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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

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Robyn Balfour
President

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Spring is finally here. A time of renewal as Mother Nature brings the world around us back to life. Buds bursting open, green grass shooting, and the fragrance of flowers. I am most excited to feel the warmth of the sun.

Our National Probus month meeting in March was a great success with a very large turn out. We celebrated with cake. Many members were sporting the yellow and blue.



Joanne Millichamp, our founding member gave a fantastic talk on how Escarpment Probus got started and re-introduced the original executive team. Thank you for sticking with it Joanne as you worked your way over a good few hurdles. Today, we thank you and your team for our fabulous Escarpment Probus Club as 225 members get to enjoy many hours of socializing while attending a large range of activities, clubs, and social events.

Paul Crawford and the Escarpment Probus Travel Group shared their journey through Italy and Austria last year with excellent narratives and fabulous photographs. The story of how Gillian Reynolds got herself lost was captivating and well told. Thank you so much to all of you who participated and worked behind the scenes. We appreciate how much work goes into a production of this nature.

April highlights: April Fools Day, the Easter Bunny and drum roll ... The Pub Quiz Night, organized by Martin Capper and supported by the Activity Committee. Put on your "Thinking Caps" for there are prizes to be won, pub fare and fun to be had.

Our next General Meeting is April 18th, 2018; the third Wednesday of the month.
Venue 121 Chisholm Drive, Milton.

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!*



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

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*Spring is nature's
way of saying, 'Let's
party!'*

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Robin Williams

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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.

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Our April Speaker

Eric Conroy and the S.S. Keewatin



Eric Conroy has achieved many things in his 50+ year career... but his first job, and his current job, may be the most notable.

In 1963 and 1964 teenager Eric Conroy worked summers as a waiter aboard one of the last ships of the Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Fleet, the S.S. Keewatin, and found it to be the defining experience of his life. In July 2011 newly retired Eric Conroy undertook the return of the century-old ship to her home port, which he completed in June 2012, and now acts as captain of the charity which operates her as an historical attraction.

Eric was awarded The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for the historic task of returning Keewatin to Canada from the United States. He is a “DISTINGUISHED MEMBER” of the ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE Officers and NCO Messes, a “LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBER” of THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE. He has also been awarded the “ORDER OF BULGARIA” and is an active member of “THE APOSTLES OF IRELAND”.

“A STEAK IN THE DRAWER” is Eric’s first-person recollection of experiences as a waiter on a Canadian Pacific Railways Great Lakes ship at 17 and 18. Sold out in Michigan where it was originally published in 2010 to great reviews, it was revised and republished in Canada in June 2012, and has since sold over 10,000 copies.

The story of the seemingly impossible task of extricating the 350 foot, 3 story high, 8 million pound Keewatin from the mud of the Kalamazoo River in Michigan, and returning her to her home port of Port McNicoll, Ontario, is the subject of BRING HER ON HOME, irregularly shown on CBC’s documentary channel. But nothing can equate to that same story told by the person who lived the experience...

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.



“
The Universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.

”
- Eden Phillpotts

Bonjour à tous nos membres

By Anne Gibbard, John Yardley - Convenor



Voici le rapport de la première reunion du club français. Bienvenue à tous les nouveaux inscrits depuis notre reunion initiale.

Our inaugural meeting took place on Wednesday, March 14th, at the home of Barbara Crowe and John Yardley. As the initial response to our invitation to join the club was greater than anticipated and some of those interested expressed doubts about their grasp of French, we decided to divide the meeting into two sessions, the groups being entitled respectively 'basic' and 'conversation'. The first met at 10.00 am, the second at 11.00.

A number were unable to attend, but even so we had about six or seven in each group, which made for a good, non-judgemental, relaxed atmosphere which, we feel, rendered them both very successful. We aim to keep this up in the coming months, and hope that we shall all continue to feel at ease and enjoy being able to speak/learn some French and have fun at the same time.

Our next meeting, at the same venue, will be on Wednesday, April 11th. Members almost unanimously voted for Wednesday as being the best day, presumably because the Probus meeting falls on a Wednesday and they keep that day of the month free of, e.g., volunteer work.

“

In France you cannot not have lunch. If you stopped the French from having lunch, you will have a second revolution, I can tell you this. Not going to work - it is part of the French privilege.

