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Paul Crawford

President

Hello Fellow Probus Members

It has been quite an exciting time to be an Escarpment Probus member! We celebrated our 5 year anniversary. It was heartening to see each of our last 5 presidents on the stage, Joanne, Cliff, Gloria, Martin, and Robyn. The teams they worked with helped the club grow to what it is today. Our club's strength has been these teams that come together and volunteer to assist wherever needed. You could be one of those volunteers! We have reached our maximum number of 275 and for those who attended our October meeting you could see that we have reached the maximum that the hall can accommodate. The challenge is to maintain the welcoming and positive environment for which we have come to be known.

The bonus is that the 50/50 draw is really lucrative and with so many people at the meeting you are bound to have an interesting conversation or two at the break. *"There are no boring people in Probus."*

The management team and volunteers who run the club are all committed to continuing the excellence of the the past as well as offering new opportunities to help make Escarpment Probus more engaging. We will work to support those members who of their own initiative want to try something new. In the last month, I have been at Joker games, cribbage games, euchre games, bridge games (Ellen and I like to play games) as well as Skip the Dishes, Nosh, and Supper Club (we like to eat) where the Probus spirit of fun and enjoyment has been front and centre. This bodes well for the upcoming months ahead as we get ready to bet on the ponies at Mohawk or ride the bus to Niagara for the food and drink (it is a Probus thing) and seeing the lights.

The club welcomes all members to be as active as you want with activities you know and maybe try something that is brand new to you.

Join your friends for lunch in November

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in November will be at
EddiO's PourHouse & Kitchen, 370 Main St E #1, Milton, ON L9T 1P7.

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



Reach us on the web at - www.escarpmentprobus.com



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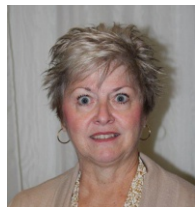
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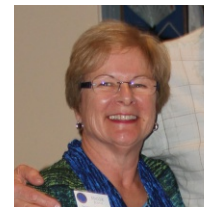
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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

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

Annual Membership is \$45 per person - One time only fee of \$20 for your name badge.

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at the
Conference & Event Centre, 121 Chisholm Dr., Milton, Ontario, L9T 4A6

FORUM - ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

The newsmagazine is published monthly in PDF format on our website: www.escarpmentprobus.com
If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this newsmagazine with our compliments.

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Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit, or change any copy or pictures submitted.

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Our November Speaker

Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid against Nazi Germany

It was a night that changed the Second World War. The secret raid against the hydro-electric dams of Germany's Ruhr River took years to plan, involved an untried bomb, and included the best aircrews Allied Bomber Command could muster – many of them Canadian. The raid marked the first time the Allies successfully took the war inside Nazi Germany. It was a mission that became legendary.

On May 16, 1943, one hundred and thirty-three airmen took off in nineteen Lancaster bombers on a night sortie, code-named "Operation Chastise." Hand-picked and specially trained, the Lancaster crews flew at treetop level from England to the industrial heartland of the Third Reich and their targets – the Ruhr River dams – whose massive water reservoirs powered Nazi Germany's military industrial complex.

Each Lancaster carried an explosive, which when released just sixty feet over the surface of the reservoirs, bounced like a skipping stone to the dam, sank and exploded. The raiders breached two dams and severely damaged a third. The resulting torrent devastated power plants, factories, and infrastructure a hundred miles downstream. Every one of the one hundred and thirty-three airmen on the mission understood the odds of survival were low. Of the nineteen bombers outbound, eight did not return. Operation Chastise cost the lives of fifty-three airmen, including fourteen Canadians. Of the sixteen RCAF men who survived, seven received military decorations for valour.

Based on personal accounts, flight logs, squadron war diaries, maps, and photographs of the Canadians involved, *Dam Busters* recounts the dramatic story of these young Commonwealth bomber crews tasked with the high-risk operation against an enemy prepared to defend the Fatherland to the death.

Ted Barris is an award-winning journalist, author, and broadcaster. He regularly writes in the national media (National Post, Air Force magazine, Zoomer among many), and has hosted many CBC Radio network programs and shows on TV Ontario. His weekly blog *The Barris Beat* features commentary and narrative from his travels/experience. Among his eighteen previous bestselling non-fiction books: *Juno*, *Behind the Glory*, *Deadlock in Korea*, *Victory at Vimy*, and *Breaking the Silence*. In June 2014, his book *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story* won the Libris Non-Fiction Book Award of the Year.

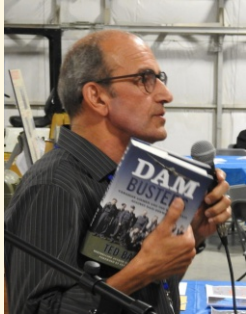
Guest Speakers

by Ron Whaley - Program Chair

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

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

Note: There is no guest speaker for the December meeting, instead we will be entertained by Kiley Joe Masson on the keyboard.



