

# FORUM

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

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AUGUST IS LIKE THE SUNDAY OF SUMMER

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**Robyn Balfour**

*President*

## *New Management, Excellent Speaker, and Fun Day*

**W**ELCOME TO OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT, Paul Crawford, who comes with excellent career experience as a school principal and has worked with large teams on a school board. A founder member of Escarpment Probus, who was on the management team for 2 years as Program Chair, and will hit the ground running.

NO LONGER THE COLD WHITE NORTH - David Philips, guest speaker at the July meeting, was outstanding. He assures us the weather over the next century will become hotter and wilder. This changing pattern cannot be stopped and he recommends our infrastructure be better prepared for future generations. His narration was humorous and based on fact and knowledge of his subject. Thank you Wayne Herder, our Program Chair, for bringing in the great speakers.

ESCARPMENT PROBUS SUMMER PICNIC was well supported. We enjoyed a gorgeous big, blue sunny day, good lunch, fun games, and great prizes. The day was very well organized by Julie Flynn, our Social Chair, and her committee.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE is headed up by Martin Capper, past president. Members being nominated for roles on the management team for next year will be announced at the August 15th General Meeting and finalized at the AGM in September. There is still time to volunteer for a position on the management team.

*See pictures on  
page 4*

## Join your friends for lunch in August

*By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor*

The Lunch Bunch in August will be at  
Portobello's Italian Bistro - 10220 Derry Rd W, Milton. A pre-set menu will be provided.

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



Reach us on the web at - [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://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.

**FORUM - ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE**  
 This PROBUS Club is open to both ladies and gentlemen members.  
 The newsmagazine is published monthly in PDF format on our website.  
 Our web site is: [www.escarpmentprobusteam.com](http://www.escarpmentprobusteam.com)  
 Annual Membership is \$45 per person - One time only fee of \$20 for your name badge.  
**Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at the Conference & Event Centre, 121 Chisholm Dr., Milton, Ontario, L9T 4A6**

**FORUM Deadlines**  
 Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular monthly meeting.  
 Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.  
 Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit, or change any copy or pictures submitted.

## SOCIAL CLUBS CONVENOR'S INFORMATION

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Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	3rd Wed. - Probus Meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-878-5550	4catparr@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	kgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	3rd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Jeanne Reid	289-878-9920	jreid345@cogeco.ca
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Cribbage - Card Sharps</i>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	3rd Tues. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
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Crafts - <i>Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks</i>	Thurs. after Probust meeting - 10:30 am	Chris Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - <i>Quilting Club - Piece Makers</i>	1st Mon. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
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Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	3rd Thurs. - 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
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Tastings - <i>Whisky - The Distillers</i>	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	anstrac1945@yahoo.ca
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Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca
New club, date, and/or time				





## Our August Speaker

**M**y name is Jayne Leang and I am the Director of Business Relations with the Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf (BRCCED). I have been with the organization for 14 years in various operational roles ranging from administrative to human resources to a more outward focus in my current role. I develop relationships that help us achieve synergies; especially as it relates to awareness, accessibility and enhancement or expansion of our services. Most recently, I have worked with the Ministry of Labour, the ROM, and the Canadian Mental Health Association of Ontario in developing videos in American Sign Language to help educate the Deaf community. I also led a 4 year provincial HR Best Practices Committee with a mandate to professionalize the Intervenor Services Sector and develop standardized HR tools. This committee reported to a provincial Steering Committee I participated on along with the Ministry of Community & Social Services with the purpose of implementing a 4 year Intervenor Services HR Strategy with a goal to improve services for Deafblind consumers.



**Discussion Topic:** Stories to help instill a better understanding of the services we offer and the population we support; including our social enterprise – The Range. Our individuals supported are all Deaf but that is not why they need support. They are with us because they are seniors who cannot live on their own, or adults new to Canada with no English or American Sign Language knowledge, or people with developmental disabilities or mental health issues where their families cannot continue to give them the 24/7 support required. The common denominator is they are all Deaf; some are also Deafblind. We create an environment where one did not exist before. Deaf Culture thrives and those receiving supports from us can feel a part of that larger community creating inclusiveness that results in acceptance and ultimately independence. Individuals have come to us from all over the country and our team of professionals help them strive towards the highest quality of life they can achieve in a communication-rich environment.

