

FORUM

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

CELEBRATE WARM WEATHER WITH ICE CREAM

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Robyn Balfour

President

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

The weather is fantastic, skies are blue, grass is brilliant green, and flowers are blooming. Insects are buzzing around, making the most of the nectar and pollen. Basking on the beach yesterday, my friend who had joined me, was singing this little Nat King Cole Tune.

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

Those days of soda and pretzels and beer

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer

Our Summer Picnic is scheduled for Thursday July 12th. Such a fabulous event. Last year we all wore red and white in celebration of Canada. We are going to celebrate our wonderful country of Canada again this year and parade our red and white outfits. The Picnic is another, not to be missed annual event and is an extravaganza of fun in the sun. Please sign up at the June General Meeting.

Just a reminder, we will be holding our July General Meeting on the third Wednesday (July 18th). In the past the July meeting was combined with the picnic but this year we will keep it separate.

The High Tea at the Italian Club was a fabulous success. Judging by the noise level of chatter, a fine time was had by all. Thank you to Christy Babcock for organizing this event.

Thank you to the members who have completed the Annual Survey on-line. Your feedback is invaluable. The analysis will be shared at the June General meeting and noted in the July Forum.

Most of the Escarpment Probus Convenors have been running their individual activity group since its inception. We salute you and thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm which has brought so much pleasure to so many of our club members. I would encourage you all to get involved in the various activities as this is the very best way to form new and lasting friendships.

Our next General Meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month, June 20th at 121 Chisholm Drive Milton.

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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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Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm & 4th Wed. - 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
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
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	3rd Wed. - Probud Meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paullelencrawford@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	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Jeanne Reid	289-878-9920	jreid345@cogeco.ca
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Cribbage - Card Sharps</i>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	3rd Tues. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Club Français	2nd Wed. - 10 am / 11 am	Anne-Françoise Gibbard	905-854-3781	anne@gibbard.net
Crafts - <i>Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks</i>	Thurs. after Probud meeting - 10:30 am	Chris Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - <i>Quilting Club - Piece Makers</i>	1st Mon. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	3rd Wed. - Probud 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	paullelencrawford@gmail.com
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Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Scheduled by convenor	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
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Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	1st Mon. & Thurs., 2nd Wed. - 7 pm	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net

Our June Speaker

British Home Children

Ms. Lori Oschefski is a Genealogical Researcher and Advocate whose work is recognized world wide. Her work had been the subject of coverage with interviews and articles from many news media outlets.

Several magazine articles have been published based on her work, including *Bygone Kent* and *Gillingham Scout News*. Lori has written several articles for magazines including "Canadian Stories" and the Grey Bruce magazine "Mosaic", *Focus 50* magazine, and a Quebec History magazine. Lori had the honor of writing the forward for the newly released book "Promises of Homes" - a collection of stories of British Home Children (BHC) by Rose McCormick Brandon. She is also recognized in the 2014 release of "Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest" for her contributions to this book and she co-wrote the January 2015 article published in the magazine *Your Town Newcastle Magazine*.

Lori will speak to us regarding her advocacy work with the BHC as she strives to catalogue Home Child information and Home Children stories, and with her abilities in Family History Research, to reconnect families unjustly torn apart by these migrant programs. Her work with the migrant children is cataloged in the December 2011 released website *British Home Children in Canada*. Lori became involved with the BHC when, in 2008, her mother, at the age of eighty six, revealed that she had been adopted. Lori soon discovered that her mother was, in fact, a Child Migrant of the Salvation Army brought to Canada in 1924. In researching her mother's family history, Lori not only discovered that she was the Child of a Child Migrant, but that in fact, her maternal Grandfather was a British Home Child of the Dr. Barnardo Homes. In fact, research has revealed that there are an incredible number of fifteen BHC in her family tree.



“
Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather; only different kinds of good weather.
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- John Ruskin

Our July Speaker

Canada: No longer the Cold White North



David Philips has been employed with Environment Canada's weather service for over 40 years. His work activities relate to the study of the climate of Canada and to promote awareness and understanding of weather and climate in Canada. He has published several books, papers, and reports on the climate of Canada, including several essays in *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, and seven books including two bestsellers: *The Day Niagara Falls Ran Dry* and *Blame It On The Weather*. He

is the originator and author of the *Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar*, the most popular calendar sold in Canada, and now in its 25th year. For nearly ten years he wrote the Weather-wise column in the *Canadian Geographic* magazine. David frequently appears on national radio and television as a commentator on weather and climate matters. David is a fellow of both the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society. He has been awarded the Patterson Medal for Distinguished Service to Meteorology in Canada, the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal, and has twice received the Public Service Merit Award. David is the recipient of two honorary doctorates from the University of Waterloo and Nipissing University. In 2001, David was named to the Order of Canada.

