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

OCTOBER IS THE FALLEN LEAF

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Paul Crawford
President

New Probus Year - New Management

I am honoured to be the president of the Escarpment Probus Club of Milton building on the earlier work of Joanne Millichamp, Cliff Read, Gloria Pennycook, Martin Capper, and Robyn Balfour, as it finishes its first five years. This milestone will be acknowledged with a presentation by Probus Canada at our October meeting. Robyn Balfour and her team have brought the club to a very strong position with membership at an all time high and a rich variety of clubs and activities for our members' enjoyment. The many choices may seem daunting to our new members but do not let reticence hold you back! The hallmark of our club has been the friendliness and welcoming shown by the convenors no matter what the activity. Due to our size there are multiple sections for many clubs and waiting lists for some activities but we are always looking to add additional sections to accommodate our members.

We are looking forward to hearing from our members who travelled on the club-sponsored river cruise on the Elbe. The annual dinner dance was a great success with many of our members arriving early, lining up at the bar, enjoying a hearty meal, and dancing up a storm. Your management team is committed to continuing the many positive experiences we have become used to with your help as convenors and participants.



**Dues
are
due!**

Are you Renewing?

I want to thank all of you who have renewed already.
This is such a help to me.

Our annual dues are due by October 1. If you have not already renewed, please bring your cheque to the October meeting, made out to **Escarpment Probus** in the amount of \$45 per person.

If you don't plan to attend, please mail your cheque ASAP to:

Maggie Boothe, 980 Dice Way, Milton, ON, L9T 8C1

If you are not renewing, please let me know: Then I won't be bugging you with reminders. Also, please let me know if any of your contact information (email, phone, address) has changed before we issue the new membership list.

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



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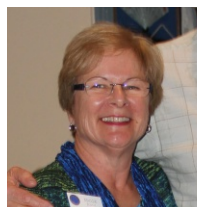
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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

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.

FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular monthly meeting.
Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.
Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit, or change any copy or pictures submitted.

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Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-878-5550	4catparr@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
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Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
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Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Thurs. after Probus meeting - 10:30 am	Chris Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	1st Mon. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
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Sports - Yoga	Every Tues. - 11:15 am	Catherine Parr	289-878-5550	4catparr@gmail.com
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Tastings - Whisky - <i>The D'stillers</i>	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	anstrac1945@yahoo.ca
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Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca
	New information			Starting week of Oct. 22

Our October Speaker

Pharmacist - Zak Patel



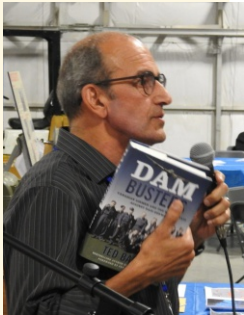
Zak Patel has owned and operated Zak's Pharmacy, the oldest independent pharmacy in Milton, since 1988. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1985 with honours. He has repeatedly been chosen by the Canadian Champion readers as their favorite pharmacy and pharmacist. Zak prides himself and his staff for their customer service. Knowing the drugs, their interaction with other medication, and the the proper substitute, if available, is the result of many years of continuing study and updates.

Please be assured he is a much better pharmacist than a golfer (LOL).

Education leads to better health so bring any questions and concerns you may have.

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.

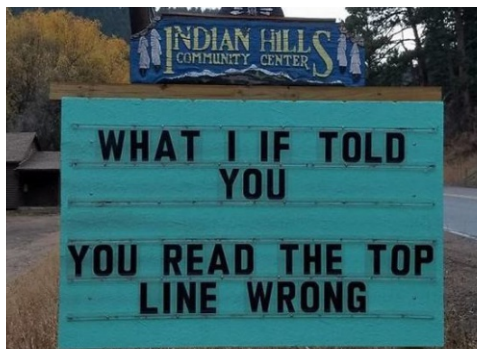
MORELAND, JOHN 1941 - 2018



The family is saddened with the passing of John (Jack) after a long struggle with COPD. Leaving behind wife Beverly, children Sharlene and Westley, granddaughter Jessica and son-in-law Tom. Also many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by both parents and his sister Molly. Born to Irish immigrants, Jack attended school in East York and made a career in Sheet Metal Workers' & Roofers' Union Local 30, for 30 years. Not ready to retire, he went on to a career in trucking, taking him across much of Canada and U.S, and retiring in 2009. Jack enjoyed coaching boy's hockey and women's softball. Also bowling, darts, computer, card games and mushball in Oakville and Burlington. Special thanks to Acclaim Health and Dr. Pyle. Donations to the Canadian Lung Association are appreciated. Private celebration and cremation has taken place.

