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

VISIT FROM THE WILD!

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Robyn Balfour
President

Our Strength is Fellowship; Our Success Participation

This is the official Probus Motto and key to your enjoyment and pleasure of being an Escarpment Probus member. The key is participation and you have a wide selection of excellent clubs, activities, and social events on our 2018 calendar. These are all well documented and dated in the monthly Forum.

A big thank you to Harold Grace, Vice President, who while I was enjoying the Cuban sunshine, chaired our January meeting. Well done Harold.

I have received excellent reviews and feedback about our January speaker Ron Base. I am sorry I missed this speaker. Thank you to Wayne Herder, our Program Chair, who works diligently and does extensive research to bring us top speakers every month.

Anne Marie Stockley, our Activities Chair, and her team are lining up fabulous outings, sports events, theater, and more. Get signed up!

We can all look forward to new friendships and raise a glass to celebrate the wonderful friendships, already formed over the past few years.

Escarpment Probus members, "Live, Laugh, and Learn", our personal club's motto.

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provided by John
Gallagher
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neighbour
Smruti Sarkar*

Greeting Cards

If you know of a member who is ill or hospitalized, please advise Lorrette Shermet at lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293.

If you know of a member who is moving out of the area and not re-joining our club, please advise Lorrette and Maggie Boothe at mbdice5@gmail.com.



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This PROBUS Club is open to both ladies and gentlemen members.
Our web site is: www.escarpmentprobuss.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 - ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

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

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS CONVENOR'S INFORMATION

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Lorette Shermet

Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Stephen Comstock	905-876-4909	scomstoc@sympatico.ca
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Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Petra Halk	905-876-0248	petra.halk@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	3rd Wed. - Probuss Meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellencrawford@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	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	3rd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Lorette 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	Lorette 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	Lorette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
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Crafts - <i>Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks</i>	TBD	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
Dining - <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	3rd Wed. - Probuss Meeting	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	1st & 2nd Fri. - 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Scheduled by convenor	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
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Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Marilyn Armstrong	905-875-7336	Marilyn.Armstrong12@gmail.com
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Our February Speaker

Life is too Short to be a Passenger www.CourageToSoar.com

Lesley Page is a Private Pilot and Motivational speaker. Her husband took her for her first flight in a small airplane when she was 50. It was “love at first flight”! Never one to be content to just go along for the ride in life, she obtained her Private Pilot license in the spring of 2007. When she’s not using her airplane for trips, her passion is sharing her love of flying with others. She has received several awards for introducing women and young people to aviation by taking them for free flights in her airplane.



Lesley is an experienced public speaker and engaging story-teller. She enjoys inspiring people to overcome their fears and obstacles and to achieve their dreams by relating her journey from burned-out corporate manager to award-winning private pilot.

Our March Speakers

Member's Time to Shine!

Joanne Millichamp, the Founding Member of Escarpment Probus, will enlighten us with a brief history of how our club was formed and our activities to-date.



Paul Crawford and his fellow travellers will be sharing their delights from the recent Probus trip to Austria and Italy.



“
*Life is ten percent
what happens to you
and ninety percent
how you respond to
it.*
”

Lou Holtz

WULFSE, Alida (nee den Hollander)



Alida Wulfse, born June 11, 1940, passed away suddenly December 17, 2017 after a hard fought battle with cancer. Alida was a long time resident of Campbellville and a devoted member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Predeceased by her husband Len, their baby daughter Shirley, and her brother Kees, survived by her sister Adrianna and brother Harry. Alida's faith was the strong foundation she built her life upon, ever sure of her salvation she rests now in the comfort of her Savior Jesus Christ. A friend to many in the community, Alida and Len built many long lasting friendships. She will be sorely missed by her family, and her many friends that grew to become family. Alida was a member of Escarpment Probus since August 2014 and enjoyed the monthly meetings, speakers, and the theatre outings. It is sad to lose a member in this way. A donation has been made to the Burlington Humane Society in her memory.

See You in the Blue

by Harold Grace - Vice-President

As announced at our January meeting, jackets can be ordered directly through Key Centres/KCK Teamwear located on 100 Nisissing Road, Unit 13, Milton Ontario.