Get Your Tickets!

by Julie Flynn - Chair

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

ANNUAL PICNIC



Ticket sales were brisk at the May meeting. If you haven't yet got yours, make sure you do this month. We have lots of fun activities planned and good food prepared on the barbecue by Troy's Diner. Once again, our theme is "Canada Day". Remember to wear your red and white!

Thursday, July 12, 11:00 am at Lowville Park (just off Guelph Line in Lowville).

Tickets are \$18 per person.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND DANCE



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

Tickets will be available at the meetings in June, July, and August. \$50 per person.

Ticket to Ride & Sequences

By Stephen Comstock - Convenor

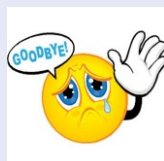
Lorette Shermet hosted our board game afternoon on May 9th. Five members played "Ticket to Ride". Everyone played well, but in the end Ellen Crawford was the winner. We followed up with a five handed game of "Sequences" which ended in a draw as time had to be called.



The next get-together will be June 13 at 1pm at Grace Anglican Church. Beth Barnes will be hosting and will be bringing "Rummikub" to the table. If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll try to get a second table going.

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



High Tea was Jolly Good Fun

by Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

Two days before Harry and Meagan slid into their wedding garments, the Escarpment Probus group were celebrating at the Escarpment Tea Room. As is the custom, we Probus members were there about a half hour early. Everyone was festive in their finery. Fasinators and hats, begged, borrowed, or newly created, were evident. We shared great stories of the outfits being worn for the first time in X number of years. The gentlemen were encouraged to wear the bowlers that were available but we didn't have any takers due to the heat generated by a wool bowler on a warm day and head sizes. The delicacies served were delicious. No one went home hungry and doggie bags were encouraged. Thank you Edwina and staff, and thank you Christy Babcock for organizing this great event.

more pictures on next page...





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I would serve a selection of cakes, scones, and small sandwiches for afternoon tea. High tea is usually served between 5 P.M. and 6 P.M., replacing an evening meal - it is more substantial.

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- Mary Berry

La Cuisine

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in June will be at La Cuisine
8473 Regional Road 25

Menu can be found online at <http://www.lacuisinemilton.com/menus>

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

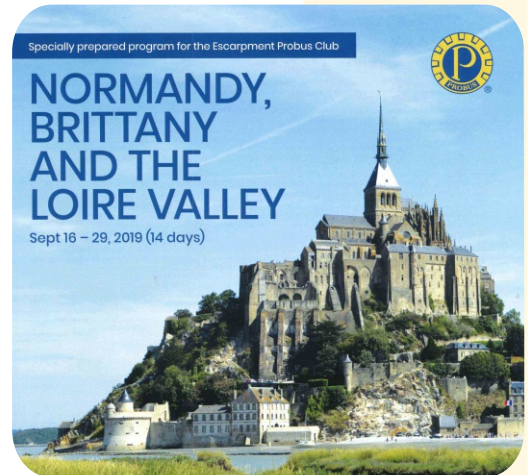


Discover Normandy, Brittany, and the Loire Valley

by Joanne Millichamp - Travel Convenor

Our 2019 Probus trip will be to the world's #1 travel destination, France. This tour will take us to three specific areas of France, namely Normandy, Brittany, and the Loire Valley.

The date is **September 16th to 29th, 2019**. Our first stop is Bayeux where we will see the famous Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the story of the invasion of England by William the Conqueror in 1066. We will also visit the Caen Memorial and drive along the coast to Juno Beach, where Canadian soldiers came ashore on that fateful day of June 6th, 1944. A highlight will be our visit to the Juno Beach Centre. A visit to Mont St. Michel, France's second-most-visited site (after the Eiffel Tower) is also on the program in the Normandy region. We will have the opportunity to taste some of the area's regional cheeses, Calvados (a brandy made from apples), and oysters from the fishing port of Cancale.



We will then visit a different country, where they speak English and drive on the left. Where is that, you ask? The island of Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands and we will spend the day exploring the beautiful scenery, with free time for lunch and shopping in the capital of St. Helier.

Our next destination is Brittany, known for its beautiful beaches and rocky coastline. We visit several small villages listed under the designation "most beautiful villages in France".

The Loire is the longest river in France and this area is known the world over for its beautiful chateaus, gardens, and wine production. We visit three chateaus: The first is Chateau du Clos Luce, where Leonardo daVinci spent the last 3 years of his life, and after lunch at a troglodyte restaurant, we will visit Chateau Chenonceau, where we will enjoy a tasting of the world-famous white and sparkling wines made from the Chenin grape. The largest and most well known chateau is our next stop. Considered one of the greatest architectural masterpieces of the Renaissance with its 426 rooms and 282 fireplaces, Chateau de Chambord will not disappoint.

