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## *We are all young at heart*



**Paul Crawford**

*President*

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Gillian Reynolds*

**A**pril is the month where we focus on highlighting our club and its achievements which are many and bragworthy (probably not a word but it sounded right). From an initial meeting at Hugh Foster Hall which was too small to hold the interested crowd through 2 other venues up to our current location we have grown to 275 members and have a waiting list of people eager to share in the experience of being a member of the Escarpment Probus Club of Milton. The main reason that people have wanted to join is the word of mouth advertising done by our members who have told their non-probus friends about the great time they are having at any one of the many activities available through the club. Probus by its very constitution and by-laws is set up to meet the needs of its members in a social setting without the complications of fundraising. This has been a perfect mix for many of us. One strength of the club is the many volunteers who convene the activities. Kudos to all who have helped in the past and will in the future, the club withers without such strong support. The club is a mix of old and new Milton in terms of who has joined and represents a cross-section of interests, aptitudes, and life circumstances. The one unifying factor is a desire to make the most of the situation and enjoy the experience. We are all young at heart even if we are retired.

Looking forward to meeting you and hearing your story. There are no boring people in Probus.

Remember to wear the colours of Probus Canada, **blue and yellow**, to the April meeting.

## *Greeting Cards*

"Where have you been?", "We missed you!", "Sorry to hear that you were under the weather!", "Oh, no I am sorry, I was not aware of that!", "Sorry, that you lost a loved one"

At PROBUS we want to keep in touch, we are all friends and if you know of anyone ill, hurting, moving away, lost a loved one, etc., please let Lorrette Shermet know and she will gladly send a card.  
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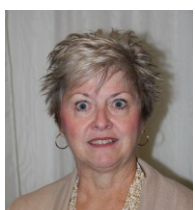
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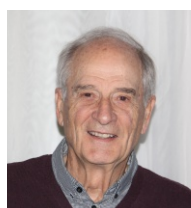
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## ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

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](http://www.escarpmentprobus.com)  
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### FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular monthly meeting.  
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## Our April Speaker



### Bat Talk

**D**r. Burton Lim is Assistant Curator of Mammals at the Royal Ontario Museum. He is a native of Toronto, born, brought up, and educated in our province's capital. Burton's main interests are small mammals and he has done research all over the world, in over 20 countries, to help us learn more about them.

While much of his research has been done in South America, he has led teams in Southeast Asia and South Asia that have made significant discoveries. Burton's speciality is bats and his work has been featured on television and in several magazine articles. Burton helped to design the Bat Cave at the ROM and a book for children published by the Museum features 'Burton', a cute little bat that lives in an urban setting. He is also the namesake of an actual bat, Burton's Yellow-shouldered Bat *Sturnira burtonlimi*, that lives in Costa Rica and was described by scientists at The Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

As well as studying small mammals, Burton has tackled big ones on occasion. He was a leader in saving the bones of two massive Blue Whales that had died after being stranded in Newfoundland, a task that Burton says had to be done despite 'the unbearable smell'. The fantastic skeleton of this creature, the largest that ever lived on our planet, was on display at the ROM. Ask him about his uncomfortably close encounter with a wild elephant in Sri Lanka. Burton was a recipient of a prestigious Munk School Fellowship in Global Journalism and has written several articles for newspapers such as The Globe and Mail, The National Post, and the Toronto Star. Burton's international expeditions have been sponsored by the ROM, The National Geographic Society, and other such bodies. He is also a rugby fanatic and a fitness enthusiast.

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*Think of your mouth as the rim of an ancient clay pot. Your true sound is in this vessel, waiting to be released.*

*Rising up from the fuller bottom of the vessel, emanating out, with seamless breath, to create your True Song.?*

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- Judith Lander

## Our May Speaker

**J**udith Lander began her early career as an English and French chanteuse on the CBC networks. By the age of 21 she became the youngest star of Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris. Starring in many Brel productions in the US and Canada, she appeared in Carnegie Hall with Brel himself. Judith went on to star in the first Kurt Weill compilation on Broadway (Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill), under the tutelage of legendary Lotte Lenya. Judith continued to collaborate in NYC as a composer for dance, her acclaimed works of *Diary and Spy* being performed by Chicago's Hubbard St Co, the National Ballet, Les Ballets Jazz, American Ballet Theatre, the Jeffrey Ballet, and many others. Judith appeared in NY in *The Baker's Wife*, directed by Stephen Schwartz. As well as appearing in US theatre and dance productions, Judith returned to Canada to star in the hit *Getting My Act Together...*, and has continued to appear in cabaret, performing the works of Weill, Brel, Sondheim and Lander. She has appeared many times under the auspices of Soulpepper as well as often being featured at Toronto's prestigious Jazz Bistro.