”

Christian Louboutin

Join your friends for lunch in April

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor



Please join the Lunch Bunch after the meeting at

Symposium Cafe
611 Holly Ave
(Holly and Derry)

Menu is available on line

*If you plan to attend,
please sign the sheet on the table at the meeting before the break.*

Spring into Lunch

by Pat Vogt - Correspondent

Spring into Lunch March 27 at the PC Cooking School at the Milton RCSS was attended by 20 hungry members who enjoyed a delicious spring lunch. Our menu consisted of Bruschetta Bread with Roasted Peppers, Lemon Chicken with Greek Bulgur (Farro) Farmer salad topped off with a Peanut Butter Blondie! Many picked up some helpful hints and expressed great interest in having the Dietician come and speak at one of our Probus Meetings. Thank you to those who came out in the rain for lunch.

The cooking school is planning some exciting special culinary events; for those interested - April 20, 6:30-8:30 PM - A Moroccan Feast of Flavours with Chef John Bela doing the cooking, cost \$32.00. To see the menu you can go on their website; please advise the cooking school if you plan to attend.

Animal Groups

Courtesy of Michelle Tschirhart and Princess Cruises

Did you try the quiz in the March Forum? How many did you get right?

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| A Shrewdness of Apes | A Litter of Pigs | A Charm of Finches |
| A Shoal of Bass | A Pod of Porpoises | A Skulk of Foxes |
| A Sounder of Boars | An Unkindness of Ravens | A Brood of Hens |
| A Bed of Clams | A Host of Sparrows | A Pride of Lions |
| A Band of Coyote | A Mustering of Storks | A Labour of Moles |
| A Murder of Crows | A Knot of Toads | A Yoke of Oxen |
| A Dule of Doves | A Rafter of Turkeys | A Nest of Pheasants |
| A Mob of Emus | A Troop of Babboons | A String of Ponies |
| A Swarm of Flies | A Colony of Beavers | A Rhumba of Rattlesnakes |
| A Leash of Greyhounds | An Army of Caterpillars | A Herd of Seals |
| A Smack of Jellyfish | A Quiver of Cobras | A Dray of Squirrels |
| A Tiding of Magpies | A Float of Crocodiles | A Flight of Swallows |
| A Parliament of Owls | A Pack of Dogs | A Hover of Trout |
| A Company of Parrots | A Gang of Elks | A Bale of Turtles |

*Answers to
March quiz*

Army - Bale - Band - Bed - Brood - Charm - Colony - Company - Dray - Dule - Flight - Float - Gang - Herd - Host - Hover - Knot - Labour - Leash - Litter - Mob - Murder - Mustering - Nest - Pack - Parliament - Pod - Pride - Quiver - Rafter - Rhumba - Shoal - Shrewdness - Skulk - Smack - Sounder - String - Swarm - Tiding - Troop - Unkindness - Yoke

Longest Winning Streak

By Martin Capper - Convenor

Twenty members gathered for a night of 15's, 31's, the occasional 19's, and a skunk or two! We experimented with a new method of how the players moved after each game which ensured all players got an equal number of games and created greater competition for the entire group!

Winning pairs remained together until beaten so that the longest winning streak could be determined. We played 5 games each and winning streaks, and therefore bragging rights, were shared by the pairs of Lorraine and Bonnie and Lorrette and Wayne (Heath). Each of these pairs achieved three consecutive wins. Winning pairs remained together and the losing pairs split up and moved either forward or backwards around the five groups. This method seemed to be enjoyed by all and I foresee it becoming a standard when numbers permit. Perhaps the other card clubs and Jokers club might want to try it!

Thanks go to Rosalind, Lorraine, Ellen, and Kathy for the after play treats!



— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

Summer Picnic

Save the Date! July 12, 2018

Where: Lowville Park

Stay tuned for details in upcoming months

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.



Correction

The picture in the March Forum of new member Beth Barnes signing her membership cheque was incorrectly identified as Bertha Barnes. My apologies to Beth. The March Forum has been corrected.

Joking Around at the Finnie's



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I'm a traveling practical joker. That's my line of work.

”

Colin Mochrie

Sharing Ideas

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

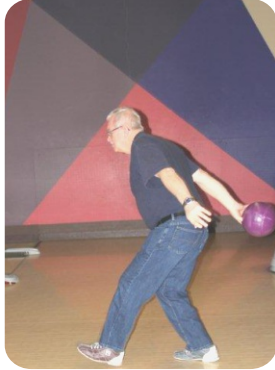
Thank you to Josie Bruno for hosting the March meeting of “Chicks with Sticks”, providing the tasty treats and refreshments. Everyone arrived with our bags of yarn and needles, sharing our projects and ideas. Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 19 at 10:30 at the home of Wendy Stringer. If you're interested in needlework, please sign up at the next Probus meeting. Our group meets on the Thursday morning following a Probus meeting.