As we start our journey back to Paris we will stop at Chartres Cathedral, considered a milestone of the new Gothic style. The 12th and 13th century stained glass make it one of the most completely surviving medieval churches.

We stay in Paris for the next two nights. We will enjoy a panoramic tour of the main monuments and have the afternoon free to wander the streets of this magnificent city.

The cost of this trip is **\$4,850 per person**. Airport departure tax is excluded, as is travel insurance. Included are flights to and from Paris, all hotel accommodation, all breakfasts plus 3 lunches and 9 dinners. All gratuities for guides and drivers are included.

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



Jokers beat the Heat

by Anna Strachan - Correspondent



Sixteen hearty Jokers met at the home of Chris and Anna Strachan where they escaped the heat of the day by gathering in the cool basement. It seems that the big winner of the day was Cliff Read as he won all his games, the non winners shall remain nameless. Sometimes it was by a very small margin the winner was decided as the opponents were also ready to finish, alas it is all in the timing.

A fun time was had by all, at least that's what they tell me...



Cribbage at the Crawfords

By Paul Crawford - Correspondent



On May 14th, 18 avid card sharps met at Ellen and Paul's for the monthly cribbage contest. The evening used a progressive format with

winners moving and losers staying.

Kudos to Wayne Herder, Marion, and Jim for three wins each. Lorraine was the only player with the highest score of 24. Thanks to Wayne Herder for snacks.

Back to the Capper's next month.

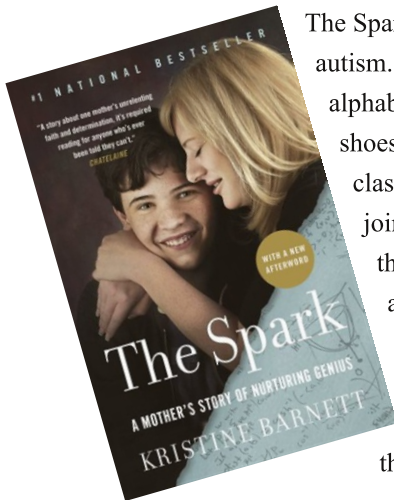


The Spark: A Mother's Guide to Nurturing Genius

by Linda Green - Convenor



The Trilogy book club met at member Kelly Ground's house to discuss this month's book pick, *The Spark: A Mother's Guide to Nurturing Genius* by Kristine Barnett. The book is a true story and an interesting read that brought about a lot of discussion, appealing to both the parent and the educators in us.



The Spark is a mother's tale of how her son at age two was diagnosed with severe autism. When he started school, he was discouraged from carrying around his alphabet flash cards and his mom was told he would probably not learn to tie his shoes. Refusing to believe this she withdrew him from his "special education" class to work with him and his many therapists. Her goal was to have Jake join a mainstream class by kindergarten. Kristine tried to engage Jake with the things that he liked, one of which was to look up at the night sky. She arranged a trip to the planetarium where Jake would get to look through a telescope, but unbeknownst to her the visit also included a lecture by a professor. There she was with her non-verbal autistic son. After the lecture Jake suddenly snapped to life, discussing lunar gravities with the professor. He was three and a half.

The book chronicles the trials and tribulations of raising a genius child. The book was interesting and we as a group marvelled at the energy the author had and all she did for her family, her community, and the children in her home daycare. The group marvelled at the fortitude of the mother's boundless drive and determination. All in all it was an enjoyable read.

Bonnes Vacances

by Anne-Marie Gibbard - Convenor

The most recent meeting of the club français took place at the home of Barbara Crowe and John Yardley on May 9th. As many members will soon be departing, with some already departed on summer vacation, it was decided that it will be the last meeting before the Fall. We will meet in June for a lunch at the Parisien Creperie restaurant near Bronte harbor to enjoy some French food before the summer.



Numerous members being already out of town, attendance was lower than in past meetings, with only about ten members present, and it was thus a combined meeting and truly a conversational group. Anne had laboriously produced for the first group a document that itemized and named in both French and English a list of ladies' items of clothing from top, si on ose le dire bottom. This prompted quite a lively discussion that, one hopes, may prove useful for travelers in general, and in particular serve well those who might be considering next year's proposed Probus trip to France.

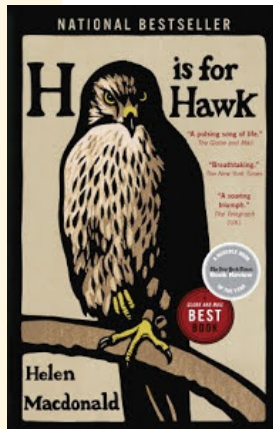
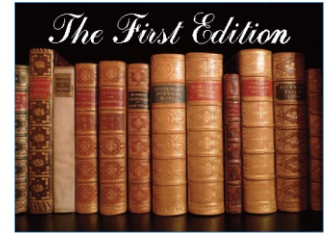
In the discussion group, we talked history and symbols about May the first. We all learnt quite a lot and John, with his expertise in Latin, added some interested points. With all these documents we had lively discussions.