Judith resides in Oakville and is a sought-after vocal coach. She considers her best creative accomplishment her son, Kalan. She will return to perform at the Jazz Bistro June 27th in the Toronto Jazz Festival's cabaret series.



## We were Irish for a Day at Carmen's



## The Heart's Invisible Furies

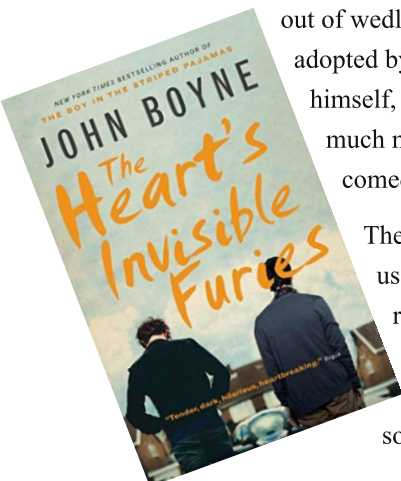
By Judy Nelson - Correspondent



**T**he Sequel Book Club met on March 13th, hosted by Judy Nelson. We reviewed *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne. This book is a sweeping saga about one man's life, beginning and ending in post-war Ireland. This is the story of a boy born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out by her community and family. The boy is adopted by a wealthy, eccentric Dublin couple. He spends his lifetime coming to know himself, in a struggle to discover his identity, homosexuality, home, country, and much more. The novel is sometimes deep, dark, and cruel but peppered with comedy. It can bring tears and laughter.

The book was disliked intensely by a couple of our members, liked by several of us. There were a number of thumbs up. A mixed review indeed but in this reader's opinion, well worth the time spent with it. While one might describe this as a heavy slog to get through it, some felt that the author harbored obvious anger, some were nostalgic of time spent in Ireland themselves, and some enjoyed the author's writing style.

So, mixed reviews, from great to terrible. You might say, not a book for everyone...





## *Lovely evening of wine and chocolate pairing at Miss Bailey Brown Chocolate*

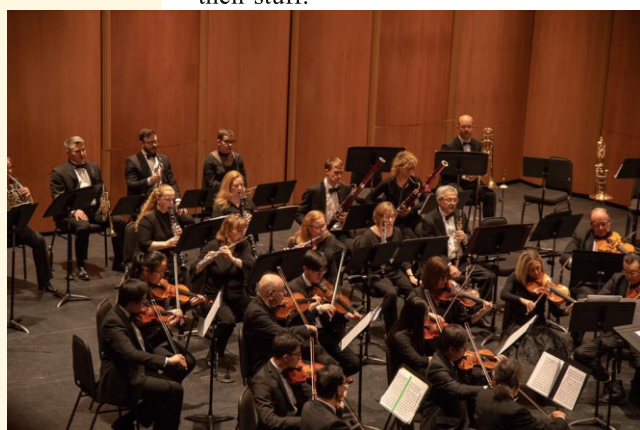


## Mozart and Friends go to a Concert

*by Michael Hooker - Convenor*



**J**eanne Reid did something really different for our March session – she arranged to get tickets to a concert by our very own Milton Philharmonic Orchestra at our very own Milton Arts Centre. On Thursday 7th March, a group of us heard this home town group strut their stuff.



The program was called “Euphonius – Ode to the Classics” (“Euphonius” means lyrical, sweet-sounding, pleasant) and it lived up to the description. All “easy to listen to” pieces by great composers – Dvorak, Borodin, Chopin. And each of us went away happy. Recognizing that the orchestra was founded less than five years ago, and that the musicians are amateurs, making music for love rather than money, their accomplishments were pretty darn good! They are not the Toronto Symphony (yet), but they are certainly worth listening to and supporting.

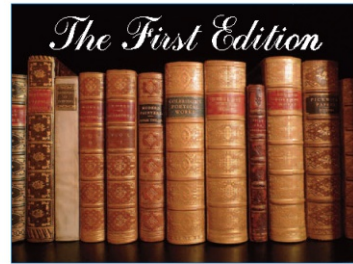
Our April session (16th April, at 2 pm) will be hosted by Fran Murphy.