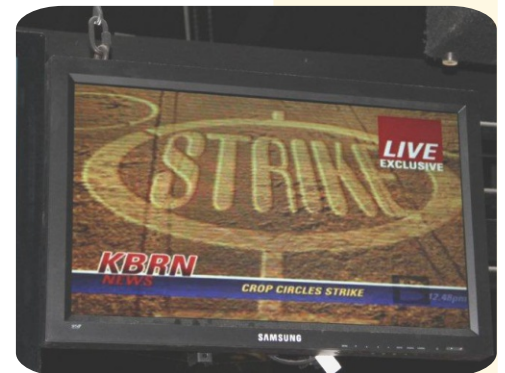
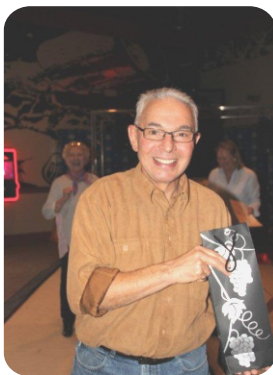
Rowdy Group at Champs Bowl

by Anne-Marie Strockley - Activities Chair

A rowdy group of athletic PROBUS members met to bowl at Champs on February 28th. Each bowler pulled a number from the hat to see which lane they would be bowling on and who their teammates would be. At the end of 2 hours the bowling alley was quieter!



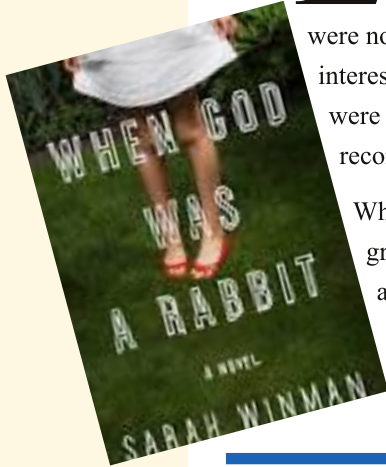
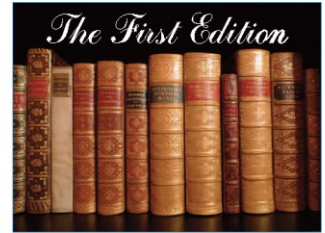
We were revived in the Sports Bar where we enjoyed a hearty lunch of famous Champs chicken wings, sandwiches, salad and fries. Prizes went to the Best Team of Petra Halk, Chris Strachan, Brian Reynolds and Bill Turnbull. Individual prizes and a raffle prize were also awarded. The event was great fun and we plan to do it again."



When God was a Rabbit

By Lorrette Shermet - Correspondent

Eight members of the group met at Lorrette's place and discussed the book "When God was a Rabbit". This was not my first choice but when the first two titles were not available, I decided on this one, as it was a very interesting title. Every one enjoyed this book as the ratings were between 6.5 to 8.5, mostly eight. Auriel gave it a 8.5 as she thoroughly enjoyed it. We do recommend this for it is a good light read.



When God was a Rabbit follows the life of a young girl Eleanor Maud (Elly for short) as she grows up first in Essex, then Cornwall and the various characters she meets and befriends along the way. The book is named after God, a pet rabbit given to Elly by her brother Joe who is a constant companion during her childhood. Over all it is a story about love in all its forms, surrounding the central character, Elly, her brother, and their extended circle of family and friends.

Great Cards, Great Bridge, Great Time!

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

On the first Tuesday of March we played our monthly game. It was at the home of Vickie Lenarduzzi with 12 players attending. Jeanne Reid was the winner with Ray Mathews coming second. Wayne Heath had low score that day.



Our next bridge will be at the Mathews home - 255 Caves Court on April 3. Allendale May luncheon tickets will be available to purchase on that day.



The Paris Wife

by Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent

On Wednesday morning, March 14, the Trilogy book club gathered to discuss *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. The book is a work of fiction based on young Ernest Hemingway and first wife, Hadley Richardson – their courtship in Illinois, their marriage, and their move to Paris where the young couple joined the ranks of the 1920's bohemian crowd including 20th century icons Gertrude Stein and Ezra Pound, among others.