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*Storms and darkness scared me, but somehow it encouraged me to learn about nature and I think nothing's dark, dark is beautiful too.*

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- Bai Ling

## Our September Speaker

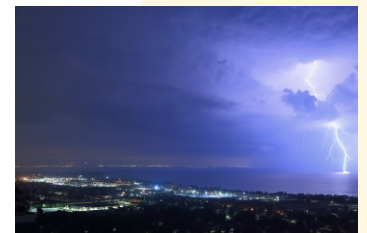
### Storm Chasing in Ontario

**E**xperience the entire life cycle of thunderstorms with this exciting and educational presentation. See how they form and develop into powerful lightning and wind storms. Watch an Ontario supercell tornado from start to finish as it cuts a path through the countryside near Arthur, Canada as well as two other tornadoes to hit our province. A very powerful presentation explaining the effects storms have in Ontario.

David T. Chapman started doing photography at the age of 16. He is self-taught in the art of photography and has been pursuing his career professionally since the age of eighteen. He learned at a very young age from his father to appreciate his environment in the surrounding countryside. He enjoys taking photographs of weather phenomena, especially lightning, as well as scenery and nature. David likes to seek



out unusual examples of nature such as unusual clouds, ice crystal formations and albino birds. To date he has found many multi-petaled Ontario trilliums, the highest of which had 33 petals. David is also a professional speaker and enjoys entertaining and educating a good crowd. His main areas of expertise are Weather/Aurora Borealis, Local Interests and Scenery of Ontario, Birds and Wildlife.







# Probus Picnic

by Julie Flynn - Social Chair

About 80 people gathered at Lowville Park on July 12th for our annual Probus picnic. The weather gods cooperated, so we had a beautiful sunny day. We enjoyed a barbecue lunch provided again by Troy's Diner, and challenged each other in a number of games.

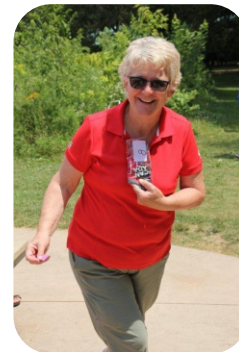


The winners of our games were:



- Bocce - 1. Diane Comstock, Julie Flynn, Michelle Tschirhart, Bonnie Lennox  
2. Beth Barnes, Pat Vogt, Bob Stringer, Wendy Stringer
- Ladder golf - Gloria Pennycook and Bob Findlay
- Mush ball - Bob Fndlay and Margaret Murphy
- LEGO count - Anne Marie Stockley
- Quiz - Kelly/Fred Ground, Michelle Tschirhart/Julie Flynn

A big thank you to those who organized and ran the games and to the Social Committee, you were all wonderful. I couldn't have done it without you.







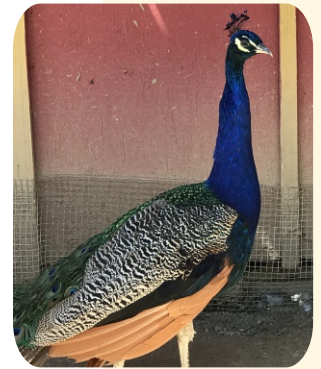
# Together at Whistling Gardens Then Scattered for Lunch & Afternoon

by Christy Babcock - Correspondent

**O**n Thursday, July 19th, 21 Probus men and women spent the morning at Whistling Gardens. Darren Wheimbecker, the owner of the 56 acre farm with 20 acres turned into a Botanical Garden, was our tour guide for not a one hour tour as expected but closer to 2 hours. This unassuming knowledgeable talented man showed us the various methods he has used to create new trees and to train others to do his bidding - Spruce trees into hedges, Linton Trees to enclose a seating area, and in the future his main walkway will have trees bridging the trail.



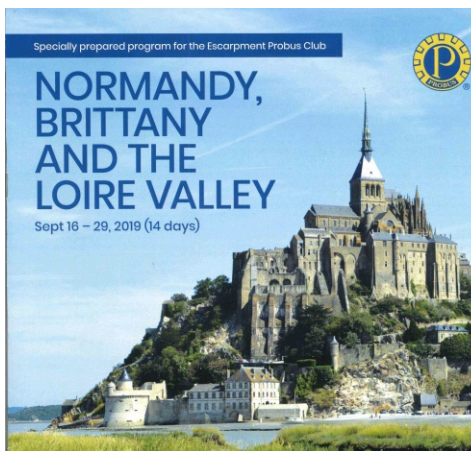
Darren also has a collection of birds that have all been “show” birds and would have been destroyed now that their “show careers” are over. We had a nice break sitting in the shade while we listened to music, composed by Darren, and watched the fountains dance to the music.



