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Paul Crawford

President

Participation Reaps Great Enjoyment and Fellowship

Our annual Christmas party has been a lovely event from our club's inception and this year's event looks to be the same with lots of good food, music and mingling. Kudos to Pat and her team for pulling this event together. I hope to see as many of you as can attend in your winter finery at Piper's Heath on December 12. To our newcomers, please accept the challenge of becoming involved with our wide variety of clubs and activities. The range of choices may seem daunting at first but many of us have found great enjoyment and fellowship by participating. Five years ago I literally knew no one in Probus but now my wife and I have many friends and lots of personal enjoyment out of our Probus connections.

We are always on the look out for willing hands to assist and becoming involved as a convenor or committee member can bring a sense of purpose and new friendships to your life.

We are always interested in hearing about what makes you unique. We have had a volunteer step forward to share a mini bio in January and are looking forward to hearing from more of you who are willing to share your life story with us for 10 minutes.

The overwhelmingly positive response that you gave our speaker in November was a testament to his ability as a raconteur. Don't you just love to hear a person who is knowledgeable about their topic and enthusiastic in their interest?

Save Festive Special Coupons!

by Bonnie Lennox - Convenor

There will be no lunch bunch in December because of the Christmas Party.

The Lunch Bunch in January will be at Swiss Chalet.

Don't forget to save your coupons from the Festive Special!



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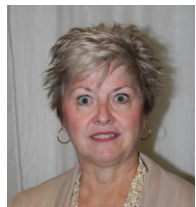
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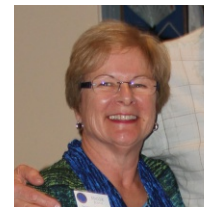
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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

This PROBUS Club is open to both ladies and gentlemen members.

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

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New information

Christmas Luncheon Entertainment

88 Keys - 10 Fingers - 1 Voice



There will be NO December speaker as we will be holding our Christmas Lunch program, where we will be entertained by Kiley Joe Masson.

Kiley Joe grew up in the small town of Princeton, Ontario -- population around 500. It was there he honed in his talents as a Vocalist and Rock & Roll piano player. Kiley Joe has dropped four albums, and released several songs to Canadian and European Country radio throughout the 1990's. Among the songs released, his most popular was a self-penned tune entitled, "Shame On Me" which tapped in at 49th on Country Music News' top 100. He also released a song which he penned in high school that became quite popular among the Canadian Legions in Ontario entitled "A Soldier's Memories". Kiley Joe, after working as a "single act" for more than 15 years, now performs with a 5-piece band at several Jamborees and Festivals across Southern Ontario.

Our January Speaker

Net-positive Energy Systems

Dave De Sylva graduated from the University of Toronto's civil engineering program in 1973. He owns and operates Howland Green Homes, Del Ridge Homes, Leed Wall Building Systems, Kenborough Contracting, and GreenLife Energy Inc., a company that began investigating a way to create ecologically friendly developments long before the "green" conversation became mainstream. De Sylva believes building sustainably should now be the obvious standard. Howland Green's goal is to build net-positive energy systems, and the success he has already achieved in net zero buildings is showcased in his most recent projects across the GTA, including Burlington, Markham and Milton.



I know Dave personally and I can tell you his Bio does not do him justice. To coin an old saying, Dave walks the walk. Everything he talks about he does. He is a sought after speaker world-wide on the subject of net-positive energy systems. In laymen's language -the concept of generating energy needs by renewable means.

Guest Speakers

by Ron Whaley - Program Chair

With the New Year approaching, we all look forward to another year of informative and entertaining guest speakers. Already we have some wonderful prospects, and many of those were suggested by our very own Probus members, including our January guest speaker Dave De Sylva. Suggestions, of course, are always gratefully accepted.

My goal in the next two years, simply stated, is to continue to enlighten and enrich the lives of our members through the life experiences and knowledge of our guest speakers. Really it is all about diverse story telling.

Our February guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen Glazer presenting on Demystifying Medical Marijuana.

“
Speakers who talk
about what life
has taught them
never fail to keep
the attention of
their listeners.

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- Dale Carnegie

Probus Forecasts a Fun Day at the Weather Network

by Jenny O'Brien - Correspondent

The forecast called for grey skies and brisk winds and the weather didn't let us down. It was a blustery November 13th when 30 Probus members descended upon the Weather Network in Oakville, for a tour their facilities and to get the inside scoop on what it takes to produce an accurate weather forecast for all of Canada. We were reassured to learn that there is meteorologist onsite 24/7, to watch the weather patterns, and keep us informed of what's heading into southern Ontario. We got into the production area, where the writers and newscasters were preparing for their upcoming report and then we were off to the recording studio to try out the green screen technology. 30 wanna be weather reporters, found it wasn't quite so easy to talk and motion to a blank backdrop -- but we gave it our best Probus try! Needless to say, the reporters have nothing to worry about from this good looking group :)



The Knowledge is Spreading!

by Ron DuPont - Convener

The group has really caught on and is gaining in popularity! We have over 80 members signed up.