There is plenty of parking and you may go in for fitting/sizing, ordering, and payment via debit, visa, or cash. They won't accept personal cheques. No email or phone in orders will be taken and your order will be final sale with no exchanges.

The cost of the Jacket is \$50.00 inclusive of tax. The initial order cut off date is February 28th, processing time is 2-3 weeks from that date. We will notify you once the jackets have arrived and you may then go into the store to pick up your jacket.



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



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

215 Members Strong!

By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair

New year - new membership list! Check your emails for the current updated member's list. If you did not receive it, please send an email to Diane Comstock (meljenscc@sympatico.ca). Please note: For those who have asked that their information "not be distributed", your name is not on the list. 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.

Two Tables for Bid Euchre

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

Bid euchre was played Thursday Jan. 18th in the afternoon at Grace Church. We had eight players. Anyone willing to learn, we are willing to teach.

The next bid euchre will be Feb. 15th and hosted by the O'Briens.



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!

A wonderful selection of small sandwiches, veggies and dip, 3 cheese quiches, homemade scones & jam, heart shaped shortbread, chocolate macaroons, and chocolate dipped strawberries, along with a welcome berry punch and a selection of four teas will be enjoyed - all for \$32.



Best Sellers a Plenty

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor



Many people brought in many books for exchange. A lot of comments were made that there were better choices for books this time. Keep those best sellers and good reads coming. I still have a very full box to tote back and forth. Remember if you bring one book you take one book, if you bring five books you take five books.

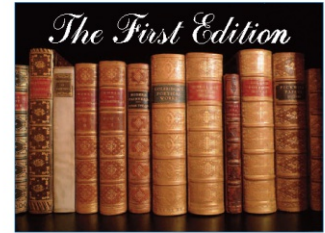
Mystery and non-fiction are a big hit - as well as those books on the best sellers list.

Happy Reading Everyone!

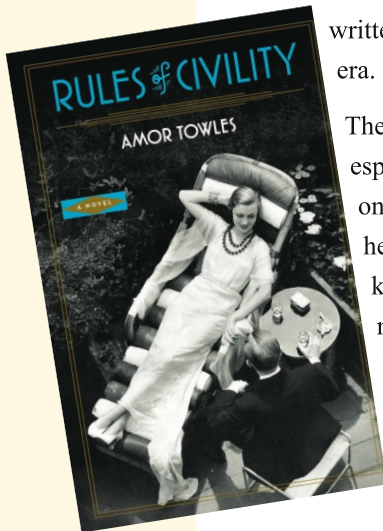


Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

By Liz Read - Correspondent



This month's First Edition Book Club title is set in the jazz era days of 1937. It depicts a year in the life of the protagonist, Katey Kontent, focusing on people and events that shaped the rest of her life. Reminiscent of *The Great Gatsby* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, the novel is well written with descriptive language that paints a picture of life in New York during that fabulous era.



The author based the title on a list of 110 rules for decent behaviour that George Washington espoused. Our group enjoyed reading out the rules that still applied today and those archaic ones that highlighted the different classes of society in Washington's time. Google the list for helpful nuggets such as: In visiting the sick, do not presently play the physician if you do not know therein. Be not apt to relate News if you know not the truth thereof. And, In speaking to men of Quality, do not lean nor Look them full in the Face, nor approach too near them at least Keep a full Pace from them.

The book club members were mostly divided evenly into people who evaluated it as 5 out of 10 and those who gave it an 8. Depending on our impressions of the novel, some of us plan to read another title by the same author, *A Gentleman in Moscow*.

Line up your Tokens!

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor



Steve and Diane Comstock were the hosts for our board game afternoon on January 10th. Four members played "Sequences". Although Steve and new player Dawn Ross played well, ultimately, Diane and fellow new player Jenny O'Brian were the winners, 4 games to 3.

The next get-together will be February 14th at 1pm at Grace Anglican church. Jenny will be hosting and will be bringing "Mexican Train Dominoes". If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll try to get a second table going.



Petra would like some competition!



If you like Scrabble - come on out! We play at 1pm, the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Grace Anglican church.

Same time, date, and venue as Board Games.