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

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- Dale Carnegie

In Search of Fall Colours ... or NOT!

by Jenny O'Brien - Correspondent

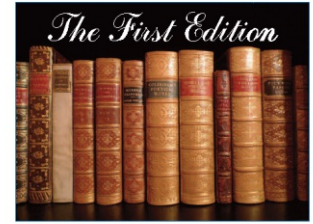
A cool and cloudy morning greeted 58 eager fall seekers who boarded the Waterloo Central Railway in St. Jacobs on Thursday, October 11th. Anxious to see the colours and a bit of St. Jacobs' scenery, our rail riders were all equipped with a goodie bag for those mid morning munchies, cameras and no shortage of engaging conversations with their fellow seat warmers. Alas, the colours were not to be found on this trip - perhaps due to our warm fall or maybe it was the shortage of trees along the way. We did however, spot the odd red barn and yellow piece of equipment; there was also the vibrant shades of blue, grey and white in the parking lot as we pulled out of the station. (and in and out and in again :) But all took the trip in good humour and great spirit and many headed over to Jack's Family Restaurant after the train ride, for a generous lunch before cruising the stalls of the St. Jacob Farmer's Market. And the best news of all .. the fall colours are alive and well in our own Escarpment views here in Milton. All goes to show .. there's no place like home :))

PS: Check out our Escarpment Probus Facebook page for all the pics from this fun day out!

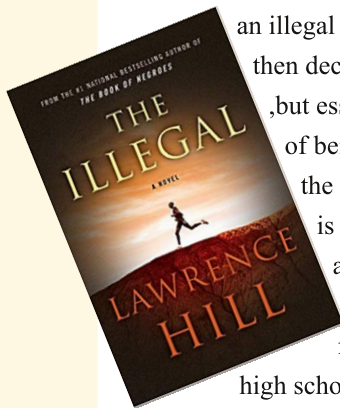


The Illegal

By Patricia Flannagan - Correspondent



The Illegal by Lawrence Hill met with mixed reviews. Some of our members loved it, while others could not finish it. The average score for the book was 7.3. Keita Ali, the main character, was a marathon runner in Zantoroland due to his father, a famous journalist, having advised him that the only way to become wealthy in their homeland was by becoming a famous marathon runner. Keita was recruited by a sponsor who took him to Freedom State as an illegal immigrant, he having no valid papers, to train and run. Keita, having won his first race, then decided he did not want to fulfill his contract. Keita continued to train in Freedom State ,but essentially, went into hiding from his sponsor. The book goes on to discuss the hardships of being in a country illegally. It also deals with Afric Town, a part of Freedom State where the residents, many of whom are illegal, live in squalor. The government in Freedom State is corrupt. The book includes its quota of “villains” including Lula, the brothel owner, and the corrupt governor; but also includes other characters who assist Keita such as Ivernia, a female marathon runner who is also a police officer and Rocco, another marathoner, who is an honest government official. Keita is also assisted by a brilliant high school student, John Falconer. In conclusion, the members of our book club drew parallels between the book and what is currently happening in the world today, some interpreting the geographic areas in the book with modern day countries.



Three New Members

by Stephen Comstock - Convenor



We had 11 people out on October 10th to play games. Welcome to three new members who joined the group: Barb Chlischczyk, Marg Jones, and Frank Dawe.

One table had six people playing Catan. At the end, Marg Jones was declared the winner.

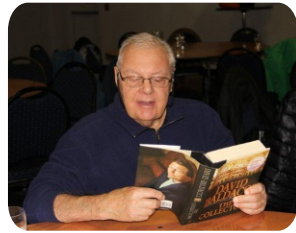
The second table had five people playing a new game called "Apples to Apples". Steve Comstock was the winner of the first game, and since there was time remaining, a second game was played, and Diane Comstock was the winner of that round, redeeming herself for her last place finish previously.

The next get-together will be November 14 at 1pm at Bob and Wendy Stringer's home. Please come join us, all are welcome. If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll give it a go.



Take a Book - Bring a Book

By Ellen Crawford - Convenor



Please remember to return your selected book, especially best sellers to allow others the enjoyment of a good read!

Alan Pond found one and couldn't wait to start reading!



4th Remake a Hit

by Theresa Spano - Convenor

On Tuesday Oct 9th, 13 probus movie goers gathered together and thoroughly enjoyed watching the 4th remake of "A Star Is Born".



The original was created in 1937 with Janet Gaynor and Fredric March, then remakes were produced in 1954 with Judy Garland and James Mason, in 1976 with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson, and in 2018 with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper.

12 members agreed, this is a remake done right and gave it a 5 star rating. One member rated it as 4 star but he thoroughly enjoyed the music.

If you have not seen it as yet it is worth the watch. Warning , the "F" word may be offensive to some and it is used many times.

Synopsis

Seasoned musician Jackson Maine discovers and falls in love with struggling artist Ally. She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer until Jackson coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking ...

Next movie date Tuesday Nov. 13th.