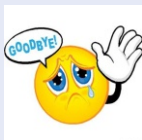
Jack Moreland one of our Probus members. Jack, with his wife Beverly, played in the bridge group. Jack was known for his sharp sense of humour and his even sharper card sense. Jack had COPD and has had a struggle breathing for a number of years. His breathing was described as like breathing through a straw. He passed away at home under the compassionate care of family and physicians.

Escarpment Probus has made a donation to the Canadian Lung Association in Jack's memory.



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.





Keep Calm and Joker On!

by Auriel Halliday - Convenor

The Escarpment Probus Joker Club had its first Jokerama on Sept 13th. Pat Vogt and Lorraine Randall joined together as hosts and organized the game to be held at Grace Anglican Church. To play Jokers you need groups of four, so, after "borrowing" John and Caroll from the Milton Joker Club we had eight tables in play.

The Wednesday players were challenging the Thursday players. After four games of vigorous play the Wednesday group were clearly the winners of the afternoon.



We had hoped to crown a Head Joker. This title goes to a player who wins all their games. But, this was not to happen, nearly but not quite. One of our new players Ita Sweeny came very close. She lost the final game by a very small margin. You can see the concentration in the photo to the left. One nameless player lost all their games and about twelve players won three out of four games. As Convenor of this group I would like to thank all the players who helped to make the afternoon fun.

Thanks to Don Evans and Marion Puckett for helping set up the tables and boards and thank you to Pat Vogt and Lorraine Randall for providing all the snacks and cakes. Also, thanks to John and Caroll for completing our numbers. The last thank you goes to

Lorrette Shermet for organizing the use of the Grace Anglican Church hall.



Christmas Luncheon

Save the Date - Dec. 12, 2018
Details in upcoming meetings!



Nosh & Natter

by Gillian Reynolds - Correspondent

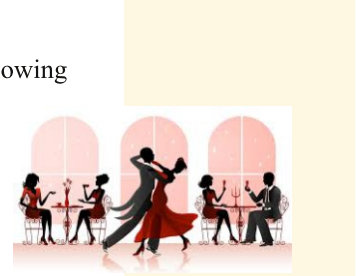
Len & Irene Hiebert hosted the September 7th Nosh N Natter in their lovely Milton backyard. Only 13 of the expected 21 showed up, which meant that we could all sit round one table to eat, drink, and be merry. When the night got cooler, Len fired up the table heater, creating a warm and cozy atmosphere. Irene made a delicious selection of desserts to complete a very pleasant evening.



5th Anniversary

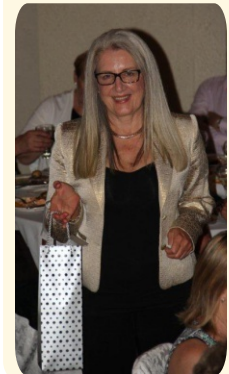
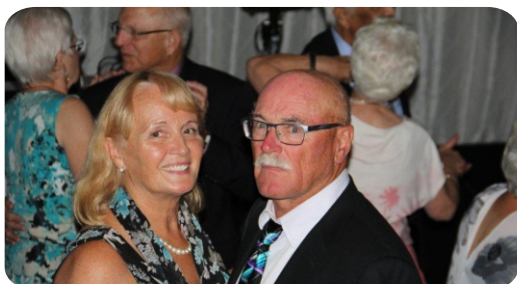
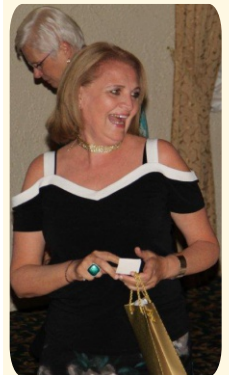
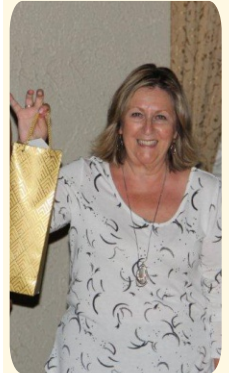
by Julie Flynn - Past Social Chair

On September 14th, about one hundred Probus members gathered at The Grand Chalet to celebrate the fifth anniversary of our club. Following the usual delicious four course meal, a crowded dance floor enjoyed music provided by Rockin' Rob Hewlett. Rob was happy to play requests, as well as his usual fare. A lucky person from each table took home a beautiful centrepiece, and other members won bottles of wine in draws and spot dances.



A big thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the evening.

Happy Anniversary, Escarpment Probus!!





La Toscana

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor



Our very first get together with "Skip the Dishes" in September was a success. 34 people dined finely at "La Toscana" an Italian restaurant on main street in Milton. Some diners had lamb. Pete and Lorrette Shermet, the organizers, celebrated their 45th anniversary. A wonderful start for this monthly club.