Bonnes vacances à tous nos members and all Probus members.

H is for Hawk

By Penny McIlwaine - Correspondent

Helen Macdonald, a British professor, naturalist, and poet, wrote *H is for Hawk* to describe her journey in training Mabel, a young goshawk. From the time she was a young child, Macdonald had dreamed of training a hawk. After the sudden death of her father, to whom she was very close, she chose to realize her ambition as a means of coping with her grief.



Macdonald provides a history of falconry which was previously practised only by wealthy and aristocratic men. Her description of the falconer's equipment, training methods, and feeding regimens are interesting and informative. Drawing on her background as a naturalist and poet she brings the English countryside to life. Such a realistic writer is Macdonald that some members found the graphic accounts of Mabel's hunting for live prey disturbing.

The book received very positive reviews from many quarters but our members were less impressed giving it ratings from 4 to 6. We felt that there were excessive references to other falconers who wrote of their experiences; the book could have used an editor's pencil. We would recommend the book to anyone with keen interest in falconry, particularly its history.

Food and Travels

by Maggie Boothe - Correspondent

At the May Supper Club, hosted by Michael and Maggie, everyone had a great time discussing all their adventurous travels both past and future. Joanne and Dianne have amazing memories of all the places they have visited. The crepes were especially good with berries that Ellen and Chris provided. Thanks to Ron and Udo for their mathematical prowess and Michael for his photography skills.





Meeting new friends and catching up with old friends at the Friendship Club!



Join us at Seasons on the 4th Wednesday of the month.



Niagara Winery Tour

When: Thursday Sept. 6, 2018

Cost: \$47 per person (based on 42 participants)

Departure Time: 9:30am

Returning around 3:30pm



We will depart from the back of the Milton Sports Centre at 9:30am via two small buses to Niagara on the Lake. Our first stop will be at The Hare Wine Co., where we will have a quick tour and then a tasting of three wines. From there we will go to Caroline Cellars for another tasting and lunch. Our last tasting will be at Chateau Des Charmes, where we will tour the vineyard as well.

Please be advised that you will be walking up and down a few flights of stairs.

Price includes transportation, tasting fees, HST, and gratuities for the drivers.

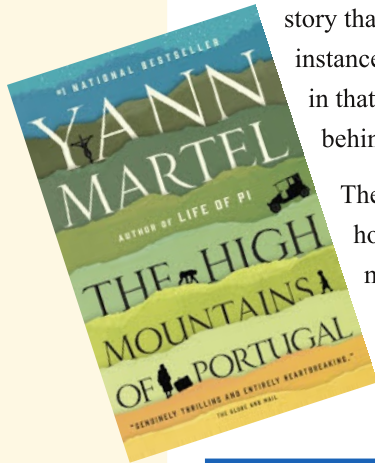
The cost for your lunch is not included, and a sample menu for the restaurant is available at the cheque signing table.

Bizarre, Fantastical Adventure !

By Gretchen Greene O'Brien - Correspondent



Having heard the author speak in person about writing the High Mountains of Portugal, most of us were prepared for a "different" type of novel. We weren't disappointed in that thought! There were times in reading Martel's story that it all seemed "real" ... other times, he strayed into unbelievable make-believe! For instance, the description of learning how to drive a car in Portugal when they were first introduced in that country! Very real! Then we are asked to believe that a young man would leave his life behind and decide to live with a chimpanzee!!! Who does that?!



There was an underlying sense of grief experienced by the characters – and interesting to read how each person handled it. We all questioned the Title – none of us had ever seen "high mountains" in any part of Portugal! One of the "take away lines" which resonated: "Love is a House with many Rooms"!

Would we recommend the book ... some would, but the majority said no!

A great evening!

by Rosalind Jordan - Correspondent



Twenty Noshers assembled at the Jordan's and started with drinks and socializing. It was too cold for the deck but we moved on to the fabulous Nosh food in the house. There was plenty for all. It was a chance to get to know our fellow Probian's more. It was soon time to move on to the desserts and sweet nibbles, coffee, or tea and before you knew it it was time to say au revoir until the next time. We had lots of fun, stories, and chat.



Kitchen Helpers

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

On Thursday May 17, a small but enthusiastic group met at the home of Leslie Houlihan. Thank you Leslie for sharing your home and for the treats and refreshments.



Pictured are the kitchen towels created by some of the members of our group, great for gifts. On the right is a Crochet Swifter Cover made by Barb Finnie, it can be used, laundered and re-used multiple times.

We have a change in venue for our June meeting. It will be on Thursday June 21 at the home of Barb Finnie in Milton. This will be our last meeting until the fall.