Several requests have gone out and usually have been answered promptly.

It works better with more members participating. If you need help or can give help, please join and take part. To sign up, send an email to Ron DuPont (rcdupont@icloud.com) or see the sign-up sheet at the next meeting. If you would like more information about the group, email or call me.

Rumoli with Buttons

by Stephen Comstock - Convener

We had 8 people out on November 14th to play games at Bob and Wendy Springer's home. We played Rumoli. Wendy provided special buttons for the games, explaining that they had all come



from her grandfather's fireman uniforms that had been accumulated over the years. Wendy was the winner of game 1. With time allowing we played a second game, and Barb was the runaway winner there, in which she captured the elusive 7-8-9 sequence.

Since our usual time slot of December 12th is being preempted by the Probus Christmas lunch, we will be having our next get-together a week early on December 5th at Jenny O'Brien's home.

Please come join us, all are welcome. If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll give it a go.



Fast and Slow

by Ellen Crawford - Correspondent

Sixteen enthusiastic canasta players enjoyed some fast paced and some slow paced games in the intimate "cozy" surrounds of Ellen and Paul's lower level. The evening melded together perfectly.



Members

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.

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.

Please remember to wear your membership badges to the meetings so that we can get to know your name and introduce you to other Probud members



Precision Paper Piecing

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

Four members of the Piece Makers gathered at Diane's home on Monday, Nov. 5th. Carol Anne went "Shop Hopping" in October and picked up several block squares for herself and Wendy, one of which



involved paper piecing. Wendy requested some help on this technique, so I set up my sewing machine and we all proceeded to provide instructions while Wendy sewed and cut the materials and I pressed the seams. There was a little discussion on how to start as we had different approaches, however the end result was great!

For Show and Tell, Carol Anne brought her latest pieced creation, a lovely log cabin and applique snowman table runner.

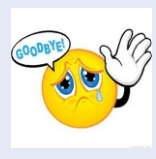


Quilting Term of the month: *Paper Piecing* – A technique of machine stitching your fabric directly onto paper. You can achieve perfect points if you position your fabric correctly and sew perfect straight lines. It is also known as Foundation Paper Piecing.

We plan to explore some quilt shops in Guelph for our next meeting on Monday, Dec. 3. Anyone who quilts or would like to learn are welcome to join our meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at 1pm. Call me or sign up at the Probud meeting.

Greeting Cards

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

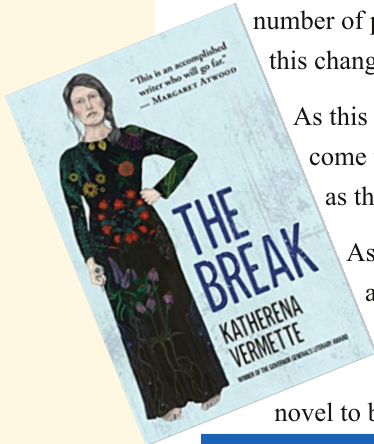


The Break by Katerena Vermette

by Cliff Read - Correspondent



The Break is not an easy book to read. The plot centres around a violent assault that takes place on a barren field on hydro land in Winnipeg's North end neighbourhood. The story is told from a number of perspectives that are in one way or another connected to the victim. At times, we found this changing of point of view hard to follow.

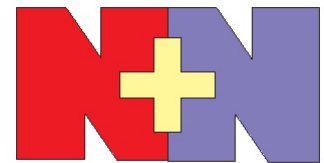


As this story unfolds the reader is given insights into three generations of a Metis family as they come together in a time of crisis. Through trying circumstances the characters display endurance as they remain deeply connected to family and that family's supporting love.

As a group, our book club had mixed reactions to this novel. They ranged from an appreciation of Vermette's skill as a writer to needing a break from reading as themes such as addiction, homelessness, poverty, and violence were explored. All of these themes are woven into the fabric of the main characters' everyday lives. In conclusion, we found the novel to be emotionally demanding yet at the same time compelling in its intensity.