Afterwards we all scattered to various restaurants. Eight of us dined at the Field House Restaurant and enjoyed the huge meals.

## September 16th to 29th, 2019

**\$4,850 per person**



Detailed itineraries are included in the brochure available at our monthly meetings or from Joanne Millichamp (289) 878-2969

Airport departure tax is excluded, as is travel insurance.

Included are flights to and from Paris, all hotel accommodation, all breakfasts plus 3 lunches and 9 dinners, and all gratuities for guides and drivers



## New Group is Thriving!

by Ron DuPont - Convenor

The group has really caught on and is well in operation. We have 60 members signed up. Requests have gone out and have been answered promptly. I put out a request and got an answer in 9 minutes!



Do you want info on a product you have or want to buy? Do you have stuff that you don't want to throw out because it could be useful to someone else? Looking for a handyman or painter?

There are no meetings, no schedules, no excursions. And there is no cost. If any member of the group has a inquiry, they need only compose the question, as simple or detailed as you like, and email it to the convener. The convener will forward the request to all PIE members. If anyone can help, they will contact the requester directly.

It is an opportunity to take advantage of our club's vast store of knowledge to help ourselves.

To sign up, send an email to Ron DuPont (rcdupont@icloud.com) or write your info on the sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

## Chicken Feet and Skip BO

by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

Five of the BeeGees gathered on July 11th to play games. Lorhel brought her dominoes and we played several games of chicken feet, with the winners being Lorhel and Jenny. Lorette then introduced us to Skip Bo. We played three games, with the winners being Jenny, Lorhel, and Beth.



The next get-together will be August 8th at 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. Diane Comstock will be hosting, the game choices will be Quirkle or Tri-Ominos.

If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll give it a go.



## Three Tables for Bid Euchre

by Lorette Shermet - Convenor

We finally accomplished having three tables. Two new members who never played bid euchre before joined and it did not take long for them to learn the game. It is a great game, one does not need to know how to play euchre to play bid euchre. Now we are trying for four tables. Are you willing? We are willing to teach you.







# Garden Paradise/Food/History & Culture

by Christy Babcock - Correspondent

**T**hirty-four souls armed with umbrellas and raincoats arrived at Plant Paradise for our tour; fortunately the weather gods were kind to us. Lorraine Roberts wowed us with her knowledge and memory as she guided gardeners and enthusiasts through the various gardens describing growing characteristics and her “organic” methods - no mulch just compost and corn gluten to eliminate the germination of weed seeds. Quite a bit of shopping occurred as Lorraine’s plants are some of the strongest specimens available.



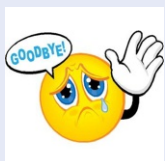
We then drove to Alton Ontario where we spent some time exploring the Alton Mill’s historical rooms as well as the artisans galleries and shops while we waited for our 1 pm lunch reservation. Many of us were early due to the lack of bug spray that certainly was needed to comfortably hike the trails at Paradise Gardens. Ray’s 3rd Generation Bistro provided us with various scrumptious lunches prior to returning to Alton Mill to finish where we had left off before travelling back to Milton.

This was a great day and, from comments received, enjoyed by all.



## Greeting Cards

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized, or moving out of the area and not re-joining our club, please advise Lorrette Shermet at [lorrette@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorrette@sympatico.ca) or 905-878-1293.







# PROBUS TRIP TO FRANCE - 2019

by Joanne Millichamp - Convenor

**J**oin us as we visit three distinct areas in France - Normandy, Brittany, and the Loire Valley in September 2019.



Arc de Triomphe Paris

In Normandy, we will visit the Caen Memorial, the Bayeux Tapestry, Juno Beach and the Juno Beach Centre, and Mont St. Michel. We will also enjoy a tasting of Calvados and several regional cheeses.

Brittany is known for its beautiful bays and coves, rocky coastline, and picturesque fishing ports. We will visit several villages here - Dinard, Saint Suliac, Locronan, Quimper, and Vannes. In Cancale we will stop for an oyster tasting.

The Loire Valley is known the world over for its beautiful chateaus and gardens. We will visit three chateaus, Chateau du Clos Luce, Chenonceau and Chateau de Chambord. A visit to the most beautiful cathedral in France, Chartres is also on the agenda, along with a tasting of the areas' famous white and sparkling wines made from the Chemin grape.