Joking Around at the Strachans

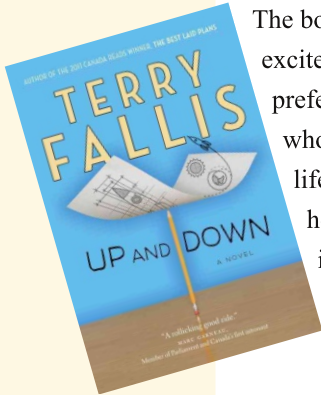


Up and Down

By Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent



Triology Book Club decided to lighten things up with the choice of *Up and Down* by Ontario author, Terry Fallis. Our meeting was hosted by Margaret Anne Fehr and we had a packed house that indicated the book's popularity with our members.



The book's plot features the attempt by a major global public relation's agency to revive the public's excitement in the NASA space program and to change the prevailing perception that going for lunch is preferable to watching a NASA launch. Fallis introduces us to David Stewart, the book's protagonist who shares many similarities with author Fallis himself. In his author's bio, Fallis says that he's been a lifelong space-nut from age 9 and also happens to be a partner in his own PR firm. Fallis admits that he's from the school of 'write what you know' and thus gives the book much authenticity and industry insights into the PR world.

In the book, Stewart, a PR agency newbie, comes up with the idea of a space contest to identify worthy candidates from Canada and the US to win the opportunity of becoming a citizen astronaut to the International Space Station, with the goal to revive the glory days of early NASA space exploits. The U.S. candidate, Eugene Crank, is the epitome of Stars and Stripes and apple pie while the Canadian lottery winner is Dr. Landon Percival, a 71 year old medical doctor, bush pilot, Sherlock Holmes aficionado and lesbian who lives in remote Cigar Lake, BC. There the fun begins as Fallis weaves a story of contrasts, satire and laugh-out-loud funny as David and his agency colleagues work to pull off a stunning PR coup.

Our conversation touched on many topics that *Up and Down* elicited, but the predominant focus was questioning whether each of us has something of significance yet to do at this stage of life and not to be so influenced by what society deems acceptable or appropriate. Ratings from our group for *Up and Down* were high with the majority voting a 9 and one member rating it a 10! Final consensus is that *Up and Down* is a book well worth recommending.

Members & Guests

By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair

There are a few people who have not yet paid their Membership Dues! Please make your cheques payable to: Escarpment Probus in the amount of \$45.00 per person. You can drop off your cheques at the next Probus meeting or at 980 Dice Way, Milton.

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

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

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.



Christmas Luncheon

by Pat Vogt - Social Chair

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

Sign-up was brisk during the October meeting. Bring your chequebook to the November meeting as we only have **58 seats left available**. First come, first served, sign up starts at 9:00 AM.



Escarpment Probus
Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 @
Piper's Heath Golf Club
Doors open @ 10:00 AM
Short Meeting at 10:30 AM
Holiday Menu Includes
Soup
Choice of Grilled Beef Sirloin with Peppercorn Jus,
OR Grilled Salmon with Maple Butter Sauce
OR Vegetarian
Apple Crumble Tart, Coffee and Tea
\$45 per Member - \$55 per Non-Member
Cash Bar

Prizes for your
Best Au Couture Christmas Outfit



Mount Nemo

by Anne Marie Stockley - Correspondent

I took this photo today as a couple of the slower hikers took a short cut to the Quarry at Mount Nemo. It is so peaceful there. The remainder of the group enjoyed the South Loop. The weather improved just as we started our hike.



Western Theme

by *Auriel Halliday - Convenor*



The first Supper Club started without a BANG! The cowboys and girls were asked to leave their guns outside, then the party began - guess Ron and Joanne did not get the message!

The appetizer was Cowboy Caviar, which was really a whole load of beans mixed into a yummy dip. Maybe some of us ate too many? The ribs were delicious and the corn casserole and baked potatoes were a perfect addition. Before dessert was served the cowboys and girls had to act out charades of Western movies. I think the laughter might have woken up the horses in the corral.

But it was worth waiting for Ellen's amazing home-made apple pie. Covered in cream and with ice cream on the side it was voted the "best apple pie ever".

I was excited that my newfound sister was with us and that she now understands how much Escarpment Probus has influenced our lives.

I hope that the other dinners had as much fun as we did. This was a great start to our year.

Thank you.



Perfect Match for Friendship

by *Judy Kauss - Convenor*



Looking for a club that suits your talents?

Can you drink coffee/tea?

Can you talk?

Can you listen?

If you can answer "yes" to any one of these questions then you are a perfect match for the "Friendship Club". Come and join the other talented talkers, listeners, and sippers every 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00am at the Seasons Retirement Community, 760 Bronte St.S , Milton , just south of Derry.

Eating and Talking

by Gillian Reynolds- Convenor



Dianne and Udo's house was filled with twenty happy Nosh and Natters on October 12th, doing what they do best: eating and talking - about what's been keeping us busy. The majority of the men were sitting in the overflow sunroom, so I can only speculate what they talked about. Men do love their men caves. The variety of appetizers and desserts were impressive. Oh, and I think there was also some alcohol involved, making for a very pleasant evening.