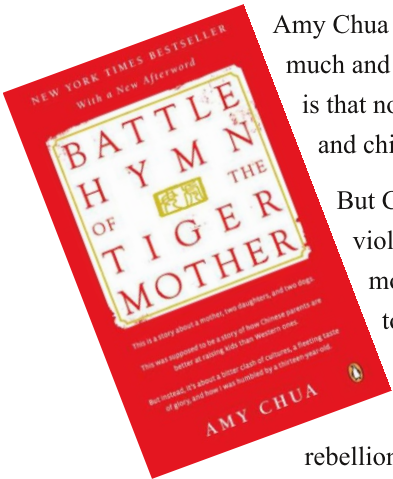
# Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother

Joy Castello – Correspondent

**O**n Monday, March 11th, the First Edition Book Club met to discuss *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* by Amy Chua. In this controversial book Chua presents her iron-willed Asian parenting style in raising her two American-born daughters.



Amy Chua believes that American parents coddle their children too much and expect too little of them. Chua's view is: "What Chinese parents understand is that nothing is fun until you're good at it. To get good at anything you have to work, and children on their own never want to work."



But Chua was brutal in the criticism of her daughters' achievements in piano and violin. Although Chua's eldest daughter Sophia was a gifted pianist, she faced her mother's wrath from an early age: "If the next time's not PERFECT, I'm going to take all your stuffed animals and burn them!"

Chua was not prepared for the stubbornness of her younger daughter, Lulu. Strict methods that seemed to work with Sophia caused friction and rebellion as Lulu studied the violin. Lulu said that her mother's mere presence made her edgy and irritable and even in her mother's silence Lulu complained, "Your brain is annoying me."

Chua's realization that her parenting methods were causing a crisis with Lulu led to the creation of this book. This is not literary non-fiction and at times it reads like a diary written by a conflicted and self-reflective mother. But *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* is very readable, often humorous and is guaranteed to promote a lively discussion. Our group gave this book an average rating of 7/10.

Next month we meet at the Crawford home to discuss Trevor Noah's book, *Born a Crime*.

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## Phase 10

by Stephen Comstock - Convenor

**O**n March 13, 12 Probians gathered to play Phase 10. We had 10 members of the Board Game club plus 2 newbies, Martin and Norma Capper. We had 3 tables of four and each table played two games. Winners were Ellen Crawford, Frank Dawes, Wendy Stringer, Stephen Comstock, Diane Comstock, and Marg Jones.



Thanks to Marg and Frank for the refreshments,



Our next gathering will be on April 10 at 1pm with Lorhel providing the refreshments and the game.

If you would like to join us, just email or call me (scomstoc@sympatico.ca) (905-876-4909) at least a day ahead so we can arrange the tables. If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll give it a go.



# Spring has Finally Sprung

By Irene Hiebert - Correspondent

**S**pring has finally sprung, and there have been a few events that have been enjoyed by many of us!



We had a great group of 28 members enjoying the St. Patrick's Day Irish lunch and show at Carmen's. This was a great venue, and the entertainment made you feel like Irish for the day! Green Beer helped of course!

A lovely evening of wine and chocolate pairing was held at Miss Bailey Brown Chocolate on Charles St. in Milton. This quaint shop was transformed to an intimate setting. We enjoyed six different wines, paired with six different decadent chocolates, and serenaded with a couple of jazz songs.

The sold-out Dreamboats performance was at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre in the RBC Theatre at 7:30, Friday March 29th. Stay tuned for pictures in the May Forum.

On **Wednesday, April 17th**, we will be **Line Dancing with Tammy** at the Bronte Legion, **79 Jones Street, Oakville**. Tammy will show us a few fundamental steps starting at **2:15 until 3:30**. Wear soft sole shoes because running shoes will not slide on the hardwood. The cost is \$15. There is plenty of room as the hall can hold over 100 people. So come out and join us after our April general meeting. There are a variety of eateries in the area.

Our tickets for the **Milton Players Theatre Group performing "Red Velvet Cake War"** on **Saturday, May 11th at 2:00 pm** are sold out! Following the performance we will enjoy a drink and/or dinner at Shoeless Joe's across the street. This storyline is about a family reunion in Texas, but it falls on the hottest day of the year, with a tornado forecast for the day.

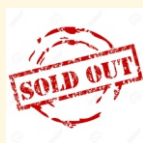
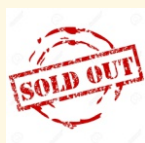
We had three new events announced at the March general meeting that drew a lot of crowds at the sign up tables!

