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*President*

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## What will 2018 bring?

If the past 4 years are anything to go by, we can all look forward to another fun filled year of meeting new friends at Escarpment Probus. 220 Members and growing. The activities and clubs are all busy and most enjoyable. Full steam ahead and calendars already filling up.

Early in 2018, we will once again invite members to complete the anonymous Escarpment Probus Questionnaire. Our new meeting venue and the Friendship Club are both a direct result of the excellent feedback we received from members in 2017. This is your club, your input, participation, and ideas are invaluable to the enjoyment and success of Escarpment Probus.

We closed off 2017 with our Christmas lunch at Granite Ridge Golf course. 145 Probians came out to celebrate the Festive Season. Santa and Rudolph were in the house. Santa (Pete Shermet) handed out candy and Rudolph (Lorette Shermet) was dashing and flashing as many photographs were taken. The outfits were fantastic, the excitement in the room deafening. The bar opened at 11:00 a.m. and Kiley Joe Masson entertained us with great dance tunes. The time to dine was disappointingly long, however in true Probian fashion, socializing and chatting filled the gaps. Thank you to our Social Chair, Julie Flynn and her team, for organizing this enjoyable event.

Looking forward to seeing you all on January 17th, back at 121 Chisholm Drive, Milton. Monthly meeting start time is 9:30 a.m.

*Escarpment Probus Management Team wishes you a very  
Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.*



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



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**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. There are a limited number of printed copies that may be picked up at the monthly meeting.  
Our web site is: [www.escarpmentprobud.com](http://www.escarpmentprobud.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

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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.

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

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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	paullelencrawford@gmail.com
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Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-878-5550	4catparr@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
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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
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Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	1st Mon. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
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Dining - <i>Nosh @Nite</i>	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paullelencrawford@gmail.com
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## Our January Speaker



### Ron Base — Sanibel Sunset Detective mystery novelist

A former newspaper journalist, magazine writer, and screen writer, Ron Base has written for the Windsor Star, the Toronto Sunday Sun, and Maclean’s magazine.

He has also written for many American publications ranging from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Chicago Tribune* to *Cosmopolitan Magazine*. For the better part of a decade he wrote about movies for the *Toronto Star*, the country’s largest circulation newspaper.

In addition to his Sanibel Sunset Detective mystery novels, which have become Florida bestsellers, Base has recently introduced a series of mystery novels set around Milton, beginning with *The Escarpment*. He’s currently working on a sequel, *The Mill Pond*, to be published in the spring.

Base lived in Los Angeles for several years where he wrote a book about the history of movie stardom published in the U.S., Britain, and Canada called *If The Other Guy Isn’t Jack Nicholson, I’ve Got The Part*.

He’s also written many screenplays and has lived in Montreal, Paris, and Rome.

Base was born and raised and educated in Canada. He and his wife, Kathy Lenhoff, divide their time between Milton and Fort Myers, Florida, not far from Sanibel Island where his mystery novels are set.

“  
*All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.*  
”  
Walt Disney

## Our February Speaker


### Lesley Page [www.CourageToSoar.com](http://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.

**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.





# Joint Christmas Gathering

by Gillian Reynolds - Correspondent



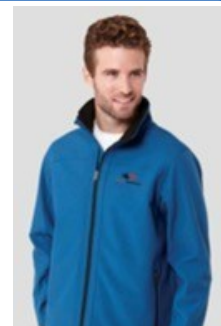
**A** Christmas gathering for both Nosh groups was held at the beautiful home of Gary & Christy Babcock on Friday, December 1st. The photos are evidence of the good time that was had by all, thanks to the kindness and organization of our gracious hosts. Thanks again for everything, Gary and Christy!



## Probus Jackets

by Harold Grace - Vice-President

**T**he fitting of the Jackets will be postponed until February as there are certain fitting logistics and discussions that still need to take place with the supplier. We will meet with the supplier in early January to finalize the agreement.