Eager to develop his literary potential, Hemingway took on paying gigs that financed the couple's expenses that included numerous travels on the continent including Spain. It was here that Hemingway became transfixed with bull-fighting and Spanish culture which was to appear in his future literary works.

Trilogy members were in full agreement that McLain's writing was superb, undoubtedly because of her poetic background. The incidents described in the novel were everyday occurrences around conversations, gossip, and the trials of trying to make ends meet on a writer's pay, but McLain elevated these moments with her effortless style. There was a divide in the group about the subject matter itself, some not taken with the 'artistic' lifestyle depicted in the book.

Considering that the book was about life in the 1920's, our group drew a lot of modern day observations about issues like mental health and addiction, marital fidelity, political conflicts, and the still precarious state of eking out a living as an artist. Well worth the read for the writing style alone.

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Life must be lived forwards, but can only be understood backwards.

”

Kierkegaard

Quilt Fever 2018

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

The Piece Makers cancelled their March 5 meeting in favor of attending the Etobicoke Quilters' Guild Quilt Show and Sale. Although medical issues and a family wedding prevented some members from attending, on March 23, three members trekked out to Etobicoke. As we entered, we were each given a mug rug and a ballot to vote on our favourite quilts. We were amazed at the variety of quilts being displayed and could not decide which was our favourite - there were just too many.



Quilting Term of the Month: *Mug Rug* - a small quilt similar to a coaster.

The Piece Makers will meet again on Monday, April 2 at the home of Diane Comstock, where we will view a presentation of the many quilts we saw at the show.

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



Good Wine - Good Cheer - Good Friends



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's Royal Wedding

Escarpment Tea Room

Thursday May 17 @ Noon

Milton Italian Canadian Club, 104 Tremaine Road,
north of Steeles.

Hats, Fascinators, and Cummerbunds are encouraged!

The lunch will include appetizers, a variety of finger sandwiches, mini 3 cheese Quiche, scones with warm brie, clotted cream, and several different desserts, plus tea of course - all for \$32.



How did you two meet?

by Auriel Halliday - Convenor

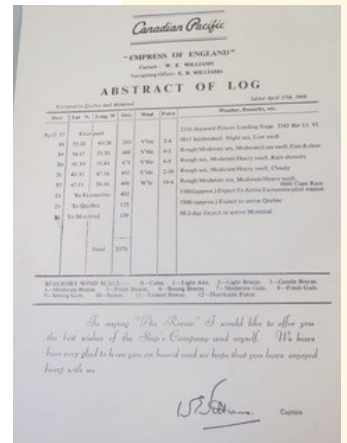
When we were designing the 2017/2018 Supper Club menu book it was decided to set the March date back one day in order to free Saturday 17th. for St Patrick's Day. Of course, we did not factor in March Break as well. So there were a few well-travelled guests joining the different dining groups. No problem though....Probus members can handle everything thrown at them!

We have to thank Megs Shellard for choosing this month's menu. The Salmon Pie was delicious, as were the accompanying sides and the orange soufflé. And what better as an appetizer than a beautiful big Brie with pears.

As usual, laughter filled the room as we all recounted the question "How did you two meet?" We discovered that Alan and Rosalind Jordan emigrated to Canada on the same boat as myself. But I was sick in the cabin whilst they danced the night away in spite of force 9 and 10 winds! See the photo of the actual log that still reminds me of that terrible week.

I think that the Supper Club, now in it's second year, has proved to be a successful Probus function and we look forward to planning next year's recipe book and to lots more members joining the feasts.

And the best is yet to come. The whole meal at our house was \$24.00 per couple.



Team Spirit

by Maggie Boothe - Correspondent

The Supper Club, hosted by Wilma Peer and Theresa Spano, was a huge success with lots of "team spirit" during the preparations. We all had a lovely evening consuming the delectable recipes and imbibing the crisp wines. The evening was filled with friendship and laughter with lots of great stories shared by all."



“
I hate fussing about in the kitchen when I have people over to supper, so I make a rich beef stew cooked in wine with carrots, sundried tomato paste and chopped chorizo sausage.
”
Deborah Moggach

Pictures Speak a Thousand Words

by Sandy Cannell - Correspondent



The March 23rd Nosh @ Nite was hosted by Robyn and Sandy at Robyn's home. Yet again, everyone had a wonderful time as twenty four of us got together for an evening of lively conversation, lots and lots of laughter, and of course fabulous food.