- The **May 16th taping of Cityline** is full. There will be 20 people at 9:30am attending this Canadian talk show and lifestyle program, hosted by Tracy Moore showing the top source for the latest in home décor, food, fashion, health and beauty. After the show we will enjoy a lunch at 1:15 at casual French / Canadian comfort food restaurant and microbrewery called the 3 Brewers. You will be looking after your own transportation; however a group of us will be meeting at the Milton GO train station the morning of, to take the 7:35 train.

- **Thursday, July 4th** will be an event to two museums and a brewery. We will first travel to the **Woodland Cultural Centre** (native Indians) where we will be taken on a 45-60 min. guided tour followed by a video & questions & answer session regarding the Residential Schools in general and the school on the premises. Afterwards we visit the **Bell City Brewery** for a tour and lunch. Tastings will be available at a price of \$8.50 if you wish for a flight of 4 beers. After lunch we will be visiting the **Canadian Military Heritage Museum** to view fully restored military vehicles, hologram walk-through, uniforms, and items spanning from the War of 1812 to today including First Nations Veterans and Women in military conflicts. Volunteers will be available to answer your questions. Cost of \$30/person includes entry fees, tours, & lunch.

We suggest carpooling. Directions will be published in the May Forum.

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





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- **Tuesday, August 6th is lunch and show "Fiddler on the Loose"**. Join us as we spend our morning at the St. Jacob's Market, followed by a buffet lunch at the Crossroads Family Restaurant in Elmira at 11:30am. Many of our Probus members have raved about this place saying it is similar to the Crate and Barrel in the States. Real comfort food and a great gift shop attached! We will then take a 25 minute drive north to The Festival Theater in Drayton to see the show Fiddler on the Loose, showing at 2:00 pm. Although the signup sheet also filled up on this event, we were able to secure more tickets; so space is available. Cost of \$65.47/person includes buffet lunch, theater show, all taxes, and tip. We suggest carpooling. Directions will be published in the May Forum.

*Fiddler on the Loose* is a gregarious musical variety show that is sure to raise the roof! With its stirring blend of music, dancing, comedy, and of course, fantastic fiddling, this lively revue features over 60 songs running the gamut of genres from country and bluegrass to Celtic, classical, pop, and more. Don't miss this high-energy musical extravaganza, but be warned – this show may contain scenes of gratuitous violins!

## Binding a Quilt

by Judy Nelson - Correspondent

The Piece Makers met on Monday, March 4th hosted by Wendy Stringer. We had some wonderful show and tell items from Carol Ann (wall hanging flowers, pillow case) and Louise (her quilt, ready for quilting and binding). Diane couldn't make the meeting due to her cold, but she sent a picture of her finished March stained glass door hanger.



Judy brought an article on binding your quilts and Carol Ann demonstrated the process. Copies of the article are available. We had a discussion about long armed quilting - where to go, how to do it.

Quilting Term of the Month: **Bias Binding** – The binding is a strip of fabric that is sewn over the edges of the quilt after the item has been quilted. The bias grain runs on a 45° angle to the selvages and has an ample amount of stretch. Binding that is cut on the true bias, is helpful when binding a quilt that has curved or rounded corners.

Our next meeting will be at Diane's home on April 1 at 1pm. If you are in to sewing, come and join our group.





## 5 Games - 5 Wins

by Paul Crawford - Correspondent

**O**n a sunny March Wednesday afternoon, 16 members played Jokers at the Crawfords. Marion Flowers was the grand champ with 5 wins.



## Join your friends for lunch in April

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in April will be at **Bryden's Pub & Restaurant** - 270 Main St E, Milton.

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



## Icey and Dicey

by Jeanne Reid - Convenor

**I**t was icy and dicey on March 5 but we persevered and had a great afternoon of bridge at Vicki Lenarduzzi's home. Ginny Galipeau was the host and made sure we had lots to eat. Ray



Mathews came first and Barb Jones was second. Shirley Mathews got her dollar back. Thanks Vicki and Ginny for your hospitality.

Our next bridge will be at the home of Ray & Shirley Mathews on April 2nd.

May will see us at Allendale for their Card Party fundraiser.