Molly's Game

by Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

Movie Rating * * * * 1/2 - 5

There was a good turn out for our movie night with 9 Probus members attending. The movie was almost 2 1/2 hours in length, and some parts of the show seemed slow, especially, if you don't understand the game of poker. The money that was played in the poker games was in the hundreds of thousands and right into the millions. These high stake games created much suspense throughout the movie as players could win big or lose big in a very short time. The gambling addiction was addressed in the movie by Molly as she helps players seek professional help.

The actress that played Molly Bloom, Jessica Chastain, is a very beautiful, talented, and young actress. I was quite impressed with her acting ability from playing an injured Olympic athlete, to a high roller, to organizing major league poker games in LA and New York. Jessica may one day be right up at the top of the star charts with other actresses like Julia Roberts, Gena Davis, Reese Witherspoon, and others.

Synopsis

Molly's Game is the true story of Molly Bloom a beautiful, young, Olympic-class skier who ran the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker game for a decade before being arrested in the middle of the night by 17 FBI agents wielding automatic weapons. Her players included Hollywood royalty, sports stars, business titans and finally, unbeknownst to her, the Russian mob. Her only ally was her criminal defense lawyer Charlie Jaffey, who learned that there was much more to Molly than the tabloids led us to believe.

Our next movie night is February 13.



Probeans Eat from the Far East

by Jenny O'Brien - Correspondent

On January 25th, 34 hungry Probus members were welcomed in the Community Room at our local SuperCenter to learn about cooking Thai food. A truly delectable menu of Spring Rolls, Asian Veggies, Pad Thai, and Sticky Rice Pudding with Mango Fruit Salsa was enjoyed by all. Everyone left a little fuller than when they arrived, and with some helpful hints for their own kitchens. Many expressed interest in revisiting this activity soon, so stay tuned for more details for the second half of 2018!



Wenjack

By Lorene Rea - Correspondent



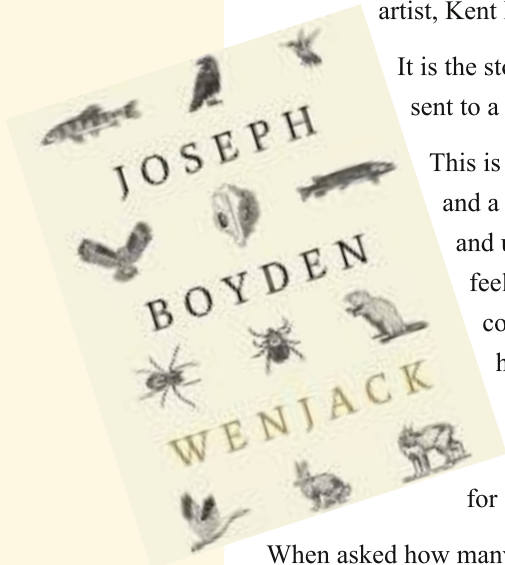
The Sequel book club met at the home of Lorene Rea on January 10th. The book, Wenjack, by Joseph Boyden was a small (112 pages) book but carried a very powerful and heavy message. The illustrations were by the Cree artist, Kent Monkman.

It is the story of Chanie, a young Ojibwe lad, who was ruthlessly taken from his family and sent to a Residential School in Kenora Ontario.

This is based on a true story. The author wrote in a native style, with the eye of a painter and a heart as big as our country. His words evoked his characters emotions in a touching and understandable way. This book encouraged much discussion and created strong feelings in regard to the incredible injustices done to these children. When we consulted a map and noted the hundreds of miles that separated Chanie's school and his family home, it made clear the impossibility of his dream of being reunited with his family and his dogs.

Chanie died of hunger and exposure at Farlane, Ontario. It was an emotional read for each of us.

When asked how many would recommend this book, for the first time there was 100% endorsement of our book of the month.



Bonnie & Vicky Rule!

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

We started the year at the home of Paul & Ellen Crawford. There were 2 tables with Bonnie Lennox the winner. Vicky Lenarduzzi was second place. We will play our February game at the home of Bev & Jack Moreland.



COME BOWL WITH US

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Champs - 300 Bronte Street South

No Experience Necessary - Just Be Willing to Have Fun

\$25 covers: as many games as your team can play in 2 hours; your bowling shoes; a great lunch, and practice time if you come a bit early.



Arrive just after 10:00 am in time to pick up your shoes, find your team, and throw a few practice balls.