Wanderlust Club Inaugural Meeting

by Gloria Pennycook - Convenor

We have had a lot of interest in the Wanderlust Club! As a reminder, it is a club dedicated to sharing travel pictures and stories. It is intended to be fun, informal and informative. Our first meeting was held at the home of Gloria Pennycook and Bob Findlay. Since Greece was the country we “travelled” to via photos, 16 people enjoyed some Greek snacks while watching the “show”. Bob shared the travelogue with history, stories and travel tips. There were lots of questions and dialogue. Some people that had already been to Greece and they shared their stories too.



A format for upcoming gatherings has been developed and shared with the members. Wanderlust will meet every second month starting in November on the second Thursday. Hosts have signed up for each date and will decide how many people they can accommodate. If you are interested in knowing more about Wanderlust, please email Gloria at gpennycook@icloud.com.

Lunch Bunch in October at Wimpy's Diner



Feasting at Khazana

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

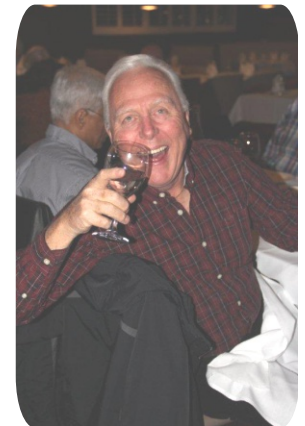


A group of 47 members enjoyed a feast at Khazana on Maple Ave. It took a little while to order the drinks, but, once the meal came out it never stopped. Dishes such as Lamb Seekh Kehab, Paneer Makmali, Butter Chicken just kept replenishing themselves. The food, service, and atmosphere was great. Heard more than one person say, I will be back.

They also gave Ruth Gagnon a special dessert and song to celebrate her birthday.

As I will be away in November, Catherine Parr and Jeanne Reid will be hosting Skip the Dishes and they have chosen Marquee Steak House on Steeles Avenue, just East of Hwy 25. Marquee Steak House is a fixed menu of a choice of caesar salad or feature soup, choice of 8oz NY striploin & frites, or chicken supreme, or mung bean & edamame fettuccine. Dessert is chocolate cognac mousse with strawberry & whipped cream. The cost is \$56 pp, tax and tip extra.

If you are interested in going to Marquee Steak House on Nov. 15th please email Jeanne Reid at jreid345@cogeco.ca and Catherine Parr at 4catparr@gmail.com. Bon appetite.



Allendale's Fall Card Party

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor

Our October bridge was held at Allendale's Fall Card Party. We enjoyed a lovely lunch and were happy to support a worthy cause. Elinore and myself won door prizes. Elinore Shannon was the bridge winner with Ellen Crawford coming second.

We look forward to welcoming 3 new bridge players in November to the Corker home on Nov. 6: Fionna Christie, Patricia Belvedere, and Lynn Salem.



The Piece Makers did not meet in October.

We are hoping to visit quilt shops in November

Sign spotted in 'Threads of Time Fabric and Retreat Center' in Illinois.



High Score of 24

By Martin Capper - Convenor

There were 27 Card Sharps for our October session, including newbies Frank and Marg. High Score honours went to Sandy (who got it in the crib of her first game) and Ellen Crawford who both achieved 24! Unbeaten on the night was the pairing of the other Ellen (Wallhouse) and Gretchen. Ron and the writer were heading for an unbeaten run as well until we came up against the dynamic duo of Annie and Diane!

With the Cappers and 8 others of the crib group in Africa next month, the Reads have graciously offered to host the November meet on November 12th.

Given the numbers now attending plans are afoot to start a second crib meeting each month. Plans are to have it on the Tuesday afternoon immediately following the Monday night session. We anticipate that the Tuesday afternoon sessions will start in January.



Canasta Trumps Elections

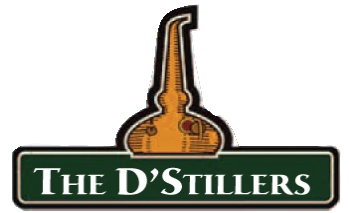
by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

On October 22, instead of staying home and watching the election results, twelve Probians gathered at the Comstock home to play Canasta. The timing of the games were off kilter all night. When table 1 completed their first game, none of the other tables were even close. They elected to switch partners and play a second game. Then table 2 finished and elected to switch partners. Finally, table 3, after an up and down game, finished and they too switched partners. Even though we did not get to mix, everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.



D'Stillers Plus Guest

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



The D'Stillers October 3rd meeting was held at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp with seven members in attendance. We were joined by a guest, Ted Chliszczyk, who had such a good time that he indicated he would join the D'Stillers on a full-time basis. Ron supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure. We rated them as follows:



The winning Whisky was '**Johnnie Walker Black Label**' 12 Yr. Old Single Malt Scotch with a score of 79.%, an ABV 'Alcohol by Volume' of 40% at a cost of \$57.45. This Whisky is very popular with our group, in June of 2015 it placed No 2 of the evening, in Feb of 2016 it placed No 4 and in April of 2018, it was No 3. It is a great whisky enjoyed around the world.