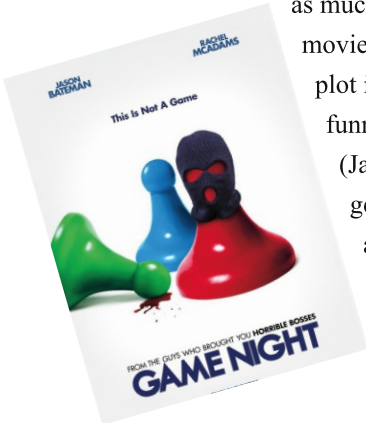
The next nosh will be hosted on April 27 by Peter and Josie.



Game Night

by Beth Barnes - Correspondent

A small group attended the movies and had some good laughs. For a 'Game Night' gone terribly wrong, this comedy thriller entertains from start to finish! We had a great time laughing and I didn't expect as much comedy after previously seeing the clips of this movie. There is much witty banter between the couples, plot intrigue and some emotional sentiments. Each character is interesting, funny and their character develops throughout the movie. Max and Annie (Jason Bateman and Rachael McAdams), whose weekly couples game night gets a surprise visit from Max's brother, Brooks (Kyle Chandler) who stages a supposedly fake kidnap, turns the whole night into a murder mystery with surprises that knock you off your feet. I give it a * * * * rating out of 5.



Next movie night is Tuesday April 10.



April 6, 2018

6:30 - 10:30pm

Banquet Hall Royal Canadian Legion

ranch 136!

Full House
no new registrations at the door!
(includes food)
- Legion prices

Come

...enging questions and playful competition

Arrang... of 2-5 players with a unique name - Prize for the best name!

Individuals who have not prearranged teams can do so at registration.

Do you ask for Directions?

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout at his wife, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life !" Neighbours feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared.

Then one evening, he died - when he was 98. After the burial, the wife's neighbours, concerned for her, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life ?"

The wife said, " Let him dig. I had him buried upside down ... and I know he won't ask for directions !!"

Travel Retail Only

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



The March D'Stillers meeting for 2018 was held at the home of Barb and Al Finnie who supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure. They were rated as follows:



The winner of the evening with a score of 81% was **'The Glenlivet Master Distillers Reserve'** Single Malt, 40% ABV (Alcohol by Volume) at a cost of \$100. This Glenlivet is for travel retail only, in other words can only be purchased at Duty Free stores. This whisky has had mixed reviews, some love it, some hate it. As I have said before it is all about personal preference.



The next whisky of the evening with a score of 78.5% was **'Dalwhinnie Winter's Gold'** single malt, 43% ABV and costs \$81. Built in 1897 and currently the highest distillery in the country, Dalwhinnie – or “Plain of Meetings” in Gaelic – is named for its location at a junction of old drove roads, between two mountain ranges. Year after year it survives the coldest of conditions to produce smooth, golden heather honey-like spirit. This whisky is made between October – March and it is intended to be served from the freezer.



The third place finisher with a score of 77.5% was **'Lauder's Finest'** which is a blended whisky. It had a ABV of 43% and costs \$35. This whisky is also for travel retail only.

LAUDER'S Scotch Whisky can be traced back to 1834 and the historic Royal Lochnagar Vaults in Glasgow, making it one of the oldest blended Scotch whiskies in Existence. After Archibald Lauder purchased the Vaults, the bar became renowned for having a barber shop in the basement where you could get a haircut with your drink. Perhaps Archibald Lauder was amongst the first conducting consumer research, in that he took on board comments from friends and guests on the 'house whisky' and kept developing his Lauder's whisky until completely satisfied..



The fourth whisky with a score of 76.5% was Auchentoshan **'Three Wood Reviews'** a single malt with a 43% ABV and costs \$96. Unusual for a Scottish distillery, Auchentoshan practices triple distillation. The distillery is also known as "Glasgow's Malt Whisky" due to its close proximity to Glasgow and "the breakfast whisky" due to its sweet and delicate nature.



Last but not least with a score of 75% was **'Whyte & Mackay'** a blended whisky with a ABV of 40% and costs \$40. In August 2010, it was reported that Whyte & Mackay would replicate a supply of whisky discovered in Antarctica from a 1907 expedition of Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton's supplies. The 11 bottles of whisky recovered were of the Mackinlay brand, and Whyte and Mackay now oversee those distilleries. Bottles of Whyte & Mackay were recovered by underwater archaeologist E Lee Spence from the shipwreck of the SS Regina, which had been sunk in Lake Huron in 1913. A People Magazine article that told of the recovery, had a picture of Spence on the bow of the salvage boat hoisting a full bottle of Whyte and Mackay.