# Annual Campfire

by Liz Read - Correspondent

**O**n the afternoon of Tuesday, December 12th, the trail walkers met for their annual campfire at Hilton Falls Conservation Area. It was a beautiful winter day with snow on the trail and friendly chickadees welcoming us.

The campfire was put to use for heating a pot of cider, roasting hot dogs, baking s'mores and munching on cookies. It was interesting to see the the differing approaches to cooking over a fire with people using anything from sticks to wire coat hooks and others showing their skills with 4 wiener racks.

And of course, there was a discussion of just how blackened a hot dog should get, how gooey marshmallows should be, and what kind of 'additive' should go into the cider. Joy Castello was behind the camera recording this funfilled event in these photos. Ron Flannagan, our convenor, was unable to join us and we hope he'll be back on the trails soon.

We will continue to hike over the winter, cancelling only if weather and trail conditions are unsafe. Please feel welcome to join us.



*More pictures on next page...*

# Bring the Book Back

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor

**P**lease remember to bring back the book that you borrowed especially best sellers. Bring a book take a book. If you bring 5 books, you then take 5 books. I need a light load to carry home.



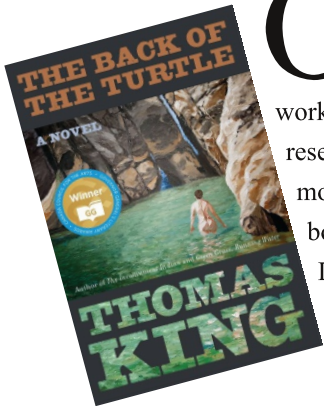


*Descending the final hill to the cars. Glen Eden ski hill is visible through the trees.*



# The Back of the Turtle

By Julie Flynn - Correspondent



On December 11, the First Edition Book Club met at the home of Julie Flynn. This month's read was "The Back of the Turtle" by Thomas King. The book introduces us to Gabriel Quinn, a scientist who worked for a biochemical company called Domidion, as he returns to the reserve where he grew up, with the intention of committing suicide. The reserve and most of its inhabitants were killed by the use of a chemical he had developed. The book alternates between Gabriel and the people he meets, and Dorian Asher, CEO of Domidion, as he tries to excuse the company from responsibility for this disaster and another taking place at this time. There was lots of discussion about the story and the style of writing with the book being rated anywhere from 5 to 8 out of 10.



# Cards and Lunch

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

We had our annual Christmas bridge and luncheon on Dec. 5th at Jeanne Reid's home. There were 16 players in attendance, 4 tables. After drinks and lunch, we managed to play 5 rounds of bridge. Shirley Mathews came first and Jeanne Reid second.



Our January bridge will be at the home of Paul and Ellen Crawford on Tues. Jan.9th, one week later due to New Years day so close.

Happy Holidays to all.





## Our December Meeting

*Al & Barb Finnie with their festive headgear, sweater, and tie greeted us as we entered the room*



*Our newest members, left to right: Nigel Punton, Cindy Penfold, Margaret Moloney, Barry Moloney, Chris Watkiss, Ron Whaley*



*The winner of our yuletide 50/50 draw was a repeat of last year - Penny McIlwayne won \$237.00. Merry Christmas*

“  
*There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.*  
”  
*William Butler Yeats*

## The Birth House – by Ami McKay

*by Joanne Millichamp - Correspondent*

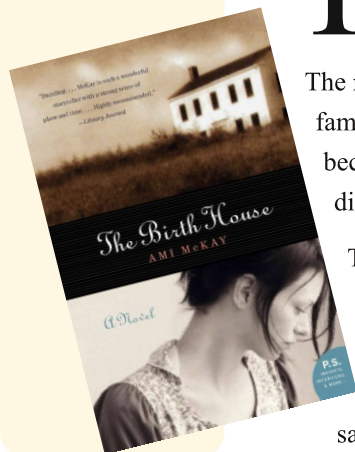


**T**his work of historical fiction is set in rural Nova Scotia in the isolated village of Scots Bay against the historical background of war, influenza, and the Halifax explosion.

