm	Flynn home	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	June 20 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	June 20 - noon	La Cuisine	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Walkers - <i>Track & Nordic Pole</i>	Every Mon. & Fri. - 10:30 am	Milton Sports Centre*	Liz & Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jun. 1 - 5:30 pm	Johnson home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Jun. 4 - 1 pm	Comstock home	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jun. 4 - 7 pm	Read home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Jun. 5 - 1 pm	Shannon home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Jun. 6 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Chris Strachan
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Jun. 7 - 1:30 pm	Halliday home	Auriel Halliday
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jun. 7 - 7 pm	Wallhouse home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jun. 8 - 5:30 pm	Schmidt home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Jun. 11 - 1 pm	Halliday home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Jun. 11 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Jun. 12 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Club <i>Français</i>	Jun. 13 - 10/11 am	Crowe/Yardley home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Jun. 13 - 10 am	Leach home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Jun. 13 - 10 am	Burlington Beach	Linda Green
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Jun. 13 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Jun. 13 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jun. 13 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Jun. 19 - 1:15 pm	Campbell home	Lorrette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Jun. 20 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Jun. 21 - 10:30 am	Willekes home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Jun. 21 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Jun. 22 - 5:30 pm	Capper home*	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Jun. 25 - 7 pm	Jenny/Harold O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	Jun. 27 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Jun. 27 - 1 pm	Finnie home	Auriel Halliday
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Jun. 27 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
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New date and/or time	Temporary Change	* Always held at this location	