Our next get together will be on October 18th at "Khanzana", 1185 Maple Ave in Milton at 6 p.m. The cost for the meal will be \$25 per person including gratuity and taxes. People will purchase beverages from the bar and the house wine is \$5.50 for a 6 oz and \$5.50 for a beer.

I have 42 people signed up, it is not too late to join us for a fine evening. If you would like to join us, please email lorrette@sympatico.ca.



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.

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.

Bridge

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor



We held our September bridge at the home of Elinore Shannon hosted by Karen Fraser and Elinore. One of our valued players, Jack Moreland, passed away late August so Elinore kindly offered her home for our game. There was no visitation or funeral for Jack. We will miss his presence and expertise at our games. Elinore Shannon was the winner for the day with Jeanne Reid coming second. Ann Corker got her dollar back!

Our October bridge will be held at the Allendale Card Party. We have 8 people attending. If anyone would like to join us I will get them a ticket. Tickets are \$10 each which includes lunch. Date is Oct. 2 at 12 noon.

November 6 bridge will be at the home of Don & Ann Corker.



Lively Discussions

by Judy Nelson - Correspondent

Judy Nelson hosted the Piece Makers' September meeting on Monday the 10th. There were only three members of the group in attendance, but we had some lively discussions, talking about, among other things, a method of preparing multiple half-square triangles at once, and how to use paper backing to zigzag stitch appliqué. Wendy brought a beautiful show-and-tell.



Quilting term of the month: *Half-Square Triangle (HST)* – A 90 degree triangle formed when a square is cut in half one time diagonally.

We discussed possibilities for our next meeting and agreed that it might be an idea to go on an outing to view some quilt shops and discuss over lunch.



Yoga Club to begin October 22!

by Catherine Parr - Convenor



We have a lot of interest in our new Yoga Club. There have been many developments with some details still to be finalized. Our new Yoga Teacher, Janina Lee Del Rio of Milton, is a certified Hatha Yoga Teacher and has come recommended by Zella Bonin, one of our Probus members.

Our first classes will begin in October. We will start with 4 classes per week. Each class will be 1 hour long and repeat for a six week session. At this time I ask that each participant only register for 1 class per week. The cost per person will be approximately \$10.00 per class. Prepayment of all six classes per session is to be made by cheque (payable to the Escarpment Probus Club) in advance of the start of each session. Please bring your cheque book to the October meeting. Participants will be required to sign a waiver provided by the Teacher prior to classes.

The initial 4 sessions are:

- Mon. Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 1:30 pm
- Tues. Oct. 23 - Nov. 27 9:30 & 11:15 am
- Thurs. Oct. 25 - Nov. 29 1:30 pm

There will be no classes in December.

All classes will be held at Grace Anglican Church. Students are encouraged to car pool as parking is very limited. Class sizes will be limited to 10 - 12 students. Students are expected to arrive and be in position to begin at the start time. Please bring a good yoga mat, a pillow for head, neck and knee support; a blanket, yoga blocks, a yoga belt and water. We will try to have some extra belts, blocks and mats available at the first class. If you are purchasing a mat, our teacher recommends a medium thickness mat.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the October 17th Probus monthly meeting. Men and Ladies are welcome! Those that have already signed-up, please add your time preference on your original sheet.

Chair Yoga

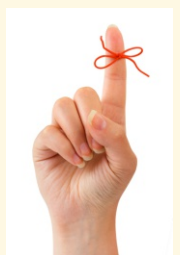
You are invited to communicate directly with our teacher via email regarding any limitations or concerns you may have in your yoga practice. If enough members warrant it, Janina will structure a separate "Chair Yoga" class, a gentle method of yoga where you do not have to get on your knees or down on the floor. Please contact her at janinaleedelrio@gmail.com.

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!



Probus Name Badges

Remember to bring your badges to our monthly meetings and your social activities. Let's get to know each other by our names.

"Please note that there is a \$20.00 replacement charge for lost badges."

Wine Tour

by Michelle Tschirhart - Correspondent

On Thursday Sept. 6th, 42 eager wine enthusiasts boarded a limo bus and two limosines for a comfortable and carefree ride to Niagara On The Lake. Our first stop was at The Hare Wine Co., a small and fairly new winery with a limited selection, however, some of us did manage to taste 5 wines! On to Caroline Cellars where we ordered lunch and then did some more tastings. Our last stop was at Chateau Des Charmes where we met Galina who would walk us through the process and the history of this fine winery. Her passion for the job came through in her talk. She could have gone on and on, had we not had to board our limos and head home. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day for wine tasting. A good time was had by many.