The main character of the Birth House is Dora Rare, the first female born in 5 generations to the Rare family. Dora is drawn to Miss Babineau, an elderly Creole midwife with a gift for healing. She becomes Miss B's apprentice and together they help the women of the area with childbirth, infertility, difficult labours, and their sex lives.

This is an unfortunate tale of the struggles women have faced to have control over their own bodies and to keep the best parts of traditional medicine alive as the world of modern medicine arrives on their doorstep.

Following our book club meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas pot luck luncheon and sampled the 'groaning cake' mentioned in the book.





# Christmas Luncheon

By Julie Flynn - Social Chair

THE SOCIAL SCENE

December 13th saw 145 Probians gather at Granite Ridge Golf Course for our annual Christmas lunch. Snow set the scene outside, while three Christmas trees gave a festive air inside. Each table had a beautiful centrepiece created by Gloria Pennycook and Liz Read. A lucky person at each table won it to take home. Many attendees dressed in costumes or Christmas fashions and prizes were awarded to those judged best by our four past presidents. In addition, Penny McIlwaine won a whopping \$237 in the 50/50 draw.



Wonderful entertainment was provided by Kiley Joe Masson on keyboard with vocals. He got an enthusiastic response from everyone, with many people getting up to dance.

A delicious lunch was served following the entertainment.

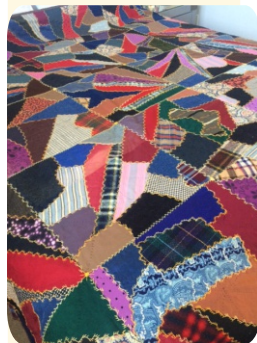
A great way to begin the Christmas season!





## Present, Past, and Future

by Diane Comstock - Convenor



The Piece Makers met on Dec. 4th at the home of Diane Comstock. We oohed and ahed over several members' current works in progress and some heirloom items, and then we discussed plans for future meetings and outings.

Carol Ann brought a sample of a 'Cross and Crown' block that she is using to construct her 'Yuletide Elegance' quilt. Wendy brought her village that she quilted by hand with small button enhancements. Barbara brought her mother's original nursing bib and a scrappy quilt that had been hand-pieced and hand-quilted by her great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. We discussed a trip to the textile museum in Toronto and visiting some quilt shops in Dundass and/or Ancaster.

Quilting term of the month: LAQ - Long Arm Quilting - Longarm quilting is the process by which a longarm sewing machine is used to sew together a quilt top, quilt batting, and quilt backing into a finished quilt. The longarm sewing machine frame typically ranges from 10 to 14 feet in length (or, 3metres to 4.25 metres).

Our January meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 8 (1 week later than usual) at the home of Wendy Stringer. We look forward to seeing Carol Ann's handiwork on the long-arm machine.



## Join your friends for lunch in January

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in January will be at Swiss Chalet - 50 Market St.

If you purchase a festive special, don't forget to save the coupon to use at the lunch!

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



## WE HAVE A FULL HOUSE!

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.



# A Spool of Blue Thread

by Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent

The Trilogy Book Club got together for a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at Symposium Restaurant to discuss our December book pick, *A Spool of Blue Thread* by award-winning writer Anne Tyler. Tyler has written 20 novels over her long career and this book, like her others, focuses on family dynamics. Her writing tends to be character-driven and describes the quiet and often quirky tensions that occur within family interactions.



In this book, we encounter the Whitshanks, Abby, a retired social worker and husband Red, a local business owner of a construction company in Baltimore. The couple has raised their 4 children who have gone on to establish their own careers and families with the exception of Denny, the youngest, who approaching 30, is still struggling to find his way.

For people of a certain age, who might wonder if their kids will be there for them as the years advance, might take a lesson from the story described in the book.