Pretty or Avenging?

by Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

A small group attended the movie night on Tuesday, May 8.

The group of ladies that saw the 'Chick Flick' movie, I 'Feel Pretty' gave it a 3.5 *** rating.

An ordinary woman who struggles with feelings of insecurity and inadequacy on a daily basis wakes from a fall believing she is suddenly the most beautiful and capable woman on the planet. With this newfound confidence she is empowered to live her life fearlessly and flawlessly, but what will happen when she realizes her appearance never changed?

Cast: Michelle Williams, Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams, Rory Scovel, Emily Ratajkowski, Busy Philipps, Aidy Bryant, Naomi Campbell, Lauren Hutton, Tom Hopper, Sasheer Zamata, Adrian Martinez, Dave Attell, Kevin Kane

The movie group attending 'The Avengers' gave this movie a 3.5 *** rating.

An unprecedented cinematic journey ten year in the making and spanning the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe, Marvel Studios' AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR brings to the screen the ultimate, deadliest showdown of all time. The Avengers and their Super Hero allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

Cast: Chadwick Boseman, Tom Holland, Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, etc.

Hope to see you at the next movie Tuesday, Night June 12.



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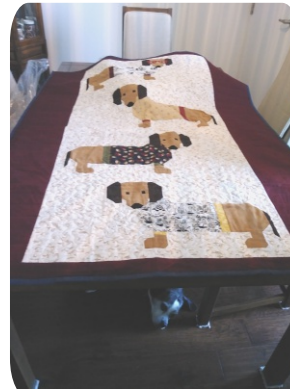
Quilts, Quilts, Quilts

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

On May 7th, six members of the Piece Makers met at Diane's home. It had been a couple of months since we all were able to meet together. Diane presented a powerpoint demo of photos she had taken at the Etobicoke Quilter's Guild show that Louise, Wendy, and Diane had attended in March.



For show and tell, Carol Anne brought two quilts that she had completed: Yuletide Elegance and Dogs in Sweaters. Both front and back are shown below. Very well done Carol Anne!



Louise brought her completed quilt top of 24 hand-pieced blocks and we discussed several ideas for borders, binding, and quilting.

On June 4th, we will trek up to New Hamburg to visit the Sew It Was museum described as "There's a house on a hill on a country road outside town where 325 sewing machines are getting the respect that they earned in an earlier time".



Turkey

by Stephanie Hamnett - Convenor

Jim Tschirhart scored a "Turkey" at our April outing of the Bowling Club. Do you know what that is? It is a term used to describe getting 3 strikes in a row. The name came about years ago in the USA when turkeys were a common prize for the



winning bowler/team. Although turkeys aren't given out much anymore, the term stuck for 3 strikes in a row; 4 or 5 strikes is called a "bagger" as in a 4 bagger or 5 bagger.

Our group meets every last Wednesday of the month at 3pm @ Champs on Bronte. We get in 2 games for a total cost of \$11.50 each. Come out and have some fun!

And, Congratulations Jim!



Noshers Nab Nice Night

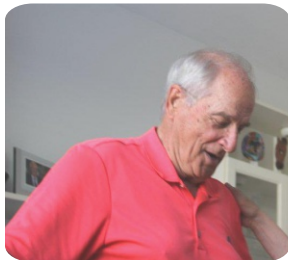
By Alan Jordan - Correspondent



Twenty-six Noshers attended the Jordan's food fiesta on the hottest evening of the year so far. Chairs and tables indoors were abandoned for the great Canadian outdoors with house furniture removed to the deck and patio. Who wants to be under a roof after such an awful winter?

The 10 commandments of Noshing:

1. Enjoy yourself
2. Provide one dish of commendable comestibles
3. Supply wine, beer, or soft drink of your choosing
4. Chat with old friends
5. Chat with new friends
6. Don't spill number 3
7. Ignore diet
8. Laugh a lot
9. Escape before washing up
10. Repeat



Members & Guests

By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair

Please let me know of any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, email) so I can keep our records up-to-date. Email me at mbdice5@gmail.com.

Bringing a guest to the meeting?

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

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

Condo Tasting

by Chris Strachan - Convenor



The May 2nd meeting of the D'Stillers was hosted by Kim and Ron Whaley. The D'Stillers met in the Party Room while the DD's were entertained by Kim in their condo. Nine members attended and were treated to a tasting of the following Whiskies:



The winning whisky of the evening was **'Tomatin 12 Yr Old Highland Single Malt'**. With a score of 74% the whisky is 43% ABV (Alcohol by Volume) and cost \$59.75. Michael Jackson, a whisky critic, gave this a score of 75% so the D'Stillers are on target. Built where whisky has been distilled for centuries, Tomatin was officially opened in 1897. Nearby is the Hill of Parting, so called because it is where the Jacobite Clans dispersed after their defeat at 'Culloden Moor'. The name Tomatin in Gaelic means 'the hill of bushes'.