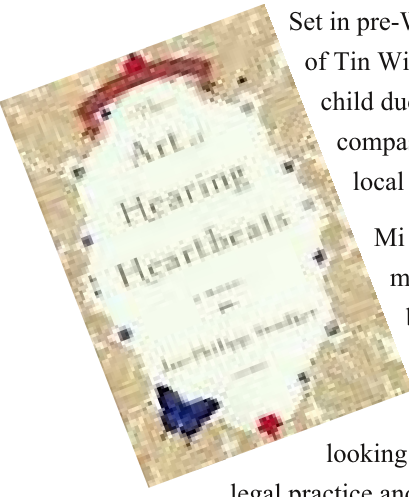




# The Art of Hearing Heartbeats

By Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent

**T**he Trilogy Book Club's selection for Wednesday, March 6th was *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker and thanks go out to our gracious host Avril O'Reilly.



Set in pre-World War II Burma, the plot revolves around the early lives of Tin Win and Mi Mi. Tin Win was abandoned by his mother as young child due to his 'calamitous' natal astrological chart and is taken in by a compassionate neighbor. Soon after he becomes blind and begins his education at a local monastery where he displays talents but makes no connections with his peers.

Mi Mi is a young girl who cannot walk due to a congenital condition. Once they meet, the couple forges a relationship where she becomes his eyes, and he becomes her feet with an intensity of love that borders on the mystical.

The story is both love story and mystery, as the fate of the lovers is revealed years later when Julia, Tin Win's daughter, arrives in Burma looking for her father who disappeared four years ago leaving behind a successful legal practice and his family in New York City.

The book was well received by our group and sparked many observations. They included the nature of love and the concept of soulmates? What about high school sweethearts who make marriage work despite the vagaries that life presents?

The book also posed thoughts around end of life issues and how we deal with the decline of our parents, how we cope with their health issues while balancing our own life demands, and our health care system and what it takes to navigate its bureaucracy especially in life-threatening situations.

We touched on the concept of fate versus determinism and group members shared the consequences of decisions made spontaneously and how they affected their lives. How different starting life was for the Boomer generation who was able to establish lives in their 20s versus the situation of young people today who often don't get their foothold until their 30s or later.

We agreed ours is not a club where we analyze the structure of a book too much. We read the book and then relate it to our lives which we think is more relevant and meaningful.

Overall, we agreed that the book deserved 8 out of 10 but again proved that the discussion itself rated a 10!

The next book club meeting is set for April 10th when we will be reading *The Orenda* by Joseph Boyden.

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## No Pictures

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

**T**his month we don't have pictures to add but a thank you to Theresa Spano for hosting the March meeting which was attended by a small but very lively group.



A change for next month's meeting, it will again be at the home of Theresa Spano, Thursday April 18. Thank You Theresa.



## Honoring Pi Day

by Ellen Crawford - Convenor



**W**e started the spring season of Nosh with 23 breezing through the Crawford's door on a winter wind.

As usual conviviality, conversation, and delicious appetizers were enjoyed by all. In honour of Pi month a variety of homemade pies were served.

Next Nosh April 26 at Josie and Peter (Sandhu/Lasota)'s home.

## Socials for 2019

by Pat Vogt - Social Chair



**T**he Social Committee is working on a date and location for the annual Picnic in July. Stay tuned for more information.

Please put these dates on your calendar for our two other ever popular socials:

*Anniversary Dinner Dance: Friday, September 13, 2019.* Location: Grand Chalet

*Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday, December 11, 2019.* Location: Piper's Heath



## Calling all Photographers?

I need help with the banners for the Forum.

Would you like to see your photo on the front page of the Forum?

I have been using month appropriate photos that I get off the internet.

I would rather showcase our members' talents.

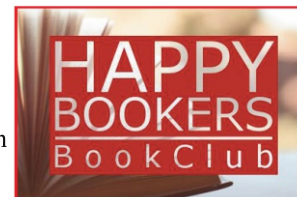
Send me a photo with a small caption  
(indicate what month you feel it represents)

The picture needs to be wider than it is tall and the right bottom corner needs to be either light or dark so the wording will stand out.

Email your submissions to Diane Comstock at [meljenscc@sympatico.ca](mailto:meljenscc@sympatico.ca).

## Book Club #4

by Diane Comstock - Correspondent



**W**anted to join a book club but there was no room. You are now in luck. Due to popular demand, a fourth book club has been formed. The Happy Bookers will have its inaugural get-together on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 12:30pm. It will be hosted by its convenor Judy Wallace at her home. Sign up at the April meeting or call/email Judy at (905) 878-3374 / [lollipops@sympatico.ca](mailto:lollipops@sympatico.ca).