The kids, noticing that Abby is losing some of her mental acuity and attributing her condition to the effects of age, decide that son, Stem and wife Nora and 3

young sons, will move into the parental home to offer their assistance on a 24/7 basis; all this without consulting Abby and Red as to whether this was what they wanted.

Abby and Red acquiesce and the household grows. Not only that, but prodigal son Denny appears without notice and decides he should be the one to look after mom and dad. Much of the plot ensues from this sibling showdown as family secrets are revealed. Tensions develop with the arrangement and there is an unexpected life event that upsets the family's good intentions.

The reaction from our group was tepid coming in around 5 on a scale of 10; sort of a take-it or leave-it status. Most of us felt the book wasn't really remarkable and while there were some interesting insights into family life, nothing that we haven't seen in our own family situations.

We spent the rest of the meeting putting together our 2018 reading list based on the Milton Library's Book Club list. We also welcomed Dawn Ross from Milton as our newest member.

We always have a good time at our meetings and would encourage anyone who's interested to sign up. We can assure you a warm welcome!



## *Eats from the Far East*

at Loblaws Superstore on January 25th, 2018 from 1-3pm  
in the Upstairs Kitchen

**\$17 per person**

As our chef demonstrates the skills of creating Spring Rolls, Chicken Tofu Pad Thai, Asian vegetables, and Coconut rice pudding with Mango fruit salad, you will learn the benefits of the ingredients.

This is a full lunch and recipes are provided.

**Seats still available.**

# Whisky Lost Due to Fires

By Chris Strachan - Convenor

**R**uss and Mary Cousins were the hosts for the December meeting of the D'Stillers. Russ presented us with five whiskies for our tasting pleasure following are the results:



- The winner of the evening was 'The Glenrothes Select Reserve' Single Malt Scotch Whisky with a score of 79%. The vast majority of Glenrothes malts go into making Cutty Sark and the Famous Grouse blends of whisky. In 1922 the Glenrothes distillery had a fire in one of their warehouses they lost over 900 thousand liters of whisky. Over the last hundred years the whisky that has been lost due to fires, explosions and WW2 bombings is in the millions of liters.



- Next was 'Lauders Oloroso Cask' which is a Blended Scotch Whisky, it draws its amber hue and sweet palate from its time maturing in seasoned Oloroso Sherry Casks was a very close second with 78%. Lauder whisky has changed little in the 175 years since it was first produced in Glasgow and over the years Lauder Whisky has won many gold medals in whisky competitions around the world.

- Number three was 'The Sexton' Single Malt Irish Whiskey with a score of 75%. The Master Blender of Sexton whiskey is Alex Thomas, who The Sexton notes is one of the few female master blenders in the world. A Sexton is the person charged with tending the church and it's graveyards, so as a Logo they chose the head of a skeleton with a top hat.

- Number four was 'Collingwood' a Blended Whiskey. Collingwood is a distinct artisanal whiskey made at Canada's oldest continuously owned and operated distillery in the village of Collingwood, Ontario, on the Georgian Bay.

- Last but not least was 'Stalk & Barrel' a Canadian Single Malt whiskey with a score of 63%. Two buddies and business partners Barry Stein and Barry Bernstein – the "two Barrys" behind Still Waters – bill their operation as Ontario's first micro-distillery making small batch whiskies.



Thanks to Mary for entertaining the DD's and for her lovely coffee and deserts. Not forgetting the DD's, thanks for getting us all home safe and sound.

The January meeting of the D'Stillers will be at the home of Bill Willcocks and Kathy Schmidt.

## Arrive Bientôt!

By Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

**C**lub Français is a new club for the new year.



Details at the January meeting!

# Good Movie to Take the Grandkids

by Anne Marie Stockley - Correspondent

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A few intrepid souls ventured out into the cold on Oscar Night, December 12th to see "Wonder". The movie covered a serious subject, but it was played quite comfortably by Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson as the parents of a child who had a disability. The disability turns



out to be a disfigured face that he was born with. Home schooled until the end of grade 4, he enters a world he is not happy in. The movie puts you into their family dynamic. Jacob Tremblay is an incredible little actor, but maybe he isn't "acting" all that much! I particularly liked the easy banter between Owen Wilson and Jacob as father and son. Julia Roberts was terrific. I give it a 4 out of 5 because it was a bit predictable. There were many children in the theatre, so maybe the predictability is what makes this a good movie to take the grandkids.