There was a tie for second place between 'Glenfiddich IPA Experiment' Single Malt and 'Stock and Barrel' Single Malt. **'Glenfiddich IPA Experiment'** with a score of 72% is 43% ABV and costs \$88.40. This whisky was an experiment as they finished the whisky in barrels previously used to to make IPA 'India Pale Ale' beer. Glenfiddich was the first distillery to promote single malt whiskies in 1963 when most whiskies were usually blended. **'Stock and Barrel'** also 72% is 46% ABV and costs \$69.95. This is a Canadian whisky which is holding its own against other distillers single malt whiskies. The two owners Barry Stein and Barry Bernstein – the "two Barrys" behind Still Waters Distillery – bill their operation as Ontario's first micro-distillery making small batch whiskies.



The fourth whisky was **'Flaming Pig Black Cask'** Irish Whiskey. This is a blended whiskey with a score of 71% with a 40% ABV and cost \$59.65. The name of the whiskey, Flaming Pig, is inspired by the great fire of 1875 that took the Liberties neighborhood in Dublin. That inferno on the night of June 18th burned Malone's warehouse, which had around 1.800 whiskey casks.. A problem in the neighborhood at that time was that there were a lot of farm animals. It is said that while the whiskey was flowing in rivers through the streets, the pigs started to squeal. According to the brand, the Dubliners, warned by the pig's noise, took everything they had in hand, like boots and hats, and started to collect the precious liquid. As a tribute to the thirsty Dubliners, Flaming Pig was born.



Last but certainly not least was **'Virginia Black'** American Whiskey. This is also a blended whiskey made up of two, three and four year old Bourbons. It scored 70% is 40% ABV and costs \$49.70. This whiskey is endorsed by Toronto's own rap artist 'Drake'. According to the LCBO 'Virginia Black' broke the record for the largest first day of sales with 1,779 bottles when it was introduced Sep 2016. The first week of sales was 4,650 bottles and 30 thousand cases the first year. Wow! some accomplishment.



Thanks to Kim and Ron for their hospitality, not to mention the great snacks, thanks also to the DD's for the safe drive home.

The June 6th meeting will be held at the home of Lorrette and Pete Shermet.

Which Country is Best?

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

The May tastings all had Country Themes - from Niagara Ontario, France, New Zealand, Washington, California, and Mexico.

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WINE TASTING CLUB



Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks

Theme: Ontario Niagara specialty wines – not available through LCBO

Best White: Joseph's Pinot Grigio 2014; \$13.95.

Best Red: Wayne Gretzky Estate Red 2014; \$34.95.

Ellen and Paul Crawford

Theme: Sauvignon Blancs and Pinot Noirs from France, New Zealand, Ontario – Which country is best?

Best White: Nobile Sauvignon Blanc; New Zealand; LCBO 415745; \$16.95; Score: 13.2

Best Red: Henry of Pelham Pinot Noir VQA; Ontario; LCBO 13904; \$16.95; Score: 14.7



Ann and Ron DuPont

Theme: A trip up the West Coast of North America

Best White: Hogue Cellars Late Harvest Riesling 2016; Columbia Valley, Washington State (USA); LCBO 546390; \$14.95; Score: 13.5. (As it's a Late Harvest, it's fairly sweet).

Best Red: Noble Vines 337 Cabernet Sauvignon 2014; Lodi, California; LCBO 483321; \$19.95; Score: 15.0

The second-best red (by a very small margin) was a Mexican wine – L.A. Cetto Petite Syrah 2015; Baja Mexico; LCBO 983742; \$12.95; Score: 14.8. Note that Petite Syrah (commonly known as “Durif”) is a completely different grape than Syrah / Shiraz. Here's what LCBO says about this wine: “From the biggest winery in Mexico, founded in 1975, this is a longstanding Vintages customer favourite, beloved for its value and for the consistency and depth of rich dark fruit, spice, leather and smoke it delivers. It's always a telling example of how well Petite Syrah shines in Baja California”.

This is the only Mexican wine carried by LCBO.



Chequq us out!

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

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Focus on the Great Outdoors

by Anne Marie Stockley - Chair

We had a wonderful turnout at our May meeting. You heard me mention that, due to the large number of members in Escarpment Probus, we are looking for activities that can accommodate more members at one time. I also told you about the change necessary for signing up for events and activities. Please pay for the event when you sign up. This makes it possible to make the necessary deposit to hold the date at the venues to hold our reservation. If you are not prepared to pay for the activity, or your cheque is post-dated, you will be considered “wait list only”. If our optimum number is reached before your cheque is valid or payment is made, you will not be attending. We will have a regular wait list now, as well. So don’t forget to bring your cheque book.