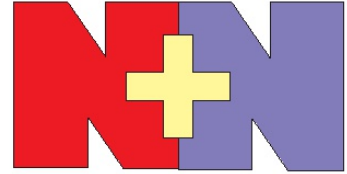


# No Film!

by Margaret Murphy - Correspondent

**W**e had a great night on March 1 with a very happy group of people. There were times when the chatter reached quite the crescendo!!!

The photos would have told the story but when we checked the camera there was no film !!!



# International Women's Day

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor

**F**ifteen Noshers got together on International Women's Day at Gill & Bryan's to wine and dine, catch up on each other's news, and solve the world's problems.



Looking at the variety of delicious food, you'd think we had decided to follow Canada's new Food Guide.

Everyone had a good time and the hosts were pleased with the refunds on all the empty wine bottles at the Beer Store!

# Celebrate the Socialist Republic

by Gillian Reynolds - Correspondent

**F**abulous food, fantastic company, and a fun time was had by all of the guests at Bryan & Gill's. Auriel has done a great job of creating these tasty recipes. She and Don were the only ones who dressed appropriately for the occasion. They really got into the Soviet Party spirit. (as well as the vodka poured on the lemon sorbet dessert).





## Lunch Bunch at Symposium



## Four-bagger or Hambone

by Michelle Tschirhart - Convenor

At our February Bowling outing, Ruth Gagnon finished off her last game with Four Strikes (in a row), finishing with a score of 263!!! Three strikes bowled consecutively is known as a "turkey". Any longer string of strikes is referred to by a number affixed to the word "bagger," as in "four-bagger" for four consecutive strikes. Broadcaster Rob Stone created the name "hambone" to describe four consecutive strikes.



*We took a picture but it got lost - this is what the scorecard looked like.*

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We bowl on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm at Champs. Cost for two games and shoes is under \$12.00 per person.

Water is provided for free, but people are also able to order pop, coffee, or other beverages, as they ask that no outside food or drink be brought in. Come on out and join in the fun!



# The Thai House

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

**T**hirty-four Probusians skipped to "The Thai House" in the month of March and had a great evening.



For April we will be skipping into Oakville and trying our a Mediterranean cuisine at "Adonis" located at 495 Pinegrove in Oakville. For this month we will be dining the second Thursday - April 11th at 6 p.m. If you plan on attending please let Lorrette know your choice of meal by Sunday April 7th. We will be car pooling and if you require a ride let Lorrette know and she will arrange it.



## 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](mailto:mbdice5@gmail.com).

I ask all new members to let the Membership Chair know that you are in attendance at the business 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 business meeting.

Please remember to wear your membership badges to the meetings so that we can get to know your name and introduce you to other Probus members.



# Illicit Distillation

by Chris Strachan - Convenor



The March 6th Meeting of the D'Stillers was hosted by Kim and Ron Whaley with nine members in attendance; Ron supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure; they were rated as follows:



The winning whisky of the evening was **'The Glenlivet Captains Reserve'** a single malt with a score of 77.5%, an Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$69.95. The remote and isolated Livet valley made it ideal for illicit distillation. In August 1822, King George IV arrived in Scotland for a state visit and asked to try a drop of the infamous Glenlivet whisky. An illegal dram it was, but even that didn't stop the King.



The second whisky was **'Monkey Shoulder'** blended malt whisky with a score of 74.3%, an ABV of 43% and costs \$64.95. This whiskey is a blend of three single malt whiskies, namely Glenfiddich, Balvenie and Kininve. In the Dec 2018 edition of the Forum you will find an explanation of why this whisky was called 'Monkey Shoulder'.



Third of the evening was **'Johnny Walkers Explorers Club Adventurer'** a blended whisky with a score of 69.0%, an ABV of 40% and costs \$60.00. This particular whisky is not sold in the LCBO, it is produced for sale to Travellers and can be found in Airport Duty Free stores. Many Scottish distillers make a brand(s) of whisky only for sale in Duty Free stores.



The fourth whisky was **'Punjabi Club Rye Whisky'** with a score of 65.4% and ABV of 50% at an average cost of \$23 Can where available. This product is currently not sold in Ontario, it is made by the Minhas Family Distillery in Monroe, Wisconsin. This company also makes beers and liqueurs.



Bringing up the rear was **'Glen Garioch Founder's Reserve'** a single malt with a score of 63.4% and an ABV of 48% at a cost of \$60.45. It is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland dating back to 1797. Garioch (pronounced "Geery" in the Doric dialect of Aberdeen).