Then its on to Paris for the next two nights.

The price of the trip is \$4,850 which includes air, all breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners and ALL gratuities for guides and drivers.

If interested, please obtain a brochure at our meetings or call Joanne Millichamp at 289-878-2969.

## Nosh in Campbellville at the Wallhouse's

by Ellen and Chris Wallhouse - Correspondents



**O**n July 6th, 29 Nosh N Natterers got to enjoy the great weather on our deck. This time it was an amazing variety of salads and appetizers. One of the desserts was a cupcake cake, saying "You will be missed" for our Probus friends Lynda and Harold, as they are moving to Guelph.

A great time was had by all, until the next time.







# Get Your Dancing Shoes On!

by Julie Flynn - Social Chair

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

## FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND DANCE

**F**riday, September 14, 6:30 pm at The Grand Chalet on Steele's Ave. Enjoy a four course dinner with your Probus friends followed by dancing to the sounds of Rockin' Rob Hewlett. (You'll need to dance to work off that food!)



Last chance to get tickets at the August meeting.

## ACTIVITIES VS SOCIAL CLUBS

Do you know the difference between an activity and a social club?

An activity is a one-off event paid for by the individuals who sign up. Examples of activities are: Niagara Wine Tasting, Bocce, Whistling Gardens, and Fall Colours Train Ride.

Social clubs are continuing events, i.e., they meet on a regular basis and the list of participants is maintained by a convenor. The convenor also arranges a meeting place (often the home of a member), and emails the group about upcoming gatherings. Most clubs meet once or twice a month. Examples of clubs are: Euchre, Grapenuts (wine tasting), Oscar Nights (movie club), Friendship club, Pinseekers ( golf), Supper club, and many, many more.

**Please note:** We are in need of convenors for new social clubs suggested in the survey, as well as replacements for Oscar Nights (movie club) and 10 Pin Bowling. The 2 latter clubs may have to be suspended if no one steps forward.



## Jokers on Friday 13th

by Ellen Wallhouse - Correspondent

**T**welve of our Joker group meet at Ellen and Chris Wallhouse's home for a lively session of Jokers. As usual, the three games created lots of laughter and some rivalry. Everyone want's to win all their games, but only two players did.....Auriel and Michael Hooker. To be polite we will not mention the three



players that did not win at all.

As usual, Ellen provided a delicious selection of goodies, including her fabulous frozen mini cocktails.





## Beer Tasting

*By Pete Shermet - Convenor*



**NEW**

**P**lanning to run it like wine tasting in one way in that there will be a maximum of 12 per group. Once you are in a group (like nosh) you are in it for at least a year or one cycle (everybody hosts).

We will sample 4 different beverages per session (a flight). At the host's discretion we could sample beer or cider. I am getting pricing on the glasses as each member will purchase a set of 4 which they will bring to the tasting, and take home when the tasting is done. (The host doesn't have to supply and wash 48 glasses). We are looking at a sample size of 200ml so through the course of the evening we'll consume about 800ml of beer ( I don't think DD's are required). This should equate to about a cost of~ \$8.00-\$9.00 per person excluding the host. The host will supply the beer, snacks (pretzels, chips, nuts cheese, crackers, tea/coffee, and light desert.) I'm suggesting a start time of 7:00pm until we're done.

Since we already have over 20 interested parties there is likely to be more than one group like nosh and we have several interesting name suggestions.

## Skip the Dishes

*By Lorrette Shermet - Convenor*



**NEW!**

**S**kip the Dishes is a new club where Probus members will dine out once a month at restaurants classified as fine dining. Most entrees will be valued at \$15 and more. It will be the same format as lunch bunch where members are responsible for selecting their own meals and paying their own bills. Presently we are looking at the third Thursday of the month starting in September. The convenor for this new club "Skip the Dishes" will be Lorrette Shermet and she may be reached at [lorrette@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorrette@sympatico.ca). This was introduced at the July meeting and 48 members signed up. Most restaurants that Lorrette will be selecting can accommodate around 40 to 50 diners. This will have to be on a first come first served basis.

For September 20th, the restaurant selected is "La Toscana" which is an Italian restaurant in Milton.