Full to Capacity

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor



Rejane's house was at full capacity when she and Pat Vogt hosted the November 2nd Nosh & Natter. Subjects of discussion ranged from vacations, how our group is run, and



our feelings about it expanding. With 47 members and an average of 26 members wishing to attend, we decided to continue having two evenings a month, (except in the summer) because some of us can only accommodate 16 people. It was a fun evening topped off with lots of food, laughter, and libation.

Cribbage at the Reads

By Cliff Read - Correspondent



This month, our Card Sharps convenor, Martin Capper, and several cribbage regulars were busy stalking big game animals in Africa (with cameras of course). The usual venue was changed to Cliff and Liz Read's home and sixteen card players participated.



The cribbage champion of the evening, Gloria Pennycook, was undefeated in four games. The photo accompanying this write up shows Steve Comstock verifying her high score of 21. None of us required assistance to determine hands scoring an imperfect 19! Plenty of fellowship, laughter, and wine were the ingredients for another successful Escarpment social club event.

Annual Christmas Luncheon

by Pat Vogt - Social Chair

THE SOCIAL SCENE



Come join us in December for our annual Christmas Luncheon. We will gather at 9:30AM for a very brief membership meeting at 10:00AM. Coffee will be about 10:30AM, followed by our entertainment provided by Kiley Joe Masson between 11:00 – noonish.

When: December 12, 12.30 PM

Where: Piper's Heath Golf Club
5501 Trafalgar Rd., Milton, On
(905) 864-1025

\$45 per member (\$55.00 per guest) cash bar
Last chance to get tickets is Dec. 5th, (there are

only 30 spots left)

Questions or tickets – call Pat Vogt 905 877-2495

Don't forget to wear your best au Couture Christmas Outfit.

Prizes for best dressed!



Lion by Saroo Brierley

by Sandy Cannell - Correspondent

Lion is the amazing real-life story of a 5 year old boy who becomes separated from his brother at a train station in rural India. Saroo becomes lost in the masses of other homeless children. He takes a train and ends up thousands of miles across India away from family and friends. He must learn to survive on his own and ultimately is adopted by an Australian couple.



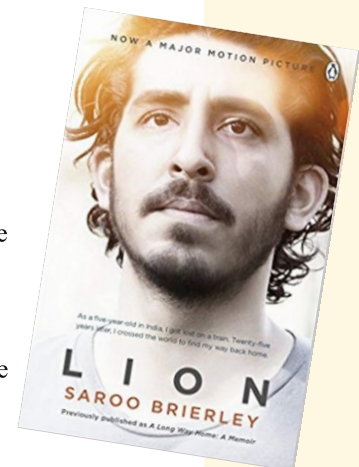
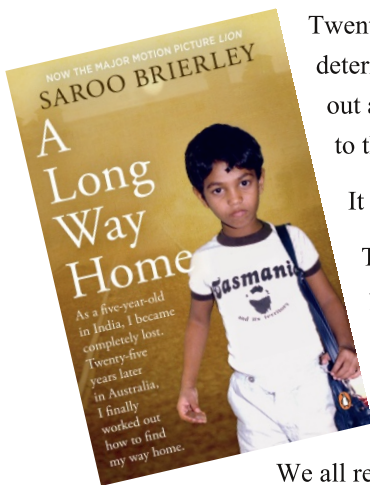
Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out and finds his lost family, his mother sister and brother. He finds the answers to the missing parts of his youth.

It is a triumphant story of survival against extraordinary odds.

The book was published in 2013 with the cover depicting the young Saroo under the title A Long Way Home. The movie starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman was released in 2016, newer editions of the book have a photo of Dev Patel on the cover under the title Lion.

We all really enjoyed the book and highly recommend it to others.

Some of the group have seen the movie and even though it takes some liberties we would also recommend it.



Ontario Brewing Awards

By Maggie Boss - Correspondent



Another evening of Suds and Buds was great fun! Folks gathered at Maggie and David Boss's house and the job for the evening was to see if we agreed with the judges of this year's Ontario Brewing Awards, the 15th annual celebration of the best of the best in Ontario beer.



We sampled two gold medal and two silver medal winners. The number one choice of the group was the Gold Medal Lagered Ale winner, Vimy Cream Ale, with an average score of 7/10. The most controversial brew of the evening was the Silver Medal American Pale Ale, Naughty Neighbour from Nickelbrook Brewing in Burlington. While it technically came in third place, it received the most high scores...and also the most low scores! It was "the love it or hate it" drink of the evening!

We enjoyed some salty snacks to build our thirst and ended the evening with Guinness cake! A full cup of stout in this dessert made it the perfect treat for Suds and Buds!

As always though, the best part of the evening was the shared storytelling, laughter, and fun!