Second of the evening was '**The Glenrothes Select Reserve**' a Single Malt Scotch with a score of 78.25.%, an ABV of 43% at a cost of \$59.95. The Glenrothes Distillery is one of five distilleries located around the town of Rothes which has a population of 1300, these Distilleries have a potential of bottling 50 million bottles of whisky per year.



The third whisky was '**The Macallan Gold**' a Single Malt Scotch with a score of 77.4.%, an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$74.95. This whisky is often called the Rolls Royce of malts for repeatedly winning whisky competitions around the globe. A bottle of the Macallan 60-Year -Old 1926 just sold at auction in Hong Kong for \$1,100,000, US making it the most expensive standard whisky bottle to ever sell at auction. That is equal to \$40,400 for a one ounce shot of this whisky.



The fourth whisky was '**Chivas Regal**' a 12yr old Blended Scotch with a score of 75.1.%, an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$51.95. This is the third time the D'Stillers have tasted Chivas Regal in Dec 2015 it was No 2 and in April of 2016, it was No. 2. Chivas Regal's home is Strathisla distillery in Keith, Moray, Scotland, the oldest operating Highland distillery, which was founded in 1786. This distillery makes a special whisky for sale in Dubai airport that sells for a cool \$3.500 US. I may have to try this one day if I ever pass through this airport.



Last of the evening was '**Golden Horse Bushu**' a Japanese Blended Whisky with a score of 74.5.%, an ABV of 43.19% at a cost of \$96.95. This is a top selling whisky in Japan and South East Asia. The company Thoashuzo, has been fighting tooth and nail for their share of the whisky market. Some Japanese companies buy Scottish whisky in bulk, blend it with their Japanese whisky and sell it as a Japanese whisky. Fortunately, Thoashuzo, maker of Golden Horse Bushu is not one of them, they make their own whisky from start to finish.



My thanks to Joanne for entertaining our DD's and for the lovely homemade deserts she served at the end of the evening. Thanks once again to the DD's for the safe drive home.

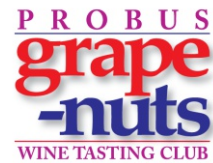
Since half of the D'Stillers will be in Africa on vacation it was decided that there would be no official meeting in November. The D'Stillers staying home may choose to hold a tasting, place to be determined. The 5th December 2018 meeting will take place at the home of Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks. The 2nd January 2019 meeting will be at the home of Anna and Chris Strachan.

Grapenuts - getting into Autumn

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

Anna and Chris Strachan

Theme: Wines that were “Winners” when Anna and Chris’s guests hosted their own tastings.



Best White: Cave Spring Riesling Dry, Ontario. LCBO 233635; \$15.95; Score: 13.8

Best Red: Ménage a Trois Red. California. LCBO 38007; \$17.95; Score: 14.9

Anna and Chris challenged their guests to identify their own winning wines, but they found that almost impossible! Martin thought he



recognized the first white and last red as his winners; however only the red (Ménage a Trios) was correct.

Pete (after some effort) identified his “white” winner – Cave Springs Riesling Dry. And the guests generally gave their “winners” very different scores from when they hosted!

Sandy Cannell and Robyn Balfour

Theme: Ontario VQA Wines – Riesling or Cabernet Blends



Best White: Vineland Estates Dry Riesling VQA. Ontario. LCBO 167551; \$14.95; Score: 12.9

Best Red: Dan Aykroyd Cabernet Shiraz VQA. Ontario. LCBO 53827; \$14.95; Score: 14.1



Ellen and Chris Wallhouse

Theme: “End of Summer and Into Autumn” Wines



Best White: The Beach House Sauvignon Blanc. South Africa, LCBO 122390; \$10.95; Score: 13.0

Best Red: McGuigan Black Label Shiraz. Australia. LCBO 325787; \$10.45; Score: 14.8

One point of interest: The two least expensive wines of the evening were the winners!!!



Pearson Airport Tour

by Stephanie Hamnett - Correspondent

An informative tour of the Toronto Pearson Airport included an up close encounter with falcons & hawks as they work to keep birds and wildlife away from airfields and airplanes, also Airport Emergency & Fire Hall Centre equipment and personnel. We were able to get on the tarmac and up close to planes and airport equipment. The weather co-operated! We will be applying for another tour in 2019!

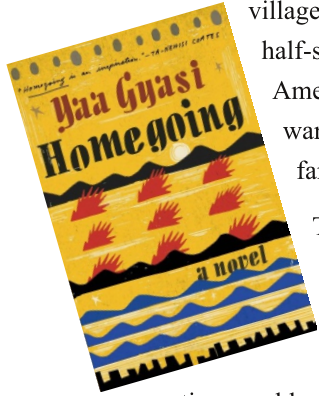


Homegoing

By Barbara Alderson - Correspondent



Yaa Gyasi's debut novel begins with the story of two half-sisters born in 18th century Ghana and follows their family lineage in Ghana and America over a period of three centuries. Effia and Esi have the same mother but are born in different tribal villages. Effia is married to the English commander of the Cape Coast Castle, while her half-sister Esi is captured, imprisoned in the castle's dungeons, and transported as a slave to America. It is an extraordinary novel set against the backdrop of colonialism, tribal warfare, slavery, and institutionalized racism; but grounded in the humanity of each family member.