## Members & Guests

*By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair*

**P**lease 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](mailto:mbdice5@gmail.com).

I ask all new members to let the Membership Chair know that you are in attendance at the meeting in order for me to call your name to receive your badge.

Bringing a guest to the meeting?

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

Know someone who is interested in Probus? Drop by the membership table and pick up a brochure.





# Hot Cards in the City

By *Jeanne Reid - Convenor*

**O**n this July afternoon, the temperature was rising but our 12 bridge players kept their cool. Don Corker emerged as the winner with Ray Mathews a close second. Thanks to Wayne Heath for his hospitality.



Our August bridge will be at Birkdale on August 7th.

# FIGS

by *Diane Comstock - Convenor*

**O**n Monday, July 9th, the Piece Makers gathered at Carol Anne's home. Diane brought a Flower Wreath she made for her door and Carol Anne showed us her latest quilt. Wendy brought more of her Black and White squares that she is working on. Diane also brought FIGS given to her by Bonnie Lennox. We had a great time, sorting through the bags, refolding the material, and choosing items to add to our individual stashes. Wendy took the leftovers to add to the group's bins.



Quilting Term of the month: *FIGS* - Fabric in Grocery Sacks

Our next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 6 at Wendy Stringer's home. She will have the group's bins available so if you have a project in mind (or even if you don't), you may find material to add to your stash.

**If you are not a member of the Piece Makers, you are welcome to join us if you are in search of material. Just let Diane (905-876-4909) know you are interested. No obligation to join the group.**

# Host Takes the Prize!

By *Lorrette Shermet - Convenor*

**W**e had a lot of competition this time round. Bob Stringer and Harold O'Brien shared the highest score of 46, followed by Lorrette with 42. Three people had two loan hands each Lorrette, Ray, and Bob. Rejeanne was the most honest player with a score of 23.





# Most Popular Brand in Ireland

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



The July meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Suzanne and Wayne Herder with seven members in attendance. Wayne supplied three Scotch whiskies, one Irish, and one Canadian whisky for our tasting pleasure. We rated them as follows:



The winning whiskey with a score of 81% was **Powers Gold Label**, an Irish blended whiskey. With an ABV 'Alcohol by Volume' of 43.2% at a cost of \$40. The flagship Powers Gold Label brand was the first Irish whiskey ever to be bottled. The most popular brand of whiskey in Ireland is a mixture of pot-still and grain. Powers was first distilled at the St. John's Distillery at Thomas St, Dublin in 1791. Powers Gold Premium sells over 2.5 million bottles in Ireland each year.



The second place finishers with a tie score of 79% was **Glenfarclas 10 yr old Single Malt** and **Glen Moray Elgin Classic Single Malt**, both of these are Scottish whiskies.



'Glenfarclas 10yr old Single Malt' with an ABV of 40% and costs \$60. The distillery selected four special Glenfarclas whiskies: 8 yr old, 10 yr old, and 12 yr old to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Lorne Scot Canadian Regiment and to honour the founding regiments (Peel,

Dufferin, and Halton) and finally, a single cask bottling of 2007 Glenfarclas, in honour of the Lorne Scots. 'Glen Moray Elgin Classic Single Malt' with an ABV of 40% and priced at \$40. In recent whiskey reviews this whiskey went from being belittled to being loved. Again, as I have said in the past it is subjective to one's own palate.



Number four was **Speyburn Brandan Orach Single Malt** with a score of 74%. This is a Scottish Whisky with a ABV of 40% and costs %40. The D'Stillers thought this was a run of the mill whiskey, nothing special. Again a whiskey one either loves or hates according to one's palate.



Last but not least with a score of 73.5% was **Wayne Gretzky No. 99 Ice Cask Canadian Whisky** with an ABV of 40% and a cost of \$60. Prior to bottling, this whiskey is finished for 4 months in casks that at one time held Ice Wine. We as a group did not smell or taste a hint of ice wine in this whiskey. To us it was just a Rye whiskey and at \$60 per bottle it didn't live up to our expectations.

Once again our thanks to Suzanne and Wayne for their hospitality, not to mention the great treats. Thanks also to our DD's for the safe drive home.



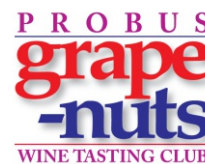
The Aug 1st Meeting will be held at the home of Mary and Russ Cousins.