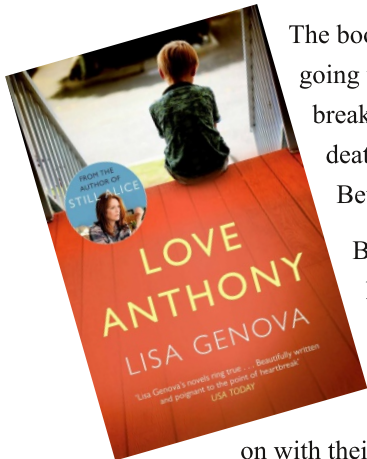
Bowling 10:30 - 12:30 then lunch at their restaurant



Love Anthony

by Dawn Ross - Correspondent

The Trilogy Book Club met on Jan 10 at the home of Dawn Ross. This month we read Love Anthony. This is a story about unconditional love, loss, and renewal by bestselling author Lisa Genova.



The book tells the story of two women living on Nantucket. Both are going through very traumatic events in their lives. Beth is going through the possible breakup of her marriage. Olivia is getting over the break up of her marriage and the death of her autistic child. They are both trying to cope in the best way they can. Beth has the support of her friends. Olivia is on her own.

Beth renews her passion for writing with a story of a young autistic child and his thoughts and feelings that allows others to see his world. She shares these words with Olivia, giving her the ability to understand her son Anthony and bring purpose to his short life. This provides the strength, understanding, and purpose that both women need to come to terms with the past and move on with their lives.

This book raises awareness about autism. It gives a better understanding of the autistic mind and what could be going on in their minds. It also draws awareness to the life of an autistic child's parent.

Our rating for this book ranged from 6-9 out of 10, but most of us enjoyed this book giving it a average rating of 8.5.

Three, Four, and Six Players

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor



Canasta was hosted by Lorrette Shermet at home on Jan. 29th at 7 p.m. We were supposed to have 3 tables of 4 but, due to illness we only had 2 tables of 4 and one of three. Canasta is a very long game it normally takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours to complete a game. We finished off with a group trying out six handed canasta - a table of two teams of three players each. From the sounds coming from the kitchen, they were having a lot of fun.

The next canasta game will be Feb. 26th at the Crawfords.

Great Response!

by Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

At the January Probus meeting we had a great response for the new club. Around 25 people signed up for conversation or a more academic group to learn French. We are still waiting for some people to complete the form about their preferences for day and time. It will be a challenge to find a day and time to meet everybody's choice!

If you are interested in joining us, please sign up and indicate the day and time that is best for you.

We are looking forward to starting up and seeing you all...a bientôt!



J'espere que vous viendrez vous inscrire au Club Français!

What a Crowd!

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

Wow! What a great way to start the new year. Lorrette was going to host it at her place and only could house 16 people. 24 signed up, she thought do I only go with 16 or accommodate all 24. She decided to accommodate all 24 and moved it to Grace Church in the upper hall.

We have two new members that have joined the group, Chris Gibbard and Caroline Trenton. Chris was a real rookie - never played the game and took some lessons on UTube - but he managed quite well. The winner with the highest score was Wendy Stringer and the least Bonnie Lennox. Lorraine surprised us all with five lone hands. It was a great afternoon.



If anyone would like to learn how to play euchre we are willing to teach. The next euchre game is February 20th being hosted by the Comstocks.

April 25, 2018

1:30pm matinee

Stage production of "Annie" at the Ed Mirvish Theatre, Toronto.

Cost is \$81.50/person.

We have 20 tickets reserved

February Probus meeting is your last chance to sign up!

A cheery musical that has been enjoyed around the world!



"Art" of Unravelling

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

On Thursday January 18, the knitting group met at the home of Norma Capper. We practised the "art" of unravelling, a very important and often frustrating skill, needed before we start a new project. We also discovered that some members of the group had been very busy knitting since the last meeting and some are between projects.