The narrative switches back and forth between the generations of each sisters' lineage. Every chapter features the unique story of of one individual and is an unflinching look at how events unfold to shape that person's life and that of their descendants.

This novel has received excellent reviews. While the majority of those present at our meeting would recommend the book, it was agreed that the subject matter and structure make it a challenging read that may not appeal to everyone.

Mozart and Friends

by Michael Hooker - Convenor



Our brand-new Escarpment Probus classical music group, "Mozart and Friends" is now a reality. We currently have sixteen members signed up.

Seven of us met at our convenor, Michael Hooker's home, on 16th October - to work out how we will function and to play a little music (from CDs - but who knows - maybe in the future one of our Mozart Friends will entertain us with a live performance!

Each of us has a different level of musical experience, but we all have an ongoing interest in listening, learning and sharing knowledge and views.

We agreed that we will meet on the third Tuesday in the month at 2:00 pm, for about two hours, and we will take turns hosting. Our host will put together the music program, and will follow with tea / coffee and snacks (small). We believe that to get the most from the music our groups should be normally no larger than eight; and if needed we can set up a regular second monthly meeting.

In addition we may have other events, e.g. Concert at the Milton Arts Centre, Metropolitan Opera live telecast at a movie theatre, special DVD or CD presentation at a member's home of a longer piece of music that wouldn't fit neatly into our normal meeting format, such as a long opera.

WE will evolve and improve over time, as we gain experience and with input from all our members. WE all enjoyed our first opportunity to get together; each of us played a short piece of music from one of our own discs - very varied but every one worth hearing!

If you have interest, sign up and try us out! Our November meeting will be hosted by Beth Barnes (20th November); December by Asoka Yapa.

Time to get your Granny Hat and Santa Claus Suit Out!

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

Would you believe that Christmas is only 7 weeks away ! So here we go into unknown: weather conditions, bad TV shows, and cabin fever season.

Your Activity Committee is working hard to get you out and prevent boredom.



I would like to remind everyone that you need to have your chequebooks with you at our meetings. The congestion at the Activity Table cannot be avoided, but if you have your cheque ready to hand us when you sign up for an event, things will run smoothly. Please use the Cheque Writing Table. Cash is a bit of an unavoidable problem because we must write out a receipt to hand you when you pay with cash. A copy of your receipt is all the Treasurer has to identify who has paid and how much. We do not have a float to make change. Make cheques payable to "Escarpmnt Probus".

Our October meeting was the beginning of our new Activity Committee. We had to say goodbye to Jenny O'Brien, Pat Vogt, and Michelle Tschirhart. Thanks so much for your work, ladies. The Activity Committee is now made up of Stephanie Hamnett, Christy Babcock, Wilma Peer, Irene Hiebert, and yours truly, Anne Marie, as Chairperson.

So, we'll start with The **Weather Network** issue. After what was a one-year wait for a tour of The Weather Network operation, the visit was cancelled at almost the last minute. Efforts to notify everyone were less than successful. The change of date to November 13th has caused several members to drop off the list. An email will be sent to anyone who did not confirm their availability for **Tuesday, November 13th, at 10:00**. Please contact me, at 905-699-8370. Lunch is scheduled now for 11:30 at Brown's Socialhouse.

Friday, November 16th, at 6:30 we will be at **Woodbine Mohawk Raceway, Terrace Trackside Buffet**. We can take reservations with payment until November 12th, when the final numbers must go into Mohawk. It is \$38 pp, which includes your extensive buffet dinner, racing program, and a \$10 chit to the casino. The races start at 7:10. This is an annual event that is enjoyed every year.

On **Wednesday, November 28th**, a **Christmas Cookie Exchange** is planned at the Grace Anglican Church on Main Street between **1:30 and 3:30**. There is no charge, other than a half dozen of your cookies for all to sample with coffee and hot chocolate. Please individually wrap each dozen you bring to exchange. You must sign up at the November general meeting so we know how many to prepare for.

December 13th, at 3:00 pm will see a full bus load of Escarpmnt Probus members travelling to the **Niagara Festival of Lights** from the Sports Centre parking lot. Our first stop will be the Lakeview Winery for tastings and a lesson in Mixology, on to dinner at Chuck's Roadhouse (at your own expense and selection), then on to a leisurely ride along the length of Niagara's famous Festival of Lights before heading home. The bus will be stopping along the 8 km route for photos. This event sold out very quickly which unfortunately caused some of the congestion at the Activity Table.

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Change in
Activity date



Activities continued from previous page

Heading into 2019, a **Trivia Pursuit Night** on Tuesday, **January 15th, at 7:00** is planned. This event at Ned Devine's will quiz our members on their ability to what they remember of the Music, TV sound bites and general trivia from the 50's, 60's and 70's. The room can accommodate a large number of members. The evening is **\$12.00** pp. Drinks and snacks are at your own expense. Lots of prizes to win. We promise: NO booby prize will be awarded.