Skip the Dishes

by Catherine Parr - Correspondent



Fourteen of us braved the first snowstorm of the winter and were rewarded with a lovely evening at the Marquee Steakhouse and Piano Lounge. Camaraderie with great food and wine was abundant!



Halloween

by John Yardley - Correspondent



Our last meeting took place on November 7th at John and Barbara's home and was attended by about eight people, a perfect number for free and uninhibited conversation in the two languages. Anne provided us with-- apart from the usual, and always delicious and interesting-- French snacks, some photocopies of an article on Halloween. This raised a number of comments from group members from different countries of origin on the different aspects of the event (if that is an apt term for it) in those countries and on the transfer of the original pagan celebration to the Christian appropriation of it, and on its varied forms of celebration in those countries (in particular France and the UK). We did agree that in future the reading matter provided for the meeting should be more limited than on this occasion, interesting though it was!

Unfortunately, our next meeting must await until after the next appropriated Christian festival, Christmas (originally the Roman Saturnalia), as John and Barbara will not be able to host before that time. We do hope that the group will continue as usual in the new year, and we would certainly welcome more male members as meetings tend to be almost entirely female.

Variety of Knitting Projects

by Christine Willekes - Convenor



On Thursday November 22, the knitting group met at the home of Norma Capper. The ladies were working on a variety of projects, looms to make toques and pot scrubbers, double pointed needles for socks, (Ellen is the expert) and knittedwiddle muffs. We even used Seamus, very reluctantly, to model a dog sweater.

Thank you Norma for hosting and for the treats and thank you Rosalind for hosting the October meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 17 at the home of Ellen Crawford.



“
The idea of doing something that I've never done before, that presents a new challenge, that forces me to stretch in some way - that's kind of a perfect project for me, and especially something that has greater social, conversational ramifications. I mean what more could you want?

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- Allison Williams

Do you have Ideas for Activities?

Our Activity Committee is missing something; or should I say bodies. We are searching for one or two committee members of the male persuasion. We don't want our activities to get too frilly, so we need some testosterone. We meet once a month to go over what each of us have planned and discuss possible activities. We are very civilized.

Choral Music

by Beth Barnes - Correspondent



Beth Barnes hosted the first official meeting of Mozart and Friends on November 20th with 7 members present and 2 regrets for an afternoon of classical music. The music chosen was the recording “Wandering Heart” by Chor Leoni .



Chor Leoni is a Vancouver based Men’s Choir founded in 1992 by Diane Loomer, a well-known choral director who also founded Elektra Women’s Choir. In 2012, Erik Lichte became Chor Leoni’s Artistic Director. Chor Leoni has performed across Canada and the United States as well as internationally in Bosnia, Italy, Germany and The Czech Republic.

Beth introduced each composition with some history on the artist and the composer of the music such as Erik Esenvalds, a Latvian composer of “Stars” and “Wandering Heart” written by Leonard Cohen. Felix Mendelssohn’s “Adspice Domine”, Op. 121 was written in 1833 in Baroque Cantata form and Chor Leoni performed this selection in the original Latin so the English Translation was spoken quietly (by Beth) before each line of verse.

Our newest member, Fran Murphy was very familiar with “Sure on This Shining Night” composed by Morten Lauridsen and she quietly sang with Chor Leoni as we listened and appreciated this beautiful music envisioning stars and wonder. Chor Leoni commissioned Erik Esenvalds to compose the music for the last piece written by Paulina Barda, a Latvian poet. The heartfelt words by Barda of her love for her husband who died after only 4 years of marriage, were interspersed by soundscapes expertly used by Chor Leoni to give the sensation of longing.

We enjoyed the rhythmic sound of Chor Leoni as this 60 member choir performs with stylistic grace and an adventurous spirit while tenor and baritone solo parts emphasize the emotions of the song.

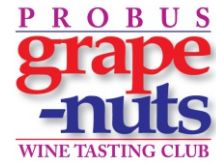
Our next Mozart and Friends meeting will be hosted by Asoka Yapa on Tuesday, December 18th.

Members in the photo from left to right: Beth Barnes, Gerry Kennedy, Pamela Lester, Fran Murphy, Jeanne Reid, Barb Jones, and Elinore Shannon.



A Happy Group of Grapenutters Sample Okanagan Wines

by Cliff Read - Correspondent



British Columbia's interior is home to one of Canada's most significant wine producing areas. While there are more than 920 vineyards in British Columbia the south Okanagan has the highest concentration of wineries in the province. For this tasting session, Liz and Cliff Read ordered a variety of wines from just one of these wineries, Intersection Estate Winery (www.xwine.ca). They enjoyed a winetasting tour while in B.C. and learned that ordering is easy via the internet with shipping often being free. The theme for this month's tasting session was readily created.