Thank to Kim for the lovely treats and for keeping the DD's entertained; thanks once again to the DD's for getting the imbibers home safe and sound.

The April 3rd meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Lorrette and Pete Shernet.

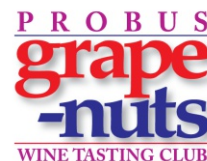






# Grapenuts – Three Great Tastings

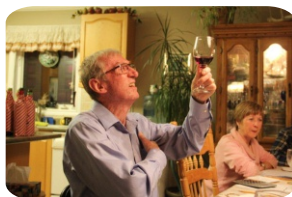
by Michael Hooker - Convenor



**Hosts: Gillian and Bryan Reynolds. Theme: Organic Wines**

**L**ots of hilarity along the way, some triggered by massive differences in personal scores for some of the reds, which shows that one person’s ‘top’ wine may be the next person’s vinegar!

- Best White: Momo Organic Pinot Gris 2017, from Marlborough, New Zealand. LCBO 163535. \$19.95. Score 12.4.
- Best Red: Era Merlot Organic IGT, from Veneto, Italy. LCBO 255869. \$10.95. Score 14.0



**Hosts: Auriel Halliday and Don Evans. Theme: California Reds and European Dessert Wines**

To go with each of the three Dessert Wines, Auriel served a dessert from the same country as the wines:

- Abbazia Moscato d’Asti (best dessert wine): Tiramisu. • G A. Schmitt Neirtseiner Late Harvest (Germany): Cherry Streusel cake. • Casa Dos Vinhos 5-year-old Madeira (Portugal): Serradura (translated as “Sawdust Pudding). Very delicious! (Recipes available through Google)

- Best White: Abbazia Moscato d’Asti 2017, from Piedmont, Italy. LCBO 265397. \$13.95. Score 16.4
- Best Red: Carnivor Zinfandel, from California. LCBO 569905. \$17.85. Score 16.5. This wine was loved by everybody.

**Hosts: Norma and Martin Capper. Theme: Old World versus New World Wines.**

**A**ll of the wines with one exception were from the vintages section of the LCBO and also with one exception were in the price range of \$18.95 to \$21.95. The exception was Epitome vineyard’s latest offering of Cabernet Franc from the Mendoza region of Argentina. Some of you may remember the owner of Epitome, Dennis Grimm, giving a really interesting talk at our monthly Probus meeting some years back about his efforts and challenges to set up Epitome Wines in Argentina. To add a little more competitive nature to the evening tasters were invited to identify (let’s be honest - guess!) whether the wines were old or new, the country of origin, and the varietal! Taster of the night was Marion Flowers with a score of 9 followed closely by Anna Strachan with 8! The winning region was the old world by a mere 1.4 points. Conclusion: Good wines are being made all over the world.



- Best White: Attems Pinot Grigio, from Veneto, Italy. LCBO 707950. \$19.95. Score 14.7
- Best Red: Epitome Vineyards Cabernet Franc, Mendoza, Argentina. \$30.00. Score 14.4.

Our April tastings: Monday 1st April: Lorrette and Pete Shermet; Thursday 4th April: Michael Hooker (host) and Jeanne Reid; Wednesday 10th April: Ann and Ron Dupont

Our May tastings: Thursday 2 May: Liz and Cliff Read; Monday 6 May: Marg Jones and Frank Dawe; Wednesday 8 May: Anna and Chris Strachan

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Now for a little bit of news – I’ve decided to retire as Grapenuts Convenor as of the end of May. By that time, I will have been Convenor for exactly five years. I’m fortunate in that I have a volunteer to take over – Jim Tschirhart. I’ll be briefing Jim on what’s required, and he will take over from June onwards. Looking back into the past, our first meeting was on 1st May 2014, when eighteen people packed my house on Coulson Avenue in Milton, to thresh out how we wanted to operate, and also to – for our first time – drink some wine together. Jeanne Reid also helped me with planning and organizing this first meeting. Our first “official” tasting was on 2nd June 2014 at Norma and Martin Capper’s house, when the theme was “Italian wines” and the winner of the evening was Epitome Malbec, from the Mendoza region of Argentina (Martin introduced this wine as a “ringer” into the batch). Just as a matter of interest, Martin also hosted our latest tasting, and the Red winner was another Epitome wine, this time their Cabernet Franc! Since the start we’ve drunk enough wine to keep a large stream flowing for quite a while! According to my records we have had 140 tastings over the years! By the way, the name “Grapenuts” was put forward by Gill Reynolds when we were looking for an appropriate name.