Past Events:

- On April 26th, the long awaited FORD PLANT TOUR was enjoyed by the members who attended. The tour was informative, showing off the ability of Ford to computerize the assembly of a random model of vehicle in rapid succession. Henry Ford would be amused!
- Our SUNDAY THEATRE AFTERNOON on May 6th to see THE ODD COUPLE was a great deal of fun. Other than the two ditzy sisters, it was an all-male cast, very witty and fun, followed by a chatty group of us meeting at the Symposium for drinks and dinner.
- What a great time we had at HIGH TEA at the Escarpment Tea Room on Thursday, May 17th. We were a beautifully dressed group. Most attendees wore an appropriate chapeau. The Tea Room was happy to supply the gentlemen with bowlers. We rolled out of there fully fed and talked out.

Upcoming Events:

Everyone is so happy to see our summer coming together. Come out and join any of the upcoming activities that you may have wanted to try. We are focusing on the great outdoors.

- CANVAS AND COCKTAILS has space for a couple more members for Tuesday, June 19th. \$27 with drinks and snacks extra. Ned Devine’s Pub on Derry Road & Ontario St.
- LAWN BOWLING is Wednesday, June 6th, starting at 1:00 pm until 4:00. It is considered Sold Out, at 43 Commercial Street. There is a wait list due to the strong response. Rain date is June 13.
- PLANT PARADISE Botanical Garden tour and Lunch in Caledon is on Wednesday, June 27th, the tour starts at 10:00am. Car pool to 16258 Humber Station Road, Caledon East. \$40 will include your Tour of Gardens and your lunch with a selection of items from the lunch menu at Ray’s Bistro in Alton.
- WHISTLING GARDENS, in Brantford is on Thursday, July 19. The tour starts at 10:00 am. The entrance to the Gardens is \$13.75. Lunch is not covered. Whistling Gardens is located at 698 Concession 3, Wilsonville, ON (about 1:15 hours to destination from Milton Sports Centre. Info for restaurants was posted at the general meeting, but we will have copies available.
- BOCCE is on Monday July 23 and on Tuesday August 14th, 4 to 7 pm. Italian Soccer Club, 104 Tremaine Road, Milton, \$15 includes a light lunch & cash bar. This is always in great demand so be sure you are signed up at the June general meeting.

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Think you know which movies those quotes came from?

By Alan Jordan
Occasional Correspondent

Did you put your thinking cap on for the movie brain teaser from last month? Here are the answers:

1. Jerry Maguire, 1996
2. Terminator 2: Judgment Day, 1991
3. Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, 1964
4. When Harry Met Sally, 1989
5. The Godfather, 1972
6. Airplane, 1980
7. Braveheart, 1995
8. In the Heat of the Night, 1967
9. Jerry Maguire, 1996
10. Planet of the Apes, 1960
11. As Good as It Gets, 1997
12. Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens, 2015
13. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, 1937
14. The Godfather: Part III, 1990
15. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, 1939
16. Babe, 1990
17. Good Morning, Vietnam, 1987
18. A Streetcar Named Desire, 1951
19. Sudden Impact, 1983
20. The Help, 2011
21. The Wizard of Oz, 1939
22. Notting Hill, 1999
23. The Silence of the Lambs, 1991
24. Cool Hand Luke, 1967
25. Apocalypse Now, 1979
26. Jerry Maguire, 1996
27. A Few Good Men, 1992
28. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, 2002
29. To Have and Have Not, 1944
30. A Streetcar Named Desire, 1951
31. Casablanca, 1942
32. Field of Dreams, 1989
33. Forrest Gump, 1994
34. It's a Wonderful Life, 1946
35. Network, 1976
36. Casablanca, 1942

- Niagara Winery Tour is set for Thursday, September 6th. We will leave Milton Sports Centre on two small buses at 9:30 and return about 3:30. The first winery we visit is The Hare Wine Company, then to Caroline Cellars for tastings and you can purchase your lunch (extra). Finally, samplings at Chateau des Charmes. The cost for the bus and all tastings is \$47.00.
- In response to members' requests, we have a tour of the SS KEEWATIN on Monday, September 24th, Tour starts at 11:00am; \$15 includes the full tour of the ship. The SS Keewatin is located at 311 Talbot Street, Port McNichol. There are a few rules that need to be followed though. There is a 25 ft. gangway, at a 13.5° slope to access the ship. Upper deck is 3 stories up with 13 steps between each floor. Pets are permitted, but must be on a leash and attended by an adult at all times. Pets not allowed on the ship. There are park grounds and picnic benches suitable for picnics there. The tour includes the Upper decks and the Engine Room, which is two levels below. A list of restaurants in the area will be displayed at our meetings. Plan to make a full day of it visiting this interesting area of Ontario.