Established in 2009, Intersection is a situated on a mere 10 acres of land, just south of Penticton and produces only 3000 cases annually. The Intersection property is part of the 'Golden Mile' Bench an officially recognized sub-geographical indication. The intermingling of specific topsoils, hot morning sunshine and cooler evenings makes this area ideal for the growing and harvesting of unique wines, especially Merlots. Grapenutters appreciated the variety of grapes grown and the number of different wines produced from such a small plot of land

Our group scored the Riesling the highest of the white wines, giving it an average score of 13.26. We sampled three different Merlots and the most popular turned out to be the 2014 Alluvia Merlot with the highest average score of the night at 14.7.

One interesting note was that the Alluvia Merlot was directly compared to Intersection's Silica Merlot. When the winemakers harvested these wines they deliberately used identical winemaking processes trying to isolate the single variable of soil. A fine dry silicate soil was compared to the alluvial claylike soil from ancient creek beds. It came as a bit of a surprise to our group with just how different the final products were when tasted side by side.

If you are ever in British Columbia, a side trip to the Okanagan to explore some of the many good quality wineries is well worth the effort!



Wanderlust travels to Italy

by Gloria Pennycook - Convenor

Maggie and Michael Boothe hosted Wanderlust this month. They treated 16 “travellers” to a wonderful slide show of their several trips to Italy, in particular Venice and Cinque

Terre. After seeing the beautiful pictures of architecture, scenery, and people, we all wanted to go there (or go back!). We also enjoyed some Italian snacks with our BYOB drinks. What a wonderful evening of travel and PROBUS friendship!!

As Wanderlust meets every second month, our next meeting will be held in January hosted by Maggie and David Boss. We will be travelling to Portugal!!

If you are interested in joining Wanderlust, please sign up at the next PROBUS meeting.



Lunch Bunch at Eddio's

Photos by
Martin Capper



Our Big Fat Greek Supper

By Alan Jordan - Correspondent



The Κυρίες and Αντρών (Ladies and Gentlemen) of the Probus Supper Club assembled at the lavish home of Maggie and Michael Boothe for an evening of fine dining from ancient Ελλάδα (Greece).



The Ταβέρνα (Taverna) was decorated for the occasion with glossy pictures of the many beautiful, picturesque, and historical places that most visitors will see in Greece.

After drinks and chat we were introduced to the first dish of the evening, Spanakopita - a cheeky little triangle containing: spinach, flat-leaf parsley, yellow onion, garlic (of course), olive oil, eggs and the

ubiquitous feta cheese. So scrumptious seconds were irresistible.

Moving to the table - while we are able - the second course was a luscious Greek Salad, which surprising me, does not contain leaf salad. It is made of a delicious medley of cucumbers, black olives, sun dried tomatoes, red onion, Roma tomatoes and, yet again, feta cheese. Very light on the palate and very refreshing.

The main course was that universal favourite, Μουσακάς (Moussaka). To include the plethora of ingredients would take more room than we have here. Suffice it to say that it was exceptional and delicious. Well worth the many hours of dedicated chopping, mincing, frying and cooking it takes to produce this establish favourite around the world. I thought I was in Greece.

The final sweet dessert was Οσόφι (Hosofi) containing: apricots, dates, dried figs, raisins and lime juice all covering a generous dollop of Greek Yogurt.

Our hosts then challenged our wits with individual facts and figures of Greek history to be read out for all to enjoy and wonder.

The table talk was spirited with tales, some true, of adventures past and planned. A great way to get to know your Probian friends more intimately.

The cost per person for this sumptuous meal was \$9 - where else could you get such a bargain?

Other supper clubs enjoyed the Greek feast at the Crawford and the Read homes.



“Greece has got something like 1,400 islands. There is so much of Greece you can't know even if you're Greek. It's sprinkled out all around the edge of the Aegean, all over the place. It's already a secret place wherever you go, even if it's somewhere huge like Athens or Corinth. The place enchanted me.”