Old Pulteney

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



The D'Stillers September 3rd meeting was held at the home of Norma and Martin Capper with nine members in attendance. Martin supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure. We rated them as follows:



The winner of the evening was 'Old Pulteney' a Single Malt Scotch with a score of 81.8%, an ABV 'Alcohol by Volume' of 40% at a cost of \$79.05. The distillery was established in 1826 in the name of Sir William Pulteney (who died in 1805), and for whom Pulteneytown is named. The distillery is the most northerly on the Scottish mainland and was quite inaccessible, except by sea, when established. Barley was brought in by sea, and the whisky was shipped out the same way. Many of the distillery workers were also employed as fishermen. The herring fishing industry is no longer part of daily life in Wick but the distillery continues to operate, producing a Highland single malt with a reputation as one of the finest available. Characteristics of the whisky are attributed to exposure to sea air during maturation.



Our second choice was 'English Whiskey' a Single Malt with a score of 75.8%, an ABV of 43% at a cost of £35 purchased in Britain and is not available in the LCBO. Initially, the distillery was planned as a microbrewery, an experiment in turning excess barley into whiskey. St. George's Distillery now produces in excess of 1,500 litres of alcohol a year. Marks and Spencer began selling own-label English whisky in October 2013 which is distilled at St George's.



The third whisky of the evening was 'Auchentoshan' 12 Yr Old Single Malt with a score of 74%, an ABV of 40% and a cost of \$60.95. Unusual for a Scottish distillery, Auchentoshan practices triple distillation. Generally, the final stage of Scotch whisky production involves distilling the fermented mash in two copper stills. In Auchentoshan, a third still (known as the "Intermediate Still") helps to give a final spirit strength of 40% ABV. This triple distillation, in addition to an unpeated malt, gives Auchentoshan a more delicate and sweet flavour than many Scotch whiskies. The Warehouse in Glasgow was bombed during WW2 and whiskey ran into the River Clyde. The Scots could handle the bombing but the loss of the whiskey was a national disaster!!!



The fourth whiskey was 'Red Bush' a blended Irish whiskey with a score of 70.5%, an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$34.95. Produced by the oldest working distillery in Ireland; Bushmills Red Bush is triple distilled and aged in bourbon casks. Bushmills Distillery is over 400 years old, that is what I call staying power. The distillery itself is close to the Giant's Causeway a world heritage site that has been visited by many tourists from around the world.



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Last but not least was ‘Kilchoman Sanaig’ single malt scotch with a score of 67.4%, an ABV of 46% at a cost of \$113.45. It is one of only six Scottish distilleries still doing traditional floor-maltings and is unique in having all parts of the process - growing barley, malting, distilling, maturing and bottling - carried out on Islay. The Kilchomn Distillery, (pronounced Kil-ho-man) is one of the newest and smallest distilleries in Scotland. The distillery filled their first casks on 14 December 2005 and began bottling 3-year-old single malt in September 2009. The whisky will primarily age in bourbon casks, though sherry casks will also be employed.



Thanks to Norma for entertaining the DD's and the lovely homemade desserts she served at the end of the evening. Thanks once again to the DD's for the safe drive home. The October 3rd meeting of the D'Dtillers is at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp.

Orientation meeting

by Liz Read - Vice President

Our Escarpment Probus Newcomers' Orientation meeting on Sept. 26th was attended by 32 new members who met up to learn more about our club.



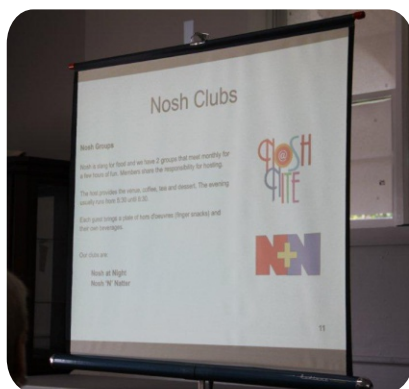
A big thanks to the management team members (Paul Crawford, Maggie Boothe, Pat Vogt) and convenors (Michael Hooker, Joanne Millichamp, Ron DuPont, Catherine Parr) who showed up to provide info about the aims of our Probus club and how social clubs enrich lives of retirees.

Joanne Millichamp provided information on our popular annual rips and Michelle Tschirhart spoke

about two club activities that had been scheduled for September.

Our social convenor, Pat Vogt, had sign up sheets ready for all our clubs as well as a list of convenors with their contact information.

As always, we are grateful to Lorrette Shermet for arranging the use of Grace Church hall. Photos of this event were taken by Pete Shermet. Thanks also to Cliff Read who invited all the participants and set up the hall for the meeting.



Lunch at Ned Devines



Facebook

by Liz Read - Vice-President

Escarpment Probus welcomes you to check out our Facebook posts. It's a great way to find out what our club members are up to.