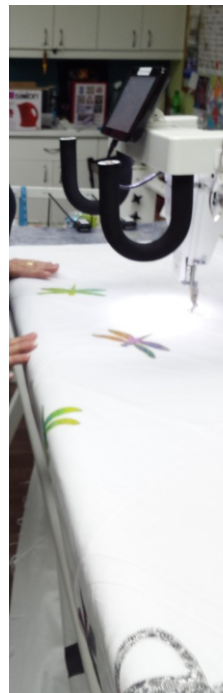
Our next meeting is on Thursday February 22 at 10:30 at the home of Theresa Spano, 989 Donnelly St in Milton (416-618-2955).



TGIF, FART, & SEX

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

The Piece Maker's met on Jan. 8th at the home of Wendy Stringer. Carol Ann showed off her "Fifty Shades of Gray" quilt that she quilted using a long-arm machine. Members had lively discussions on current and future projects and possible excursions.



Quilting terms of the month:
 TGIF - Thank God It's Finished
 FART - Fabric Acquisition Road Trip
 SEX - Stash Enhancing Excursion

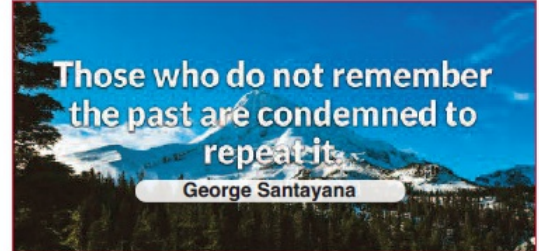
Our February meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 5 at the home of Carol Ann Currie or if the new shop "Oh Look, Fabric" has opened, we will have SEX at the new fabric store in Milton.



Quotes for every occasion

By Alan Jordan
Occasional Correspondent

Every one loves a good quote. Here is a small selection of smart, clever, thought provoking and silly quotes from some of the most quoted people in the world.



Trekking Out to Mississauga

by Chris Willekes - Correspondent

On Friday January 26th, the Nosh @ Nite group made the trek out to Mississauga to the Willekes home. Fortunately the sun was out, roads were dry, and the travel was against traffic. As always we shared an abundance of appetizers and desserts, can never go home hungry. Conversation and laughter ensued well into the evening, signs of a successful Nosh. Martin, have you found the mates to your socks?



For those travelling to warmer climates, we wish you an enjoyable vacation and will see you soon.



Lunch Bunch @ Swiss Chalet!



“
It's easy to impress me. I don't need a fancy party to be happy. Just good friends, good food, and good laughs. I'm happy. I'm satisfied. I'm content.

”
- Maria Sharapova

New Lunch Menu at Kelseys

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in February will be at Kelsey's - 45 Chisholm Drive.

See the lunch menu at <http://kelseys.ca/lunch.php>

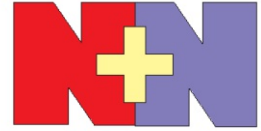
Note: CAA Members can save 10% on your bill.

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



Cold Outside - Warm Inside!

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor



The Nosh N Natter evening held at the home of Gill & Bryan Reynolds turned out to be one of the coldest, but the atmosphere inside was warm and friendly. There was plenty of laughter and conversation, which seemed to accelerate after the consumption of an elegant sufficiency of food and wine.



A Wee Drop of the Irish

by Liz Read - Correspondent

A warm Nosh on a snowy evening took place in the home of Patrick and Margaret Murphy. After all the delicious appetizers, the group enjoyed trifle for dessert along with a wee drop of Irish cream liqueur.



Scottish Meat Pie

Comments taken from Facebook Posts



Everyone enjoyed their Supper Club meal so much that they forgot to take pictures except for the meal at the Read's. Each supper host mentioned that the recipe for beef pie was delicious and economical. This is the picture and the comments posted on Facebook:



Chris Babcock: An enjoyable evening with a scrumptious meal.

Maggie Boothe: We had a wonderful time at Dianne and Udos too. We forgot to take a pic. Having too much fun!

Auriel Halliday: Diane's Scottish Meat Pie was really delicious.....hope everyone else's was as good. What a great evening for only \$13.00 per person.

Norma Capper: We had great time at the Reynolds also didn't take a photo, love these get togethers - a lot of fun.

Anna Strachan: We too had a great time at Hilary Lloyd's/Patricia Kotack. We forgot the pictures too. A great time was had by all. Better luck getting a photo next time.