Thanks to Barb for entertaining the DD's and the lovely home made deserts she served at the end of the evening. Thanks once again to the DD's without whom we would not be able to meet like this.

The Wednesday April 4th meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Marion and Keith Flowers.



Millichamps serve Green Wine, but not on St. Patrick's Day!

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

At Joanne and Ron's tasting in March, the theme of the evening was reflective of their recent trip to Portugal. One of the white wines they served (not the winner) was a "Vinho Verde", which translates as "Young wine" – or literally "Green wine". It's a specific wine style from north western Portugal – light and often slightly sparkling. Usually white, but some reds as well. It's fairly high in sugar, which is offset by a high acid level – so it doesn't taste sweet. A refreshing wine, usually drunk young. LCBO carries several brands, priced around \$10 range.

At Dianne and Udo' home, the theme of this wine tasting was comparing Argentinian and Chilean wines, both red and white, to see which country produced the more superior product. The geographical differences of weather, soil, and climate were presented; Argentinian wines are grown on the slopes of the Andes in clay and rocky soil (similar to Burgundy wines) while the Chilean wines thrive on flat plains, like our Niagara wines. Wines from both countries are available in the LCBO, but there tend to be more choices in Chilean wines.

Our March Results:

Joanne and Ron Millichamp

Theme: Portuguese Wines

Best White: Casa Ferreirinha Vinha Grande, Portugal, LCBO 523555, \$16.95, Score 13.4

Best Red: Beyra Vinhos de Altitude Tempranillo, Portugal, LCBO 408120, \$12.95, Score 13.5



Lorette and Pete Shermet

Theme: Wines We Drank in Summer

Best White: Trius Sauvignin Blanc VQA, Ontario, LCBO 221804, \$14.95, Score 13.4

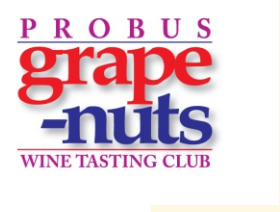
Best Red: Red House Cabernet Shiraz VQA, LCBO 219030. \$13.95, Score 16.1



Dianne and Udo Tomson

Theme: Argentinian and Chilean Wines

Best of the evening: (Red): Alamos Mendoza Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina, LCBO 295105, \$15.95



Plenty of Activities

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair



Everything may look brown and leafless out there, but the little animals are waking up and the birds are returning. Summer is just around the corner. Your Activity Committee is planning events that will help fill this time of year for you. Here are some of them.

Pub Quiz Night

Royal Canadian Legion, Milton. Friday, April 6/18. Doors open at 6:30 and hope to wrap up about 10:00. \$25.00. We have a full house, so we will NOT be accepting new registrations at the door. Everyone has an equal chance to win one of the many prizes. Pub lunch half way through. Join all your friends at the cash bar.

Ford Motor Tours

April 26 for two tours, at 9:00am and at 11:00am. 12 in each group will be put on a trolley and given a tour of a section of the Plant. If you registered for this tour you will need to contact me and state which tour you prefer. There are 50 registered, but only a few came forward to select their time so it is now first-come, first-served. There is no charge for the tour. You will need to be at the Ford Assembly Plant, inside Gate 12, at 1 Canadian Road, Oakville 15 minutes before your selected tour. You will receive instructions on cell phone use, etc. and given safety vests. No sandals and arms must be covered. Contact me at 905-875-4866, or mobilechipmunk@hotmail.com.

Sunday Theatre Afternoon

Join us for a production of "The Odd Couple", 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$27 each on Sunday, May 6th, 2018, Milton Arts Centre. Following the performance our group will meet at Symposium, at Derry Road and Holly for refreshments. This is great amateur theatre, and good conversation following the production.

High Tea

Don't forget the Royal Wedding event at the Escarpment Tea Room, 104 Tremaine Rd. N., Milton. 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 17/18. We are able to accommodate only a small number of members. If you are registered and know you will NOT be able to attend, please let us know so someone on the Wait List can take your place.