You can even add your photos of club events if you decide to become a friend. Then just mention Escarpment Probus in any posts and all can enjoy learning what our club members are enjoying. (Please note...This is a site open for public viewing.)



De nouveau le dernier jour...

by Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

Our last meeting took place on September the 12th at the home of Barbara and John. Our members were severely depleted because so many people were still on vacation and so we were reduced to a mere handful of members including the organizers. But this limited members made for animated discussion of holidays taken over the summer months by participants, and a spot of French grammar that we had arranged, which was truly appreciated. The theme of the meeting was “ce que nous avons fait pour nos vacances” (what we did for our holidays), which proved very interesting and stimulating. We hope to have more on this theme when the missing “vacanciers” return for what we expect to a more populous meeting on Wednesday October the 10th.

We hope to see all of you back to our friendly French meeting.

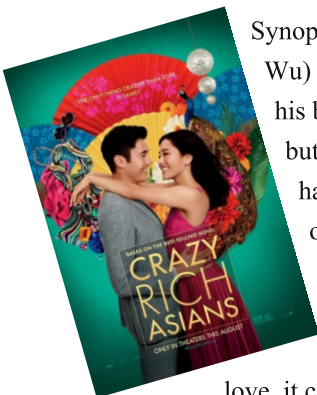
Bonne rentrée à tous nos members et à bientôt chez John qui nous accueille si gentiment cette année de nouveau chez lui le 2ieme mercredi de chaque mois.



New Probus Movie Convenor

by Marilyn Armstrong - Convenor

Our movie night out was Tuesday, September 11. Seven people attended and saw the movie ‘Crazy Rich Asians’. They gave it a 4* rating out of 5* and no one was disappointed.



Synopsis: The story follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) as she accompanies her longtime boyfriend, Nick Young (Henry Golding), to his best friend’s wedding in Singapore. Excited about visiting Asia for the first time but nervous about meeting Nick’s family, Rachel is unprepared to learn that Nick has neglected to mention a few key details about his life. It turns out that he is not only the scion of one of the country’s wealthiest families but also one of its most sought-after bachelors. Being on Nick’s arm puts a target on Rachel’s back, with jealous socialites and, worse, Nick’s own disapproving mother (Michelle Yeoh) taking aim. And it soon becomes clear that while money can’t buy love, it can definitely complicate things.

The New Probus Movie Convenor is Theresa Spano - Thank you Theresa for taking over this position. Our next movie night is Tuesday, October 9.

Please Note: If you plan to be part of the movie club, please sign up even if you have been attending. Theresa needs to have a new list of names and emails for her new movie contact list.

Wimpy's Diner

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in October will be at Wimpy's Diner - 8473 Regional Rd 25, Milton.
(North of the 401). Look up the menu at <http://wimpysdiner.ca>.



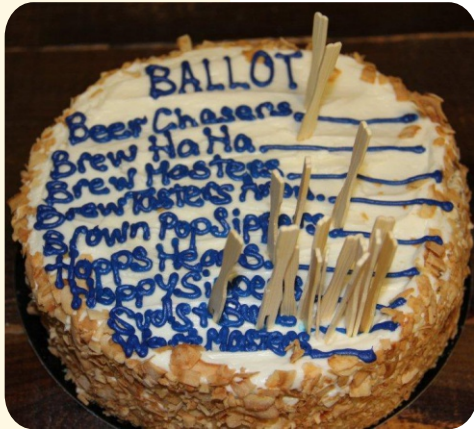
If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table at the meeting before the break.

NEW

Suds and Buds

by Pete Shermet - Convenor

We held our inaugural meeting of the "Suds and Buds" beer tasting club at Orange Snail Breweries in Milton on Thursday September 27th. There were 18 in attendance (one missing from the picture).



Our meeting started promptly at 7:00 and the first order of business was to choose a name from a small suggested list. Everyone in attendance was provided with a voting marker and instructed to place their marker next to the name they favoured. The choices were as follows: Beer Chasers, Brew Haha, Brew Masters, Brew Tasters Anonymous, Brown Pop Sippers, Hop Heads, Hoppy Sippers, Suds and Buds, and Wort Masters. As you can see from the photograph "Suds and Buds" was a clear winner and because it was a secret ballot we had to eat the evidence!

I provided charcuterie trays of prosciutto, bresaola (cured beef tenderloin), kielbasa, Balderson 2 year old cheddar, and a Balderson smoked cheddar, as well as chips, nuts, crackers, and pretzels.



One of the owners, Damian was our host and gave commentary throughout the evening.