- Joanna Lumley

Bohemian Rhapsody

by Theresa Spano - Convenor

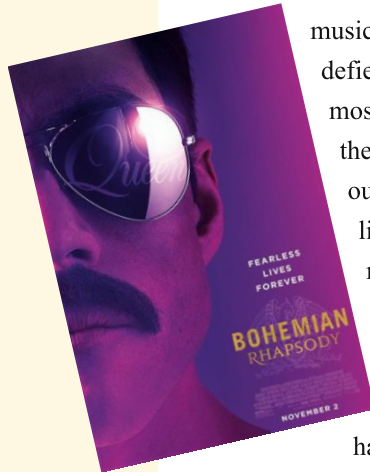
On Tuesday Nov 13th, a few snow flurries could not stop 13 Probus movie enthusiast from going to the movies and watching "Bohemian Rhapsody".

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound, their near-implosion as Mercury's lifestyle spirals out of control, and their triumphant reunion on the eve of Live Aid, where Mercury, facing a life-threatening illness, leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music. In the process, cementing the legacy of a band that were always more like a family, and who continue to inspire outsiders, dreamers, and music lovers to this day.

Ratings from our Probus members ranged between 4 star to "10" out of 5 and them wanting to see the movie again. Bohemian Rhapsody is a must watch movie. If you have not seen it as yet GO, you won't be disappointed.

Don't let the cold scare you off next month, get out of the house and join us Tuesday Dec 11th for our next movie event. As usual we will meet after the movie at Turtle Jacks.

Can't wait to see you!



Nosh in Mississauga

by Christine Willekes - Correspondent

On Friday November 23 the Nosh @ Nite group trekked out to Mississauga to the Willekes' home. Much food and laughter was shared by all. We heard about past travels and future travel plans and as usual, discussed a wide variety of subjects. The ladies shared photos on their phones and tips for enhancing the applications on their phones. We are looking forward to the December Probus events.



New Players Welcome!

By *Jeanne Reid - Convenor*

We had a great afternoon of bridge at Don & Ann Corker's home. There were 12 players and we welcomed 2 new players: Fiona Christie and Patricia Belvedere.



Jeanne Reid came in first with Ann Corker second. Paul & Ellen Crawford have kindly offered to host a Christmas luncheon bridge on Dec. 4th. It will be one hour earlier at 12 noon.

New to Escarpment Probus?

By *Liz Read - Convenor*

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, 17 Main St. E., Milton on Wednesday, January 23 at 9:30 AM - Continental breakfast will be served.

RSVP to cliff.read@cogeco.ca.

Probians Trotted off to Mohawk



by *Pat Vogt - Correspondent*

On Friday Nov. 16, 81 of our members attended the raceway for a Harvest Buffet and the live races of trotters in spite of the weather.

The food was good, the racing entertaining, and the usual camaraderie was on. By all accounts the horses got fed as I didn't hear about any big winners. The slots didn't seem too kind either. Everyone enjoyed themselves and would like to see this event happen again.



Lights, Trivia, CPR, Bowling, and Dancing

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair



With not having a general meeting this month, your Activity Committee will be bringing the sign-up sheets for our upcoming Activities to the Christmas Lunch. Bring your cheque books.



Also, I had confused a couple of dates for Activities when I was speaking at the general meeting, particularly CPR. Please check the dates for activities you have registered to attend.

Christmas is upon us now and our thoughts are focused on family, but sadly, we had to cancel the Christmas Cookie Exchange. I'm sure there are many reasons that this old tradition has faltered, so we can enjoy our own cookies.

The bus trip to **Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls on Thursday, December 13th** still has a few seats available. Contact Christy (cbabcock5652@gmail.com) if you wish to join us. We'll also have the signup sheet at the Christmas Lunch on December 12th, if there is still room. The cost is \$46. Bus will leave the Milton Sports Centre (back parking lot) at 3pm. We will go to Lakeside Estates Winery for a tour and a lesson in mixology, followed by dinner at Chuck's Roadhouse (at your expense), on to the 8 km tour of creative animated Christmas lights, then returning to Milton before 11:00 pm.

Lots of members have signed up for **Trivia Pursuit Night is Tuesday, January 15th, 2019** at Ned Devine's on Derry Road but there is space for more members to join in. Starting at 7:00 pm, you will identify music, TV sound bites, and trivia from the 50's, 60's and 70's. \$12 per person. Snacks & refreshments are available at your expense. If you don't have a team, we will find you one. We'll have the signup sheet at the Christmas Lunch. The more the merrier!



There are still a couple of spots for the **CPR course scheduled for Monday, January 28th, 2019** at 1:00 to 4:00. This is a hands-on three-hour non-certified course that will review how to perform CPR and use of the AED (defibrillator) that we see in local arenas and public places. It is \$34 for the course, with a limit of 20 participants. The instructor brings the manikin, plastic face cover, gloves and manual. Coffee and cookies will be served. We will be at Seasons Retirement, 760 Bronte St. S.