Canvas and Cocktails

This event is proving to be very popular. On Tuesday, June 19, 2018. 7:00 pm at Ned Devine's Pub on Derry Road and Ontario St. For \$27.00 you will be given a 16x20 canvas, brushes, paints, and aprons. Expert instructors will help you create a Masterpiece that will become a treasured family heirloom. Cocktails and snacks are extra.

Plant Paradise

Botanical Garden Tour and Lunch, Caledon on Wednesday, June 27th. \$40 will include your Tour of gardens, and lunch from a selected menu at Ray's Bistro in Alton. Walk the streets of this historical town. Let us know if you need to carpool. More on this next month.

Whistling Gardens

Brantford, Thursday, July 19, 2018. This is a morning tour of their large gardens. Entrance to the Gardens is \$13.75. Lunch will be at a restaurant of your choice, but we will have the options available for you. There are many sites to see in the afternoon such as the Little Brown Cow Dairy and outlet. Brantford is also the childhood home of Alexander Graham Bell. Stroll through this historical site that takes you back in time and see the beautiful antiques. We can blame Mr. Bell every time our computer locks up or our cell phone dies. Carpool is encouraged. More on this tour next month.

During the summer we are also working on Lawn Bowling and Bocce events and a mini-golf tournament and many other events. If you have any suggestions for an outing, please drop by the Activity table. We're all grown up now so it's time to do whatever we want !!

Our March Meeting



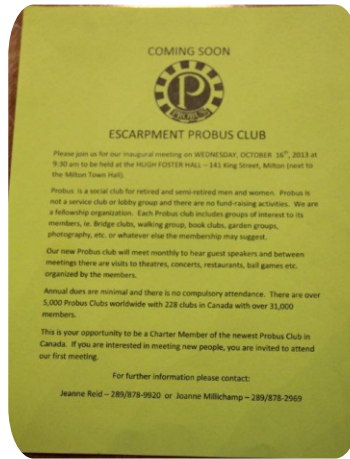
Lorrette and Pete Shermet, sporting Probus colours, welcomed us in



The first Executive Council for Escarpment Probus
Lorrette, Liz, Alan, Joanne, Martin, Ron, Jean, and Cliff



1st flyer advertising Escarpment Probus



Lots of yellow and blue at the meeting!



Nancy and Richard are Lorhel and Brian's guests



Our newest members:
Marie Mann and Beth Barnes



Chequq us out.

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

And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is..... Len Hiebert who won \$159.00



Thanks to Rosalind and Norma for filling in at the 50/50 table



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
Activities			
Pub Quiz Night	April 6 - 7 pm	Milton Legion	Martin Capper
Management Meeting	April 11 - 7 pm	Tomson home	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	April 18 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	April 18 - noon	Symposium Café	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
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Apr. 2 - 1 pm	Comstock home	Diane Comstock
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Apr. 3 - 1 pm	Mathews home	Jeanne Reid
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 3 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Michael Hooker
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Apr. 4 - 7 pm	Flowers home	Chris Strachan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 5 - 7 pm	Flannagan home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Apr. 9 - 1 pm	Crawford home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Apr. 9 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Apr. 10 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Club Français	Apr. 11 - 10/11 am	Crowe/Yardley home	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Apr. 11 - 10 am	Rumley home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Apr. 11 - 10 am		Linda Green
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Apr. 11 - 1 pm	Comstock home	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	cancelled		Petra Halk
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 11 - 7 pm	Randall home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Apr. 12 - 1:30 pm	Capper home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Apr. 13 - 5:30 pm	Gibbard home	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Apr. 17 - 1:15 pm	Crawford home	Lorrette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Apr. 18 - 9:30am	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Apr. 19 - 10:30 am	Stringer home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Apr. 19 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Apr. 20 - 5:30 pm	Flynn home	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Apr. 23 - 7 pm	Randall home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	Apr. 25 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Apr. 25 - 1 pm	Crawford home	Auriel Halliday
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Apr. 25 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Apr. 27 - 5:30 pm	Sandhu/Lasota home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
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 Senior Centre	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	May 2 - 7 pm		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		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	Greene O'Brien home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	May 9 - 10 am		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 Français	May 9 - 10/11 am		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	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	May 15 - 1:15 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
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		Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	May 17 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	May 25 - 5:30 pm	Jordan home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	May 28 - 7 pm	O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	May 30 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	May 30 - 1 pm	Strachan home	Auriel Halliday
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	May 30 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
New date and/or time	Temporary Change	* Always held at this location	