## Synopsis by Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you

were born to stand out.

Cast: The main stars are Jacob Tremblay, Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson. Three big stars that make this movie a great one to see.

Next Movie Night is Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

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*I like happy endings in movies. I think life has a happy ending. When it's all said and done, it's all something worthwhile, and I want my movies to reflect that. There are enough things to be sad about. When you pop in a movie, let the message be one that's one of hope.*  
”

Jon Favreau

## 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.



Registration Closed

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.

# Annie, Quiz Night, and High Tea

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

**B**ring your cheque books to our January 17 meeting to get your ticket to see ANNIE. We have 20 tickets for the production coming to the Ed Mirvish Theatre, on Wednesday, April 25th for the 1:30 Matinee. Tickets are \$82 in the Orchestra section. Mrs. Patmore, of Downton Abbey will be playing Miss Hannigan. There has been a great deal of demand for these tickets, so be sure to sign up in January.



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We have had a lot of signups for the EATS FROM THE FAR EAST. Nearly 50 members are looking forward to interesting tastes on January 25th, 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Superstore on Main Street.

NOISES OFF registration is closed and 21 members will enjoy the 2:00 pm performance on February 10th.

The BOWLING signup is closed, with a few on the wait list for Wednesday, February 28th at 10:00 am at Champs.

PUB QUIZ NIGHT will be huge in late March. A lot of interest in this event that doesn't even have a date set yet !! There are a few spaces left and final arrangements will be announced at our January 17th general meeting.

The FORD MOTOR tour is really popular too, so we will need to take a look at how we can organize that. No date has been confirmed yet.

Now that we have a date for the Royal wedding, May 19th, the HIGH TEA plans are in full swing. More on that in January.

If you have any ideas, let us know. Merry Christmas Everyone.

The Activity Committee wishes everyone a Very Wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year. Hugs to All.



*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

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## Morph a word into something different

by Alan Jordan - Word-a-Holic

...continued from last month

ELECTION RESULTS - When you rearrange the letters - LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

ELEVEN PLUS TWO - When you redo the math is - TWELVE PLUS ONE

THE MORSE CODE - When you rearrange the letters - HERE COME DOTS

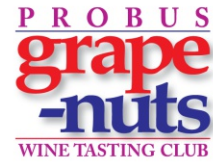
A DECIMAL POINT changes to I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EYES - When you review the letters - THEY SEE

MOTHER-IN-LAW - When you rearrange her she mutates into WOMAN HITLER

# Grapenuts Sharpening Corkscrews for 2018!

by Auriel Halliday - Correspondent



On December 7th, over thirty of Milton's finest Wine Tasters met for our third annual "Wineathon". This normally sophisticated wine tasting group (Ha!) could now enjoy glasses full of wine, or even bottles, as opposed to having elegant sips as at our monthly gatherings. I am guessing that the biggest issue of the evening was "Who's going to be the D.D.?" Maybe we should hire a bus for next year's event!

This year we decided to add to the laughter with a few games. Charades, with Christmas songs as the theme, was very popular, with over 14 people playing on two teams. Very funny.....well, you trying acting out "Unto us a child is BORN".



I had filled a large vase with corks, and no, we did not drink all those bottles the previous year. Slightly tipsy folk had to guess how many there were, the corks, not tippler's, that is. Gillian Reynolds was closest to the actual number of 552.

Another game was to taste three secret bottles of red wine and rate them in order of cost. I don't know if we ever came up with a winner on that one?



Don and I would like to thank everyone who shared this evening with us, and we apologise for the lack of Christmas decorations.....kittens will do that to you!