# Italian Wines from the Veneto, Piedmont, Toscana regions

by *Martin Capper - Correspondent*



**W**ith a theme of Italian wines, participants were challenged to complete a 3 part "quiz". First they had to solve "hangman style" 3 words which had a connection to the wines. The words were Veneto, Piedmont, and Toscana, the regions of Italy where the wines originated. The next test was to identify the regions on a blank map of Italy and finally to identify the wines to the region.



There were 12 points available and with a high score of 6 the winner of a romantic Italian dinner for two was ..... Cliff. There was some debate as to who would partner Cliff to his romantic Italian dinner which ended when Cliff opened his prize to discover a can of Spaghetti Bolognese from Chef Boyardee and a candle!



We also took the opportunity to sing Happy Birthday to Cliff including learning a new birthday song from Petra.

- Best White: Batasiolo Bosc d’la Rei Moscato D’Asti, from Piedmont. LCBO 277194. \$16.95. Score 15.1. This is a sweetish wine, fairly high in acid- which compensates for the high sugar level, with only about 5.5% alcohol, slightly fizzy. A very refreshing summer wine, for the end of a meal.
- Best Red: Ascheri Barbera d’Alba, also from Piedmont. LCBO 219790, \$14.95. Score: 15.4.

At least, based on the 6 wines tasted, Piedmont was the best Region.

## Wanderlust - A new club for travel lovers

by *Gloria Pennycook - Convenor*

**I** don’t know how many times I have talked to a fellow PROBUS member about their travels. My usual response is “I would love to see your pictures”. That is what Wanderlusters is all about.....sharing travel pictures and stories with other people who are interested. There are no limits on the type of travel.....cruises, countries, adventure, etc!! Ideally everyone who signs up is willing to host and share their travel story. The host will set the date and time, provide light snacks and share their travel story. If there is time and interest, 2 travels

stories could be shared in one gathering. The host will decide how many people they can manage at their house. If there are people who would like to join in who don’t travel but are interested in participating, they will be put on a spare list and will be contacted if the host has room.

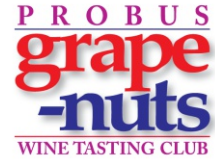
We will host the first event at the end of September.....it will be Greece and if time permits, maybe another trip. Mark the date September 27!





# Strange Happenings at Grapenuts July Tastings

by Michael Hooker - Convenor



The Flowers and the Reynolds gave a convincing demonstration of ESP by each picking (independently) the same “theme” for their tasting. The calculated odds on this are about 57.5 quadrillion to one (plus or minus a few billion). Gill and Bryan Reynolds included a (wait for it) Non Alcoholic white wine in their tasting. Relax, it didn’t win; in fact it was flagged by some as a touch strange! Wine was Carl Jung White Premium Blend.



## **Gill and Bryan Reynolds** - Theme: Commonwealth Wines

- Best White: Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, from New Zealand. LCBO 316570. \$19.95. Score: 12.1.
- Best Red: a tie: Bodacious Dark Red Blend, Canada. LCBO 522946. \$10.75. Inception Deep Layered Red, from South Africa. LCBO 369967. \$14.30. Both scored 14.8.



## **Marion and Keith Flowers** - Theme: Whites, Roses and Reds from the Commonwealth

Marion and Keith started us off with a tour of their garden – both front and back – at their house in Oakville. What a great sight; Keith and Marion, you are certainly well named! Then we tasted our wines and other goodies outside under the stars, surrounded by their beautiful back garden.

- Best White: Rolling Pinot Grigio, Australia. LCBO 483248. \$14.95. Score: 13.3.
- Best Red: Sister’s Run Old Testament Cabernet Sauvignon; also Australian. LCBO 478271. \$16.95. Score: 13.3.



*It was a perfect night to be sitting outside enjoying the garden, and a great group of guests to enjoy the wine with.*





# Variety is the Spice of Life

by Catherine Parr - Convenor



The Sequel Book Club held our annual July meeting sitting by the pool at the lovely Strachan home. For this meeting, members read their own choice of book. A delightful variety of historical magazines and books were reviewed and recommended for future reads.