“
I think what makes "Jeopardy!" special is that, among all the quiz and game shows out there, ours tends to encourage learning.
”

- Alex Trebek



April 6, 2018

6:30 - 10:30pm

Banquet Hall Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 136!

Team registration at 6:45pm

Quiz starts 7:00pm

\$25 per person (includes food)

Cash bar - Legion prices

Come out and enjoy a fun evening of challenging questions and playful competition

There will be a cash bar, a pub style meal, and a number of prizes.

Arrange your team of 2-5 players with a unique name - Prize for the best name!

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

Surplus after paying for food & hall will be the prize fund to be divided

50% to winning team - 30% to second place - 20% to third

In the event of a tie - prize will be divided equally between tied teams!

South Korea Wins!

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

The D'Stillers first meeting of 2018 was held at the home of Bill Willcocks and Kathy Schmidt. Bill supplied four Scotch whiskies and a South Korean whiskey for our tasting pleasure.



•We rated them as follows:



'Believe it or not' was the South Korean '**KAVALAN**' which is a single malt whiskey at 40% alcohol by volume (ABV) at a cost of \$140, the D'Stillers rated this at 80 out of 100. The distillery is named after the indigenous Kavalan people, who originally inhabited the Kavalan Plain of modern-day Yilan County. The distillery was completed in December 2005, produced its first spirit in March 2006, and released its first bottling in December 2008. In January 2010, one of the distillery's products caused a stir by beating three Scotch whiskies and one English whisky in a blind tasting organised in Leith, Scotland, to celebrate Burns Night.



'**Aultmore**' 12 Year Old Single Malt at 46% ABV and costs \$80 per bottle, the rating was 78%. Aultmore in Gaelic means 'the big burn' which is referring to its water source. The Distillery used a 10 HP steam engine from the late 1800's, 24hr a day every day for 70 years until they decided to join the National electrical grid in 1969 when they retired this hard working engine.



'**Tamdhu**' 10 Year Old Single Malt. This whisky is 43% ABV and costs \$90 per bottle, we rated that 77%. Tamdhu is from the Gaelic for 'Black Hill'. Tamdhu celebrated its 120 anniversary by releasing a new 50 year old whisky, the oldest whisky it has ever produced. The single malt is priced at princely £16,000 (\$20,500) per bottle. Only 100 bottles have been released globally, with a strength of 55.6% ABV. On checking the Internet I found there was still one bottle available for purchase. It crossed my mind to ask the D'Stillers if they would consider buying one, then I sobered up and thought better of it !!



'**Talisker Dark Storm**' Single Malt, 45% ABV at \$99 per bottle with a score of 75%. Talisker is the only Distillery on Isle of Sky famous for the song 'Over the Sea to Sky' where Flora McDonald rowed 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' to Sky to escape the English army after the Jacobite uprising of 1745. In the movie Charlie Wilson's War, CIA agent Gust Avrakotos presents US Rep. Wilson a bottle of Talisker. The agent explains to Charlie the scotch is mentioned in a Robert Louis Stevenson poem, "The Scotsman's Return From Abroad". The bottle was bugged and allowed him to listen to the congressman's conversations.



'**Laphroaig**' 48% ABV at the current price is \$85 down from a high of \$99. The Distillers scored this whisky 71%. It appears that only Bill and I like this particular whisky with Wayne really hating it, giving it no score... Laphroaig has a smokey, peaty, seaweedy heavy flavour because the barrels are stored in a warehouse facing the sea. In 1847 the founder died falling into a Vat of whisky. In May of this year I will be accompanied by another D'Stillers (Martin) where we shall be validating this story, or myth.

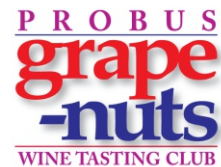
Our thanks to Kathy for entertaining the DD's and for her lovely coffee, tea and desserts. Thanks also to the DD's, for getting us all home safe and sound. The February 7th meeting will be held at my home.

Social Club Slideshow

We are planning to create a slideshow highlighting our social clubs. We would greatly appreciate if you could provide us with recent pictures and/or videos of your club's activities. You can send these to Martin Capper (martin@martincapper.com). Thanks in advance.