Still spaces for the **Wednesday, January 30th, 2019 Annual Bowling Tournament** at Champs. \$28 includes shoe rental, 2 games, and your chicken wings lunch and prizes. We've ordered extra food this year. This is a popular event. Doors open at 10:00 am to get your shoes and pick an alley number and then meet your teammates. Take a few practice throws to warm the competition that you brought your game. The Christmas Lunch will be the last opportunity to sign-up.

It's been a while since we had a dance so we're having a **St. Valentine's Day Dance at the Royal Canadian Legion on Friday, February 15th, 2019**. You are welcome to bring a non-member friend. Rockin Rob is the DJ. He brings all the music we know from our misspent youth. He's also bringing his Karaoke music and huge list of tunes available for you to share your talent during our light meal. Cost is \$25 per person with a Red and White theme. Be there on PROBUS time or 7:00 to 11:00 pm.

We have a few tickets to "The Dreamboats" performance on Friday, March 29th to be picked up. These will be available at the next General Meeting, on January 16th, 2019.

Look for more events in 2019.

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

The Back of the Turtle

By Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent

Trilogy Book Club's selection for our November meeting was *The Back of the Turtle* by Canadian writer Thomas King. Dawn Ross was our host and thanks go out to her for the warm hospitality.



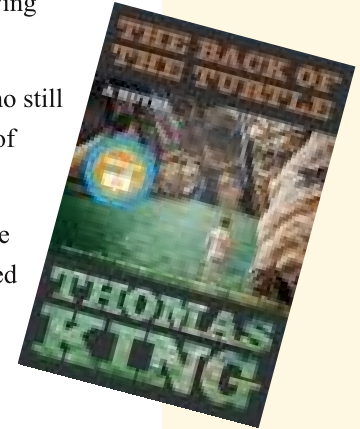
The Back of the Turtle tells the story of Gabriel Quinn, a disillusioned corporate scientist who has returned to an abandoned indigenous community, Samaritan Bay, that once was the prolific breeding ground for sea turtles before the eco-system was decimated by chemical spills. Having worked for Domidion, the global company responsible for the environmental disaster, Gabriel has decided to end his life by throwing himself off the cliffs into the ocean to atone for his perceived sins.

But before his appointment with death, Gabriel comes to know the motley crew of characters who still occupy the community including Mara, an Indigenous painter, Sonny an off-balance man-child of indeterminate age and Nicholas, a salty-spoken Scot who manages the local hot springs.

The arch villain of the story is Dorian Asher, CEO of Domidion and King takes the reader inside the workings of a character obsessed with brand name material rewards while totally unconcerned about the havoc that his company has wrought environmentally. King has woven touches of the spirit world throughout the narrative that refer to Indigenous folklore to create an interesting brew of not-quite reality.

Most of our group was a bit uncomfortable with the first part of the book that deals with spirits emerging from the ocean surf but once past that, the book became more engaging and resulted in one of our most enthusiastic discussions to date!

The book sparked a wide range of topics from environmental pollution and its effect on creatures of land and sea, the state of global corporations and their control of seeds and GMO technology, the psychological damage done to multiple generations of indigenous peoples that has yet to be fully resolved, the current state of political correctness that permeates our thoughts and actions and a call for action to somehow make changes to our environment before it's too late. All in all, a very spirited discussion. While our group gave the book a rating of 8, we agreed that our discussion was a full-out 10!



Novice Wins!

by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

Thirteen members converged on the Comstock condo to play bid euchre on Thursday, Nov. 15. The self-proclaimed novice, Ev, won all her games, albeit with the help of her partners at the table of four, but she was able to fend for herself at the table of three. A fun afternoon was had by all.



Guests

Please introduce your guest(s) to Maggie Booth at the membership table, so she can acknowledge them during the meeting.

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

Our November Meeting

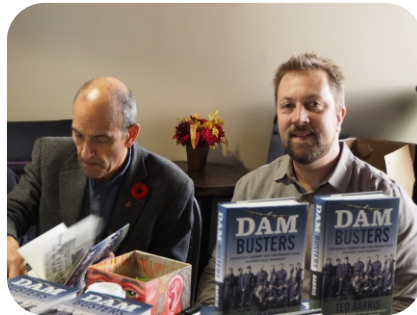
Operation Chastise was an attack on German dams carried out on 16–17 May 1943 by Royal Air Force No. 617 Squadron, later called the Dam Busters, using a purpose-built "bouncing bomb" developed by Barnes Wallis.