At the request of members, a **CPR course** has been scheduled for **Monday, January 29th** from **1:00 to 4:00** at Grace Anglican Church. This is a non-certified course that will give instructions in CPR and how we can do our best with what we have to work with, strength wise. We will learn the fundamentals of a defibrillator and resuscitation of a child. **\$34** for the course includes your manual. The course is limited to 20 participants. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Signup starts next month for the **February 15th, St. Valentine's Day Dance** to be held at the Legion. At **7:00**, Rockin Rob will start spinning records that we know all the words to. During the snack break we will have a Karaoke while you eat. The event is **\$25** that includes a light dinner, the music we enjoy, prizes and a great opportunity to socialize. Rob has a huge collection of Karaoke music. Get your do-wop group together and start practicing. How about a couple a' "hurting" songs!!

Almost all of the tickets to "**The Dreamboats**" were distributed at our October meeting. The remainder will be available at the November meeting. The event is **Friday, March 29th, 7:30**. It is a sold out event at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre. Did you know that The Living Arts Centre has a beautiful dining room. Check online with the Centre if you are interested in having dinner prior to the performance. Dinner is not included with the purchase of your ticket.

We look forward to seeing everyone, *with cheque books in hand*, at our next General meeting on Wednesday, November 21st, at 9:30 am.

L'action de Grâce

by Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

Our meeting on October 9th was considerably more popular than the previous month's, when numerous members were still enjoying the last of their summer vacations. On this occasion we were back to a number in the teens and the conversation, which theoretically focused on l'action de grâce au Canada ('thanksgiving'), varied from turkey dinners to Guy Fawkes' night in the 'old country'. We once more provided apposite 'nourriture', this time in the form of cookies imported from la 'Bretagne', the area where the Probus trip in 2019 will spend most of the time 'un petit encas avant le voyage vers 'le mont St Michel', to whet the appetite of the group, who much appreciated her ever-apposite 'goûter.'

We appear have a number of new enrollments for next month's session and the organizers hope that it and future meetings will, despite the onset of 'le temps hivernal', be equally stimulating. New members should be advised that the group is informal and intended to be fun as well as a way of recalling some of the language that most of us have not been conversant with since those school days many years dans le passé.

Notre prochain meeting will be chez John on King street at 10h to 12h.

Nous sommes impatients de vous revoir tous et donc "À bientôt".



Updated Probus Website

By Diane Comstock - Newsletter Editor

Have you visited our website lately? We have added a few new pages. The current and next calendars can now be found as well as the club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Greeting Cards

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



Suds and Buds Does Oktoberfest

by Cliff Read - Correspondent

For this month's session the participating members of Suds and Buds went to Cliff and Liz Read's place to celebrate Oktoberfest. German beer hall music was playing as the guests arrived when each of them had their pictures taken wearing a semi-official Oktoberfest hat. Check out the results!



Settling in, guests were ready to sample the first beer. It was **Hofbrau Munchen Oktoberfestbier**. This is the beer served at Hofbrau Haus by the giant steinful in Munich during Oktoberfest and was deemed the favourite of our beertasting group for the night. The next two beers **Spaten Munchen** and **Munchner Gold**, were also beers characteristic of those brewed in Munich. In Germany this category is called Helles meaning "light" representing the classic golden Bavarian lager and Munich's main beer. The "Sudsers" finished the evening sampling **Hacker Pschorr's Weissbier**. Although not characteristic of the Bavarian region, wheatbeer is hugely popular throughout Germany and is starting to be more and more popular here in Canada.

As with all Oktoberfest evenings, events were occasionally interrupted with Ein Prosit being called out. This meant that everyone had to sing along and of course finish their drinks in order to complete the toast. After all it is rumoured that this is the law. In between our samplings, we had pretzels, beer nuts, gingerbread cookies and, of course, some Oktoberfest sausages. The evening finished with delicious strudel made by Liz and coffee. The evening finished on a good note with everyone feeling a little bit more in touch with German hospitality than when they had arrived.



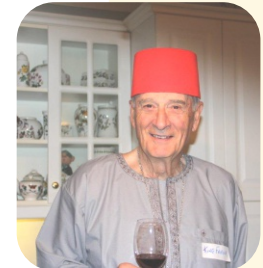
A Spooky night on Britannia Road!

by Auriel Halliday - Correspondent



What a perfect fit; Nosh @ Nite and Halloween. Don and I were lucky to be the hosts for this very scary affair. As everyone started to arrive, we quickly realized that the hippies and the cowboys outdid the spooks. Sonny and Cher, (Auriel and Don), had Cliff, as a now legalized pot-smoking Hippie, to help fend of Frankenstein and his bride; (Ellen and Paul). And of course, the Cowboys and Gals just kept everyone

in order. This mixture made for many laughs and the time flew by. Food was devoured and gruesome desserts eaten. Our new President and his wife, Ellen, won the prizes for the best costume. My favourite photo was of six past and present Presidents, all looking silly and posing together. Please compare with the photo from the October meeting on page 22.