Megs rewrites the rules; John believes in winter; Gill performs miracles!!

by Michael Hooker - Convenor



Megs Shellard

Megs changed one part of our scoring process: instead of collecting individual scores after each bottle, she collected scores after the three whites had been tasted and the same for the three reds. Advantage of this way is that if a taster decides after the second or third bottle that he / she would like to change the score for the first or second wine, it can be done before the score is “revealed”. I think we have all experienced a time when we said “After tasting this one I wish I could change my score for the one before”.

Megs picked Pinot wines from Ontario as her evening theme.

Best White: A tie with a score of 13.0, between
Bodacious Pinot Grigio, LCBO 473223, \$10.95
Pelee Island Pinot Grigio, LCBO 326413. \$14.95.

Best Red: Coyote’s Run Pinot Noir VQA, LCBO 53090, \$20.20, Score 12.8

John and Julie Flynn

The Flynn's theme was "Ontario wines for a cold winter evening".

Best White: Angels Gate Riesling VQA, LCBO 160523, \$13.95, score 13.2.
Best Red: D'Ont Poke the Bear Red VQA, LCBO 518746, \$14.95. score 15.0

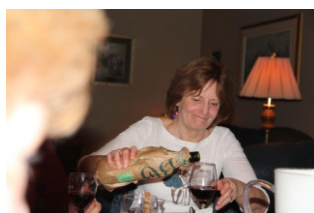


Gill and Bryan Reynolds

Gill also made arrangements to extend the theme to the outside weather, although she modified it slightly to “From Water to Ice” (also known as “Freezing Rain”). This caused some interesting maneuvers as we attempted to cross the road from our cars to the Reynolds mansion – we looked more like a bunch of drunks before we even got started!

Their "Miracle" theme: “From Water to Wine” – wines with a “watery” name.

Best White: Two Oceans Pinot Grigio, South Africa, LCBO 295022, \$9.95, score 12.7
Best Red: Two Oceans Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot, South Africa, LCBO 340398, \$9.95, score 13.3.



Busy Planners

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

Your Activity Committee has been busy.

“NOISES OFF” on February 10th at the Milton Arts Centre goes at 2:00 pm. Performed by the Milton Players Theatre Group, the 18 PROBUS members who will be attending can look forward to a good time.



BOWLING at Champs Bowling & Sports Bar (Bronte across from LaRosa Bakery) is on February 28th at 10:30. Plan to arrive around 10 to get your shoes, meet your team, and take a few practice throws. Lunch and prizes is at 12:30. Enjoy a buffet lunch of wings and a selection of cold cuts, fries and salad, and all the necessary fixings. The bar will be open. Final payment of \$25 is due at the February general meeting to confirm your attendance.

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PUB QUIZ NIGHT at the Legion is on Friday, April 6th. The cost is \$25 which includes a light lunch half way through the evening. The cash bar will be open at Legion prices. The game starts at 7:00pm, team registration is at 6:45pm. Teams of 2 to 5 players should be arranged, but teams will be created for the individual players that night. Each team will need to be named as prizes will be given for the best team name. There is lots of interest in this event, so be sure to pay your entry at the February meeting. We are reaching the cut-off numbers.

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Tickets to ANNIE, at the Ed Mirvish Theatre, Toronto, on April 25th are available. February will be the last meeting that you can reserve your seat. The tickets are \$81.50 for the Wednesday, 1:30 Matinee. We have only 20 tickets reserved. It will be a cheery musical that has been enjoyed around the world.

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HIGH TEA is scheduled two days before the Royal Wedding. We have reserved the Escarpment Tea Room for Thursday, May 17th at 12:00. At \$32, this event is very popular. The Tea will take place at the Milton Italian Canadian Club, 104 Tremaine Road, north of Steeles. Of course the theme is Harry and Meghan Markle’s Royal Wedding. Hats, fascinators and cummerbunds are encouraged.

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Behind the Club is a Monarch Butterfly Waystation. The abundant supply of milkweed and local flowers in the area has sustained many generations of butterflies as they migrate between Canada and Mexico each year. The weather in May will give us a chance to see nature on the escarpment.

The Milton Players

performance of a comedy by our amateur players.

It is only hours before the opening of a British adult FARCE, "Nothing On," and the touring company is hurriedly running through a final dress rehearsal in the Grand Theatre, Weston-SuperMare, before the first audience arrives.