Liz Read was the first to be greeted by June Ruskak and Catherine Parr



Our newest members, left to right: Graham Bowde, Carol Hyde, Ginny Johnson, Fran Murphy, Brian Murphy, Marlene Murphy, and Lois Osborne



Did you get a signed copy of his book "Dam Busters"?



Ted Barris gave a very energetic and informative talk!

And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is..... Penny McIlwaine who took home \$193



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EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
Activities			
Management Meeting	December 5 - 9:30 am	O'Brien home	Paul Crawford
Escarpment PROBUS	December 12 - 10 am	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Paul Crawford
Probus Christmas Lunch	December 12 - 12:15 pm	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Anne-Marie Stockley
Festival Of Lights Tour	December 13 - 3 pm	Sports Centre parking lot	Anne-Marie Stockley
Clubs			
D Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
E Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
C Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>		Auriel Halliday
E Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Dec. 3 - 1 pm	Road Trip to Guelph	Diane Comstock
M Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Dec. 4 - noon	Crawford home	Jeanne Reid
B Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	cancelled	joint with Dec. 6	Michael Hooker
E Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Dec. 5 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
R Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Dec. 5 - 7 pm	Schmidt/Wilcocks home	Chris Strachan
B Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Dec. 6 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
E Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Dec. 7 - 5:30 pm	Babcock home	Gillian Reynolds
R Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	<i>no December meeting</i>		Gloria Pennycook
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Dec. 10 - 1 pm	Halliday home	Paul Crawford
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	cancelled	joint with Dec. 7	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Dec. 10 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Dec. 11 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Dec. 13 - 10 am	Parr home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Dec. 13 - 10 am	Green home	Linda Green
2 Club <i>Français</i>	cancelled		Anne-Françoise Gibbard
0 Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	cancelled		Ellen Crawford
1 Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	cancelled	joint with Dec. 6	Michael Hooker
8 Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	cancelled		Chris Willekes
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	cancelled		Auriel Halliday
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Dec. 17 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Dec. 18 - 1:15 pm	O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart & Friends</i>	Dec. 18 - 2 pm	Yapa home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Dec. 20 - 1:30 pm	Shermet home	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Dec. 20 - 6 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Tastings - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	cancelled		Pete Shermet
Friendship Club	cancelled		Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	cancelled		Auriel Halliday
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	cancelled		Michele Tschirhart
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Dec. 28 - 5:30 pm	Armstrong home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
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Activities				
Management Meeting	January 9 - 9:30 am	Stockley home	Paul Crawford	
Trivia Pursuit Night	January 15 - 7 pm	Ned Devine	Anne Marie Stockley	
Escarpment PROBUS				
Lunch Bunch	January 16 - 12 noon	Swiss Chalet	Bonnie Lennox	
CPR Course	January 19 - 1 pm	Seasons Retirement Home	Anne Marie Stockley	
Newcomers Meeting	January 23 - 9 am	Grace Anglican Church hall	Cliff & Liz Read	
Clubs				
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	Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Scheduled by convenor		Auriel Halliday
	Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	cancelled		Jeanne Reid
	Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Jan. 2 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Chris Strachan
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 3 - 7 pm		Michael Hooker
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	cancelled		Gillian Reynolds
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 7 - 7 pm		Michael Hooker
	Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Jan. 7 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
	Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Jan. 8 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
	Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Jan. 9 - 10 am	Rumley home	Catherine Parr
	Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Jan. 9 - 10 am		Linda Green
	Club <i>Français</i>	Jan. 9 - 10 am / 11 am	Yardley/Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
	Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Jan. 9 - 7 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 9 - 1 pm		Michael Hooker
	Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Jan. 10 - 1:30 pm		Auriel Halliday
	Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	Jan. 10 - 7 pm	Boss home	Gloria Pennycook
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jan. 11 - 5:30 pm	Flynn home	Gillian Reynolds
	Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Jan. 14 - 1 pm	Flynn home	Paul Crawford
	Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Jan. 14 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
	Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	Jan. 15 - 2 pm	Kennedy home	Michael Hooker
	Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Jan. 15 - 1:15 pm		Lorrette Shermet
	Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Jan. 16 - 10:30am	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Ellen Crawford
	Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Jan. 17 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorrette Shermet
	Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Jan. 17 - 10:30 am	Crawford home	Chris Willekes
	Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Jan. 17 - 6 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
	Friendship Club	Jan. 23 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
	Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Jan. 23 - 1 pm		Auriel Halliday
	Tastings - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	Jan. 24 - 7 pm	Tschirhart home	Pete Shermet
	Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Jan. 25 - 5:30 pm	Crawford home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
	Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Jan. 30 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Michele Tschirhart
	Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Jan. 28 - 7 pm		Lorrette Shermet
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