Damian started us off with their Escarpment wheat beer, a very light beer with an ABV (alcohol by volume) of 4.8% and an IBU (International Bitterness Unit) of 15.

The next sample was a slightly darker pale ale called Iron Pig with an ABV of 5% and an IBU of 28.

The third sample was an amber ale called Rattlin' Nemo with 5% ABV and an IBU of 24.

The fourth sample was a pale ale called Jasper IPA at 6.3% ABV and 70 on the IBU scale.

Sample sizes were about 4 oz. Scoring at this point was subjective as the score sheet downloaded from the internet was too complicated, Cliff offered to revamp the score sheet to a simpler format.

In summary I believe it was a great start to the club and a fun time was had by all.



Touring the S. S. Keewatin



Lunch at Henry's Fish House

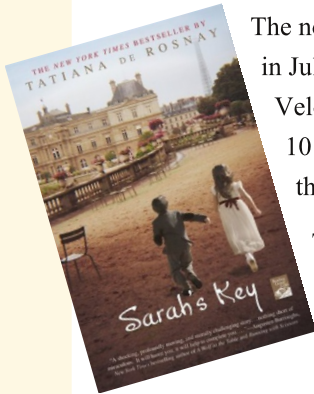


Sarah's Key

By Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent



Looks like Trilogy Book Club members were eager to get ‘back to the books’ for our September meeting hosted by Chris Cormier in Milton. Ten of our twelve members, including newcomers Sandra Bashford and Judy Krauss, made for a full house as we discussed Sarah’s Key by Tatiana de Rosnay.



The novel is part of the Holocaust genre focusing on an actual incident that took place in Paris in July of 1942 when French police raided the home of Parisian Jews taking them to the Velodrome d’Hiver , a local enclosed cycling stadium, for processing. Sarah Starzynski, just 10 years old, had protectively locked her 4 year old brother in a closet in their apartment thinking she would come back as soon as she could to liberate him..

The ultimate destination for the detainees was to be Auschwitz with a stop at Drancy, a refugee camp outside of Paris where families were separated; husbands from families and women from children. The plot accelerates and follows Sarah’s quest to get back to release her brother and the people along the way who aided her efforts.

The author also established a parallel plot line that takes place 60 years after the Velodrome d’Hiver round-up as American-born ex-pat and journalist, Julia Jarmond who has resided in Paris for 25 years, is assigned a story to mark its grim anniversary date. Julia’s investigative skills reveals Sarah’s trajectory as she finally is able to gain access to her family’s former apartment and discovers that she has come too late to rescue her brother. Julia’s own personal drama including a quirk of fate that links her to Sarah’s story reveals another layer of pathos that makes for a gripping read.

Our members were unanimous in giving Sarah’s Key a 9 out of 10 rating. Our meeting ended with Chris Cormier sharing her poem entitled, The Other Day. “Everyone of us has a story just like the characters in the books we read. I felt most women could relate to the poem as they go through the stages of their own life and could fill in their unique story in their minds.”

Fall Season

by Barb Finnie - Correspondent



What a wonderful way to start our Fall season with 22 Noshers arriving looking forward to a pleasureable evening with great friends. Unfortunately just before everyone arrived the clouds came in and the temperature dropped so we were housebound. The appetizers and desserts were aplenty and disappeared quickly with rave reviews. Everyone had a super time.



Circling the Sun

by Joanne Millichamp - Correspondent



Circling The Sun is a work of historical fiction by Paula McLain. The book tells the story of the extraordinary life of Beryl Markham, who was brought up in Kenya in the 1920's.



Beryl had a very unconventional upbringing, and grew up with a young Masai boy roaming freely across the plains of Africa. She had a deep love for the land and for animals. Her family farmed and had horses and she became the first female horse trainer registered in Kenya. She went on to train 6 Kenya Derby winners.

She made many poor choices in her personal life, marrying and divorcing three times. Her life was full of tragedy and scandal with many affairs, including Prince Henry, the Duke of Gloucester, and Denys Finch-Hatton, the lover of Beryl's friend

Karen Blixen. For those of you who remember the movie "Out of Africa", Meryl Streep played Blixen and Robert Redford played Finch-Hatton.

Beryl finds freedom by learning how to fly and becomes the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean non-stop for 21 hours from east to west in 1936.



There are several themes in the book: colonialism, women's rights, infidelities, etc. The author brings Africa alive with her descriptive style of writing. We enjoyed reading this story of Beryl, a strong, independent woman, who was so ahead of her time.



Fall brings Colours and Weather

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair

We have a start on your Fall activities and looking towards Christmas: Yup.....



Last call for the **Central Waterloo Fall Colours train tour on Thursday, October 11th**. We board at 9:45 am near St. Jacobs Market.