Noises Off is at the Milton Arts Centre on Saturday afternoon, February 10, at 2:00 pm, \$27

Let our fellow Miltonians entertain us for an afternoon of British farce. Drinks at East Side Mario's follow at your own expense.

Our January Meeting



Alan and Rosalind Jordan welcomed us all into the meeting hall

No new members this month but we did have a table of guests!



If you have an idea for a new club or a suggestion for the management team; write it down and place it in the suggestion box.

Don't forget to add your name so we can discuss it with you.

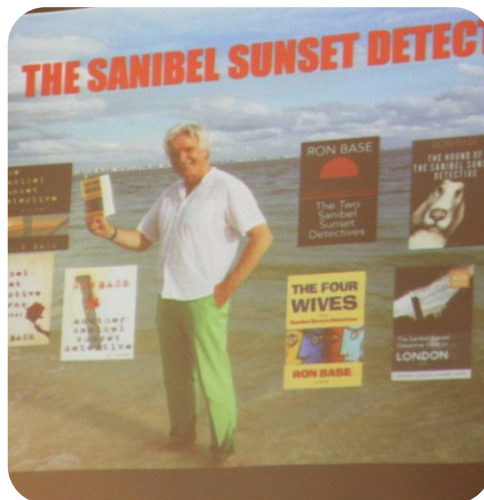
Did you see this in the Forum??



Today's lucky 50/50 Draw winner was Tita Bartels and she won \$166.00



Ron delighted us all with his life story and his many "famous" encounters



“ Creative non-fiction is such a liberating genre because it allows the non-fiction writer, whether he or she be journalist or essayist, to use all of the techniques of the fiction writer and all of the ideas, creative approaches, that fiction writers get a chance to use, but they have to use it in a true story. ”

- Lee Gutkind

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

	EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
FEBRUARY	Activities			
	Noises Off	10 February - 2 pm	Milton Arts Centre	Anne Marie Stockley
	Management Meeting	14 February - 7 pm	Boothe home	Robyn Balfour
	Escarpment PROBUS	21 February - 9:30am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
	Lunch Bunch	21 February - noon	Kelseys	Bonnie Lennox
	Bowling & Lunch	28 February - 10:30am	Champs Bowling	Anne Marie Stockley
	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
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Feb. 1 - 7 pm	Halk home	Michael Hooker
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Feb. 2 - 5:30 pm	Boothe home	Gillian Reynolds
	Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Feb. 5 - 1 pm	Currie home	Diane Comstock
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Feb. 5 - 7 pm	Tschirhart home	Michael Hooker
	Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Feb. 6 - 1 pm	Moreland home	Jeanne Reid
	Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Feb. 7 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Chris Strachan
	Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Feb. 8 - 1:30 pm	Shellard home	Auriel Halliday
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Feb. 9 - 5:30 pm	Pond home	Gillian Reynolds
	Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Feb. 12 - 1 pm	Castello home	Paul Crawford
	Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Feb. 12 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
	Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Feb. 13 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
	Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Feb. 14 - 10 am	Kotack home	Catherine Parr
	Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Feb. 14 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Feb. 14 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk	
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Feb. 14 - 10 am	O'Reilly home	Linda Green	
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Feb. 14 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker	
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Feb. 20 - 1:15 pm	Comstock home	Lorrette Shermet	
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Feb. 15- 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet	
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Feb. 22 - 10:30 am	Spano home	Chris Willekes	
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Feb. 23 - 5:30 pm	Shermet home	Paul & Ellen Crawford	
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Feb. 26 - 7 pm	Crawford home	Lorrette Shermet	
Friendship Club	Feb. 28 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss	
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Feb. 28 - 3 pm	Finnie home	Auriel Halliday	
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Feb. 28 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett	
MARCH	Activities			
	Management Meeting	14 March - 7 pm	Comstock home	Robyn Balfour
	Escarpment PROBUS	21 March - 9:30am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
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	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Mar. 5 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Michael Hooker
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	Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Mar. 7 - 7 pm	TBD	Chris Strachan
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Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Mar. 28 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett	
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Mar. 30 - 5:30 pm	TBD	Paul & Ellen Crawford	
	New date and/or time	Temporary Change	* Always held at this location	