Our October Meeting



The friendly faces of Grace Ricci & Bonnie Lennox greeted us at the door

Our newest members, left to right: David Boss, Maggie Boss, Doreen Corstorphine, Frank Dawe, Deb Harrold. Roy Harrold, Ann Marie Ricc, & Bonna Richmond



Past Presidents and Current President celebrating our 5th Anniversary

Martin Capper receiving Lifetime Membership in honour of his service to Escarpment Probus



Zak Patel told us all we needed to know about drugs and more!

“
There's an opportunity for the pharmacist to play a much greater role in health care, especially with what we have going on in this country with the shortage of primary-care physicians.

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- Gregory Wasson



Someone remembered her cheque book!



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is..... Martin Capper who took home \$231 WOWSA

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
Activities			
Weather Network Tour	November 13 - 10:00 am	Weather Network	Anne Marie Stockley
Management Meeting	November 14 - 9:30 am	Boothe home	Paul Crawford
Night at the Races	November 16 - 6:30 pm	Woodbine Mohawk Raceway	Anne Marie Stockley
Escarpment PROBUS	November 21 - 9:30 am	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton	Paul Crawford
Lunch Bunch	November 21 - 12 noon	EddieO's PourHouse & Kitchen	Bonnie Lennox
Cookie Exchange	November 28 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall	Anne Marie Stockley
Clubs			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>		Auriel Halliday
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Nov. 1 - 7 pm	Cousins home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Nov. 2 - 5:30 pm	Petroff home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Nov. 5 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Nov. 5 - 7 pm	Read home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Nov. 6 - 1 pm	Corker home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	cancelled		Chris Strachan
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	cancelled		Auriel Halliday
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	Nov. 8 - 7pm	Boothe home	Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	cancelled		Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Nov. 12 - 1 pm	Read home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Nov. 12 - 7 pm	Read home	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Nov. 13 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Nov. 15 - 10 am	Cannell home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Nov. 14 - 10 am	Ross home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	Nov. 14 - 10 am / 11 am	Crowe/Yardley home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Nov. 14 - 1 pm	Springer home	Stephen Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Nov. 14 - 7 pm	Jordan home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Nov. 15 - 1:30 pm	Comstock home	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Nov. 15 - 6 pm	Marquee Steak House	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Nov. 20 - 1:15 pm	Petroff home	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - Mozart & Friends	Nov. 20 - 2 pm	Barnes home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Nov. 21 - Probus Meeting	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Nov. 22 - 10:30 am	Capper home	Chris Willekes
Tastings - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	Nov. 22 - 7pm	Boss home	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Nov. 23 - 5:30 pm	Willekes home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Nov. 26 - 7 pm	Crawford home	Lorrette Shermet
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Nov. 28 - 1 pm	Millichamp home	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	Nov. 28 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Nov. 28 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Michele Tschirhart
New club, date, and/or time	Temporary Change	* Always held at this location	

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Activities				
Management Meeting	December 5 - 9:30 am	Stockley home	Paul Crawford	
Escarpment PROBUS	December 12 - 10 am	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Paul Crawford	
Probos Christmas Lunch	December 12 - 12:15 pm	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Anne-Marie Stockley	
Festival Of Lights Tour	December 13 - 3 pm	Sports Centre parking lot	Anne-Marie Stockley	
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	Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>		Auriel Halliday
	Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Dec. 3 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
	Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Dec. 4 - 1 pm	Crawford home	Jeanne Reid
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	cancelled	joint with Dec. 6	Michael Hooker
	Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Dec. 5 - 7 pm	Schmidt/Wilcocks home	Chris Strachan
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Dec. 6 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Dec. 7 - 5:30 pm	Babcock home	Gillian Reynolds
	Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	<i>no December meeting</i>		Gloria Pennycook
	Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Dec. 10 - 1 pm	Halliday home	Paul Crawford
	Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	cancelled	joint with Dec. 7	Gillian Reynolds
	Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Dec. 10 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
	Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Dec. 11 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
	Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Dec. 13 - 10 am	Parr home	Catherine Parr
	Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Dec. 13 - 10 am	Green home	Linda Green
	Club <i>Français</i>	cancelled		Anne-Françoise Gibbard
	Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Dec. 5 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
	Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Dec. 12 - 10:30am	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Ellen Crawford
	Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	cancelled	joint with Dec. 6	Michael Hooker
	Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Dec. 13 - 10:30 am		Chris Willekes
	Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	cancelled		Auriel Halliday
	Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Dec. 18 - 1:15 pm	O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
	Classical Music - <i>Mozart & Friends</i>	Dec. 18 - 2 pm	Yapa home	Michael Hooker
	Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Dec. 20 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorrette Shermet
	Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Dec. 20 - 6 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
	Tastings - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	cancelled		Pete Shermet
	Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	cancelled		Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	cancelled		Judy Krauss	
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	cancelled		Auriel Halliday	
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	cancelled		Michele Tschirhart	
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Dec. 28 - 5:30 pm	Armstrong home	Paul & Ellen Crawford	
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