Enjoy a ride from St. Jacobs to Elmira and return. It is \$25 per passenger. The St. Jacob's Market is open that day too. 48 members are signed up but if we get another 12 we can get the entire caboose to ourselves. We depart from 330 Farmer's Market Road, Waterloo. Lunch at "Jack's Family Restaurant" is not included in the cost.

The Wait List is still open for **The Weather Network Tour on Tuesday, October 16th**. This will be a one hour tour of the facilities, their technology and the TV set starting at 11:00 am. The Weather Network is located at 2655 Bristol Circle, Oakville, L6H7W1, immediately east of #403 and Dundas West. There is no charge for the tour but photo identification may be required. Names must be submitted prior to our visit. Again we ask that anyone who is signed up but not able to attend to please let someone in the Activity Committee know so that the next person on the Wait List can attend. Lunch will follow at Brown's Socialhouse Erin Mills, just two blocks to the east at 2525 Hampshire Gate, Oakville.

For our annual visit to the track this year we are back at the newly named **Woodbine Mohawk Raceway on Friday, November 16th** in the Terrace Trackside Buffet. Cost will be \$38 for buffet, racing form, and a \$10 chit for the casino. Sign-up sheets at our next meeting.

Now, to start thinking about Christmas. Well, if you're tired of having to bake multiple recipes to have a variety of cookies for your Christmas Guests (or don't bake anymore), we have the solution. A **Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, November 28th** from 1:30 - 3:30 at Grace Anglican Church. Visit over hot chocolate and coffee and get a head start on the season. Sign-up sheets at our next meeting.

Twiddle Muffs

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

The knitting group met on Thursday September 20 at the home of Chris Willekes. In the summer, Barb Finnie and Norma Capper started to knit Twiddle Muffs, knited or crocheted muffs for people

with dementia. They are a made with different coloured or textured yarns, then items that can be twiddled with, such as buttons, beads, ribbons are attached to the inside and outside of the muff. This helps to ease the agitation of dementia patients. Barb and Norma, hope we can see the finished product next month. The ladies also shared some of their completed and "working on" projects, hats, dishcloth, swifter cover, pot scrubber and dog sweater and we had assistance from Ellen Crawford in the art of knitting socks. A great morning, with much sharing of ideas and great conversation.

Next months meeting is at the home of Rosalind Jordan on Thursday October 18 at 10:30.



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



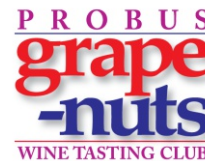
Grapenuts – September Results

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

Petra Halk and Stephanie Hamnett. Their wine theme was “Best of the Best – Previous Grapenuts Winners”.

Best White in this shootout of champions was Hardy’s Stamp Series Riesling / Gewürztraminer, Australia; LCBO 448548; \$9.95; Score 14.0;

Best Red: The Formula – Robert’s Shiraz; Australia; LCBO 142935; \$20.95; Score: 15.3



Lorrette and Pete Shermet picked “Fun Due – wines from the ‘70s” (followed by fondues).

Best White: Blue Nun Deutscher Tafelwein – Germany; LCBO 729; \$9.10; Score 14.4.

Best Red: Mateus Signature Douro Red, Portugal; 308643; \$9.95; Score 10.0



Joanne and Ron Millichamp’s tasting theme was “Wines under \$11, rated by the Toronto Star’s wine expert”.

Best White: Cono Sur Bicicleta Viognier, from Chile. LCBO 64287; \$11.45; Score 14.0.

Best Red: Trapiche Malbec Mendoza 2016, Argentina; LCBO 501551; \$10.45; Score 14.7

We then enjoyed coffee, cake and other assorted dessert,s with lots of discussion concerning the wines...and other topics. The Cappers brought a take home bag of pears, which were delicious, for everybody.



Norma and Martin Capper’s tasting was an “overflow / last minute” one, as several Grapenutters weren’t able to get into any of the other three! As a theme, Martin asked the participants to suggest a wine for him to buy.

Best White: Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay, Australian; LCBO 142117; \$10.95; Score 13.1

Best Red: 19 Crimes Shiraz, also Australian; LCBO 369777; \$18.95; Score 15.2



A short footnote: We’ve tasted the “19 Crimes” Shiraz and Cab Sauvignon before, and they have been consistently highly rated. If you’re interested in what these “19 Crimes” are, the brand has an interesting web site that lists each of the 19 crimes that were enough to subject a person to transportation for life to Australia, also brief stories about the convicts whose pictures are on the bottles. Things have certainly changed since those times!

Grapenuts now has over fifty members, and for both September and October the three scheduled tastings have filled up very fast, with several members unable to get a place!