- THIS IS YOUR LIFE, HARRIET CHANCE - by Jonathan Edison
- LOVE AND RUIN - by Paula McLain
- A LEGACY OF SPIES - by John LeCarre
- GLASS HOUSES - by Louise Penny
- OLD CITY HALL - by Robert Rotenberg, of Toronto
- WEIGHT OF INK - by Rachel Kadish
- WHERE I LIVE NOW - by Sharon Butala
- FASCISM - by Madeleine Albright
- MEGAN - by Andrew Morton
- THE LAST GIRL - by Nadia Murad
- MORNINGS ON HORSEBACK - by David McCullough



Books in a Series:

- EENY-MEENY - by M.J Arlidge
- THE CUCKOO'S CALLING - by Robert Galbraith
- BOSCH - by Michael Connelly
- RATHER BE THE DEVIL - by Ian Rankin



## New to Escarpment Probus?

Already a member but want to learn more about social clubs and activities?

Here's a chance to connect with other newcomers  
and to meet members of the club's management team.

Please come to the newcomers' information session at Grace Anglican Church hall

317 Main St. E., Milton On

Wednesday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast will be served.

RSVP to [cliff.read@cogeco.ca](mailto:cliff.read@cogeco.ca)



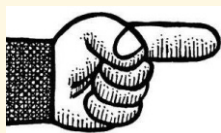
# Your Activity Committee is HOT! HOT! HOT!

*But aren't we all*

*By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair*

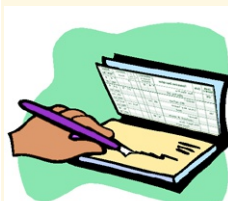


*Change in Activity*



**Y**our summer activities are rolling along. Unfortunately the “9 & Dine” we had scheduled for August 1st did not have enough signed up, so we have substituted **Mini-golf** for the Wednesday, August 1st date. We will meet at Vic Hadfield Golf Centre, 340 Burnhamthorpe & Trafalgar Road at 4:00. It is \$8.50 for 18 hole mini-golf and then, at your option, to Fionn MacCool’s at 350 Dundas E. and Trafalgar, the next intersection for dinner or snack. (Directions: From the golf course, go south on Trafalgar to Dundas and turn left (east). Entrance to the plaza is off Dundas, immediately on your right, not Trafalgar.)

August 14th: Tuesday, 4:00 pm **Bocci** at Italian Soccer Club is \$15 includes light dinner. Some space available and a wait list is open.



On Thursday, September 6th we are going on the **Niagara Wine Tour** of 3 Wineries. We are at capacity right now and a wait list is open. \$47 includes entrance to each winery, short tours and sampling, and your limousine bus. We leave the Sports Centre parking lot at 9:30 am, and return about 3:30. Lunch at Caroline Cellars is not included.

*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*

Coming on Monday, September 24th is a visit to the **S.S. Keewatin**. This ship was built at the same time as the Titanic and many of the same designs were used. Tour starts at 11:00. For \$17 you will have a 90 minute tour of the ship, stepping back in time. There are ladders and stairs to consider this when signing up. It is located in Port McNicol on Georgian Bay. This is a wonderful area to visit in September. Enjoy the day with friends in your carpool.

On Wednesday, October 3rd a tour of **Pearson International Airport** is scheduled. There is no charge but we are limited to 30 attending. A 2-hour airport bus tour on the tarmac and behind the closed doors of an airport is at 10:15 am to 12:15. Lunch at members’ expense. A recent Photo ID is required.

A **Central Waterloo Fall Colours** train tour is on Thursday, October 11, that starts at 9:45 am. Enjoy a ride from St. Jacobs to Elmira and return. It is \$25 per passenger. The St. Jacob’s Market is open that day too. If we get enough registered we can get the entire caboose to ourselves. We depart from 330 Farmer’s Market Road, Waterloo. Lunch at “Jack’s Family Restaurant” is not included in the cost.

Have a great August 1st long weekend enjoying Simcoe Day.

## ***Proposed New Club: Hatha Yoga***

Certified Yoga Teachers (Hatha Yoga) in our club are wanted to lead 1 or more yoga classes per month.

This is a preliminary query to hopefully form a new Yoga Club for our membership.

Please email [4catparr@gmail.com](mailto:4catparr@gmail.com) or telephone Catherine at 289-878-5550 if you are available or have any recommendations.





# Our July Meeting



The friendly faces of Chris & Jack Willekkes greeted us as we came in



Our newest members, left to right: Donna Blair, Lisa Evans, Joan Hodges



Enjoying social time!



Signing up!



David Phillips gave a very informative and somewhat humorous talk!