DIRECTIONS TO PLANT PARADISE

1. Go east on Hwy 401 to Hwy 410 or use 407 to Hwy 410 north
2. Exit onto Mayfield Road (Exit 18) and turn Right onto Mayfield Rd
3. Turn left onto Dixie Road and drive 6.17 km
4. Turn right onto King Street and drive 8.27 km
5. Turn left onto The Gore Road/Regional Rd 8 and drive 6.13 km
6. Turn right onto Old Church Road and drive 1.35 km
7. Take the 1st left onto Humber Station Road (easy to miss)
8. Plant Paradise Country Gardens, 16258 Humber Station Rd., Caledon East is on the left

See Ad on page 11

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A good film is when the price of the dinner, the theatre admission and the babysitter were worth it.

”

- Alfred Hitchcock

Our May Meeting

Marilyn Armstrong and Harold Grace greeted us as we came in



If you know someone who would be interested in joining Probus, pick up a brochure from the Membership desk

PROBUS is an association for retirees / semi-retirees who join together in clubs. Its basic purpose is to provide its members with regular opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests, and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. PROBUS offers a great avenue of interests and new horizons.



Tim Burrows got us all excited about electric cars

“
When you come to a fork in the road;
Take It

”

- Yogi Berra

One-half of our new 50/50 Draw convenors:
Harold O'Brien
Thanks Jenny and Harold for stepping up



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is.....
Christine Taylor who took home \$148



Probus members examining Tim's electric car

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
Activities			
Management Meeting	June 13 - 7 pm	Flynn home	Robyn Balfour
Escarpment PROBUS	June 20 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	June 20 - noon	La Cuisine	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Walkers - <i>Track & Nordic Pole</i>	Every Mon. & Fri. - 10:30 am	Milton Sports Centre*	Liz & Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jun. 1 - 5:30 pm	Johnson home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Jun. 4 - 9 am	"Sew IT Was" museun	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jun. 4 - 7 pm	Read home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Jun. 5 - 1 pm	Shannon home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Jun. 6 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Chris Strachan
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Jun. 7 - 1:30 pm	Halliday home	Auriel Halliday
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jun. 7 - 7 pm	Wallhouse home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jun. 8 - 5:30 pm	Schmidt home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Jun. 11 - 1 pm	Halliday home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Jun. 11 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Jun. 12 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Club Français	Jun. 13 - 10/11 am	La Parisienne Creperie	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Jun. 13 - 10 am	Leach home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Jun. 13 - 10 am	Burlington Beach	Linda Green
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Jun. 13 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Board Games - <i>Scrabble</i>	Jun. 13 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Petra Halk
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jun. 13 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Jun. 19 - 1:15 pm	Campbell home	Lorrette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Jun. 20 - 9:30am	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Jun. 21 - 10:30 am	Finnie home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Jun. 21 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Jun. 22 - 5:30 pm	Capper home*	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Jun. 25 - 7 pm	Wallhouse home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	Jun. 27 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Jun. 27 - 1 pm	Finnie home	Auriel Halliday
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Jun. 27 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
Activities			
Management Meeting	Jul. 11 - 7 pm	Gerrard home	Robyn Balfour
Summer Picnic	Jul. 12 - 11 am	Lowville Park	Julie Flynn
Escarpment PROBUS	Jul. 18 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church	Robyn Balfour
Lunch Bunch	Jul. 18 - noon	Shoeless Joes	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Walkers - <i>Track & Nordic Pole</i>	Every Mon. & Fri. - 11 am	Milton Sports Centre*	Liz & Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Jul. 3 - 1 pm	Herder home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Jul. 4 - 7 pm		Chris Strachan
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Jul. 6 - 5:30 pm	Wallhouse home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Jul. 2 - 1 pm	Currie home	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jul. 5 - 7 pm	Capper home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Cancelled for July and August		Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Jul. 9 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jul. 9 - 7 pm	Reynolds home	Michael Hooker
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Jul. 10 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Marilyn Armstrong
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Jul. 11 - 10 am	Strachan home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Jul. 11 - 10 am		Linda Green
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Jul. 11 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
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Club Français	Cancelled for July and August		Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Jul. 11 - 7 pm	Flowers home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Jul. 12 - 1:30 pm	Wallhouse home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Cancelled for July		Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Jul. 17 - 1:15 pm	Stringer home	Lorrette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Jul. 18 - 9:30 am	Milton Bible Church*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Cancelled for July and August		Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Jul. 19 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	Jul. 25 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Jul. 25 - 1 pm	Read home	Auriel Halliday
Sports - <i>Bowling - 10 Pin</i>	Jul. 25 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Stephanie Hamnett
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Jul. 27 - 5:30 pm	Pennycook/Findlay home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Jul. 30 - 7 pm	Jenny/Harold O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
New date and/or time	Temporary Change	* Always held at this location	