Special thanks to Michael Hooker for leading this gang of miscreants, organizing our monthly Soirees, and keeping most of us on the straight and narrow!



Have a wonderful New Year and see you all at a tasting in January, if not before.



Cheers!

Auriel and Don.





## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

	EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
J A N U A R Y  2 0 1 8	<b>Activities</b>			
	Management Meeting	10 January - 7 pm	Capper home	Robyn Balfour
	<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>17 January - 9:30am</b>	<b>Milton Bible Church</b>	<b>Robyn Balfour</b>
	Lunch Bunch	17 January - noon	Swiss Chalet	Bonnie Lennox
	Eats from the East	25 January - 1pm	Superstore	Anne Marie Stockley
	<b>Clubs</b>			
	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
	Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Jan. 3 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Chris Strachan
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 4 - 7 pm	Shellard home	Michael Hooker
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jan. 5 - 5:30 pm	Reynolds home	Gillian Reynolds
	Crafts - <i>Quilting Club - Piece Makers</i>	Jan. 8 - 1 pm	<b>Stringer home</b>	Diane Comstock
	Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Jan. 8 - 1 pm	Reid home	Paul Crawford
	Cards - <i>Cribbage - Card Sharps</i>	Jan. 8 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 8 - 7 pm	Flynn home	Michael Hooker
	Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Jan. 9 - 1 pm	Crawford Home	Jeanne Reid
	Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Jan. 9 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
	Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Jan. 10 - 10 am	Rea home	Catherine Parr
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Jan. 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock	
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Jan. 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk	
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Jan. 10 - 1 pm	TBD	Linda Green	
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jan. 10 - 7 pm	Reynolds home	Michael Hooker	
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Jan. 11 - 1:30 pm	Jordan home	Auriel Halliday	
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jan. 12 - 5:30 pm	Murphy home	Gillian Reynolds	
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Jan. 16 - 1:15 pm	Shermet home	Lorrette Shermet	
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Jan. 17 - Probus meeting	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford	
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Jan. 18 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet	
Crafts - <i>Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks</i>	Jan. 18 - 10:30 am	Capper home	Chris Willekes	
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Jan. 20 - 6:30pm	<i>as per schedule</i>	Auriel Halliday	
Friendship Club	Jan. 24 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss	
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Jan. 24 - 1 pm	Comstock home	Auriel Halliday	
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Jan. 26 - 5:30 pm	Willekes home	Paul & Ellen Crawford	
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Jan. 28 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Lorrette Shermet	
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Jan. 31 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett	
F E B R U A R Y  2 0 1 8	<b>Activities</b>			
	Noises Off	10 February - 2 pm	Milton Arts Centre	Anne Marie Stockley
	Management Meeting	14 February - 7 pm	Boothe home	Robyn Balfour
	<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>21 February - 9:30am</b>	<b>Milton Bible Church</b>	<b>Robyn Balfour</b>
	Lunch Bunch	21 February - noon	TBD	Bonnie Lennox
	Bowling - 10 Pin	28 February - 10:30am	Champs Bowling	Anne Marie Stockley
	<b>Clubs</b>			
	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
	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 - <i>Quilting Club - Piece Makers</i>	Feb. 5 - 1 pm	Comstock 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	TBD	Chris Strachan
	Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Feb. 8 - 1:30 pm	TBD	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 - <i>Cribbage - 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	TBD	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 - 1 pm	TBD	Linda Green	
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Feb. 14 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans Home	Michael Hooker	
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Feb. 16 - 1:15 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet	
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Feb. 15- 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet	
Crafts - <i>Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks</i>	Feb. 15 - 10:30 am	TBD	Chris Willekes	
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Feb. 21 - Probus meeting	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford	
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Feb. 23 - 5:30 pm	Shermet Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford	
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Feb. 26 - 7 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet	
Friendship Club	Feb. 28 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss	
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Feb. 28 - 1 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday	
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Feb. 28 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett	

Temporary Change

\* Always held at this location