“ We won't be able to stop disasters from happening. On the contrary, climate change may increase the frequency and severity of floods, droughts, and storms. But we are better equipped today to prepare for them and reduce their impact. ”

- Sri Mulyani Indrawati



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is..... Pete Shermet who took home \$177.50





## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>Activities</b>			
Management Meeting	August 8 - 7 pm	Balfour home	Robyn Balfour
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>August 15 - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Bible Church</b>	<b>Robyn Balfour</b>
Lunch Bunch	August 15 - noon	Portobellos	Bonnie Lennox
<b>Clubs</b>			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online communications	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Track &amp; 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
Tastings - Whisky - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Aug. 1 - 7 pm	Cousins home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Aug. 2 - 7 pm	Lester home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Aug. 3 - 5:30 pm	Bennink home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Aug. 6 - 1 pm	<b>Stringer home</b>	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Aug. 6 - 7 pm	Hooker home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Aug. 7 - 1 pm	Birkdale Retirement Home	Jeanne Reid
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	<b>Cancelled for August</b>	---	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	<b>Cancelled for July and August</b>	---	Linda Green
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Aug. 8 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Aug. 8 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Aug. 8 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Aug. 9 - 1:30 pm	Hooker home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	<b>Cancelled for August</b>	---	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	<b>Cancelled for July and August</b>	---	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Aug. 13 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Club Français	<b>Aug. 14 - 10 am</b>	<b>Walk through Milton</b>	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Aug. 14 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycle	Aug. 15 - 9:30am	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	<b>Cancelled for July and August</b>	---	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Aug. 16 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Aug. 21 - 1:15 pm	Kotack home	Lorette Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Aug. 24 - 5:30 pm	Millichamp home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Friendship Club	Aug. 22 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Aug. 22 - 1 pm	Jenny/Harold O'Brien home	Auriel Halliday
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Aug. 27 - 7 pm	Finnie home	Lorette Shermet
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	<b>Cancelled for July and August</b>	---	Stephanie Hamnett
<b>Activities</b>			
Management Meeting	Sept. 12 - 7 pm	Balfour home	Robyn Balfour
Anniversary Dinner/Dance	Sept. 14 - 11 am	Grand Chalet	Julie Flynn
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>Sept. 19 - 9:30 am</b>	<b>Milton Bible Church</b>	<b>Robyn Balfour</b>
Lunch Bunch	Sept. 19 - noon	Ned Devine's Irish Pub	Bonnie Lennox
Newcomers Information Session	Sept. 26 - 9:30 am	Grace Anglican Church	Liz & Cliff Read
<b>Clubs</b>			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online communications	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Track &amp; 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
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Sept. 12 - 7 pm	Hamnett home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Sept. 4 - 1 pm	Birkdale Retirement Home	Jeanne Reid
Tastings - Whisky - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Sept. 5 - 7 pm	Capper home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Sept. 6 - 7 pm	Millichamp home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Sept. 7 - 5:30 pm	Hiebert home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Sept. 10 - 1 pm	Armand home	Paul Crawford
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	<b>Sept. 10 - 1 pm</b>	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Sept. 10 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	<b>Sept. 10 - 7 pm</b>	Shermet home	Michael Hooker
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Sept. 11 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Sept. 12 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Sept. 12 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Sept. 12 - 10 am		Linda Green
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Sept. 12 - 10 am	Millichamp home	Catherine Parr
Club Français	Sept. 12 - 10 am / 11 am	Crowe/Yardley home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Sept. 12 - 7 pm	Halk home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Sept. 13 - 1:30 pm	<b>Grace Anglican Church</b>	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	<b>2nd Fri. - Cancelled</b>		Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Sept. 18 - 1:15 pm	<b>Grace Anglican Church</b>	Lorette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Sept. 19 - Probus Meeting	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Sept. 20 - 10:30 am	Willekes home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Sept. 20 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorette Shermet
<b>Dining - Skip the Dishes</b>	<b>Sept. 20 - 6 pm</b>	<b>La Toscana</b>	<b>Lorette Shermet</b>
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Sept. 24 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Lorette Shermet
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	<b>4th Wed. - Cancelled</b>		Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	Sept. 26 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Sept. 26 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
<b>Travel - Wanderlust</b>	<b>Sept. 27 - 7 pm</b>	<b>Pennycook home</b>	<b>Gloria Pennycook</b>
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Sept. 28 - 5:30 pm	Finnie home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
<b>New club, date, and/or time</b>	<b>Temporary Change</b>	<b>* Always held at this location</b>	