So we are now trying something new – we will put on a fourth tasting if at least four members can’t find a spot, and we can get at least eight people in total. And it’s likely that by early next year we will be scheduling four tastings a month as standard.

Our September Meeting



We were greeted in French and English by Anne-Françoise & Chris Gibbard



Our newest members, left to right: Susan Butson, Barb Chliszczyk, Fiona Christie, Carol Collingwood, Frank Funk, Ian Greaves, Walter Ruediger, Asoka Yapa



Saying goodbye to outgoing Management team members: Martin Capper, Dianne Tomson, Wayne Herder, and Julie Flynn (missing)



Passing the President's gavel to Paul Crawford



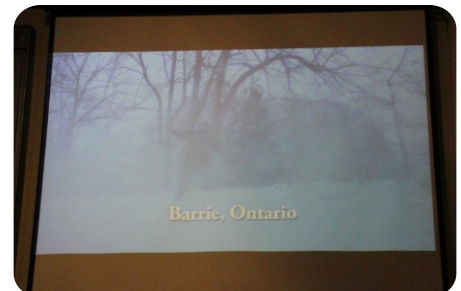
David Chapman fascinated us with his photos and storm chasing escapades



Welcome to new Management team members: Paul Crawford, Pat Vogt, Jenny O'Brien, Ron Whaley, and Liz Read



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is.... Megs Shellard who took home \$210 WOW!



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EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
Activities			
Airport Tour	October 3 - 10:15 am	Pearson International Aitport	Anne-Marie Stockley
Management Meeting	October 10 - 9:30 am	Crawford home	Paul Crawford
Fall Colours Train Ride	October 11 - 9:45 am	330 Farmers Market Rd. Waterloo	Anne Marie Stockley
Weather Network Tour	October 16 - 11:00 am	2655 Bristol Circle, Oakville	Anne Marie Stockley
Escarpment PROBUS	October 17 - 9:30 am	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*	Paul Crawford
Lunch Bunch	October 17 - noon	Wimpy's	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online communications	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	TBD	Road Trip	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Oct. 1 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Oct. 2 - 12 noon	Allendale Card Party	Jeanne Reid
Tastings - Whisky - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Oct. 3 - 7 pm	Millichamp home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Oct. 4 - 7 pm	Cannell home	Michael Hooker
Travel - <i>Wanderlusters</i>	Oct. 4 - 7 pm	Pennycook home	Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	1st Fri. - Cancelled		Gillian Reynolds
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Oct. 8 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Club Français	Oct. 9 - 10 am	Crowe/Yardley home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Oct. 9 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Teresa Spano
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Oct. 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Oct. 10 - 7 pm	Wallhouse home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Thurs</i>	Oct. 11 - 1:30 pm	Kotack home	Auriel Halliday
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Oct. 11 - 10 am	Rumley home	Catherine Parr
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Oct. 12 - 5:30 pm	Thomson home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Oct. 15 - 1 pm	Flannagan home	Paul Crawford
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Oct. 16 - 1:15 pm	O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Oct. 17 - 9:30am	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Oct. 18 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Oct. 18 - 10:30am	Jordan home	Chris Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Oct. 18 - 6 pm	Chef Sanjeev Kapoor's Khazana	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Oct. 22 - 7 pm	Comstock home	Lorrette Shermet
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 22 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 23 - 9:30 am	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 23 - 11:15 am	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Friendship Club	Oct. 24 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club - Wed</i>	Oct. 24 - 1 pm	Strachan home	Auriel Halliday
Tastings - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	Oct. 25 - 7 pm	Read home	Pete Shermet
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 25 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Oct. 26 - 5:30 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 29 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 30 - 9:30 am	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Sports - Yoga	Oct. 30 - 11:15 am	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Oct. 31 - 3pm	Champs Bowling*	Michele Tschirhart
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Activities			
Management Meeting	November 14 - 9:30 am	Boothe home	Paul Crawford
Night at the Races	November 16 - 6:00 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	TBD	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
Sports - Yoga	Every Mon. - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
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Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Sports - Yoga	Every Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Catherine Parr
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Scheduled by convenor		Auriel Halliday
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Nov. 1 - 7 pm	Flynn 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>	Nov. 7. - Cancelled		Chris Strachan
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Nov. 8 - 1:30 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Travel - <i>Wanderlusters</i>	Nov. 8 - 7pm	Boothe home	Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Nov. 9 - 5:30 pm	Watkiss home	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	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Nov. 13 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Teresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Nov. 14 - 10 am	Cannell home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Nov. 14 - 10 am	TBD	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	Grace Anglican Church hall*	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	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Nov. 15 - 6 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Nov. 20 - 1:15 pm	Petroff home	Lorrette Shermet
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
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