## Lorrette's Dream Trip

by Lorrette Shermet - Correspondent



**W**e started out with a decision to host the wanderlust at our home where we could accommodate about 16 seated comfortably, as the requests to attend started pouring in, we soon realized that capped at 16 there would be many excluded and disappointed Probians, so we decided to change the venue to Grace Anglican Church where we could comfortably host as many as wanted to attend and soon the number grew to 27, however some last minute conflicts reduced the number to 25.

This trip was Lorrette's dream trip as she always wanted to walk where Jesus walked, it was a biblical trip but once there it became very educational too. We started at 7:00 refreshments in hand and began our virtual journey through the Holy Land arriving at Tel Aviv on the first day and started at Beer Sheba the site of the battle between David and Goliath, we travelled to places like the Wadi Rum desert, Petra, the Dead Sea, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the mount of Beatitudes, Jericho the world oldest city, Bethlehem (Jesus home town), city of Jerusalem, cable car trip to Masada, the wailing wall and a visit to the Qumran caves where the dead sea scrolls were found. It is difficult to capture 18 days into 1 1/2 hour presentation.



The most disturbing part of the vacation for Lorrette was the license plates; Israelis had yellow license plates and were free to travel wherever they pleased, the Palestines had green plates but were limited to where they could travel.



The most moving part of the vacation for Peter was PETRA, It is hard to believe that this ancient city was only discovered in the early 1900's carved out of sandstone over 2,000 years ago. The archeologist are continuing to discover the mysteries of PETRA as they continue to excavate and Petra gives up her secrets.





# Suds and Buds chase off February in style!

by Michael Hooker - Correspondent




**E**leven thirsty Buds and Sudsers gathered at Michael Hooker's home to spend the last few hours of frosty frigid ferocious foul February by boozily beering that miserable month out the door, accompanied by scrumptious snacks and convivial conversation.



Our evening theme was "Beers from the Quebec brewery Unibroue", which was started in 1993 by friends who had acquired a taste for Belgian-style beers. It's now owned by Sleemans (who in turn are owned by Sapporo), but continues to specialize in producing a wide range of Belgian-style beers at their brewery in Chambly Quebec, under the direction of a (genuine) Belgian Brewmaster. For those of you who aren't

familiar with Belgian beers, the country is usually regarded as making the best beers in the world, in an amazingly wide range of styles, flavours, colours and strengths.

What a range of styles and tastes! All were really interesting, and for many of us, quite a revelation! Very smooth beers, not over-hoppy. The lighter (alcohol) beers would make an excellent hot summer day drink. Although the last three beers were very high in alcohol, this wasn't noticeable in the taste, which was very smooth. At the end Cliff Reid attempted to draw from us our favourites. The results of his persuasion and mathematical convolutions were:

 Didn't make the cut:

- **Blanche de Chambly** – 5% alcohol. Belgian white ale (Witbier), which translates as “white beer”, a low-alcohol beer made from wheat, traditionally flavoured with orange peel and coriander.
- **Ephemere Pomme** – 5.5% alcohol. Style: White beer brewed with fruit (apples, which were noticeable in the taste).
- **Terrible** – 10.5% alcohol. Style: Quadrupel / ABT (name given to ultra-strong Belgian Trappist and abbey ales). Very dark and moderately sweet.



3rd beer - **Don de Dieu** – 9% alcohol. A strong white beer (Wit Imperial).



2nd beer - **A tout le Monde** – 4.5% alcohol. Belgian-style dry, hopped Saison (pale ale that is highly carbonated, fruity and spicy).



1st beer - **Trois Pistoles** – 9% alcohol. Strong dark Belgian beer. Its fruity notes and high alcohol level often draw comparison to Port. (A friend of mine called this “the best beer made in Canada”).

I bought the beer at LCBO in Milton, a 6-pack, one bottle of each beer. LCBO #577916. However they now seem to be out of stock; but a few Unibroue beers may be available in the Beer Store.





## Our XXXX Meeting

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*There is no one-size-fits-all solution to the challenges facing our cities or to the housing crisis, but the two issues need to be considered together. From an urban design and planning point of view, the well-connected open city is a powerful paradigm and an engine for integration and inclusivity.*

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- Richard Rogers



*The friendly faces of Dorreen Chester and Avril O'Reilly greeted us as we came in*



*Welcome to our newest members Bonnie Chapman and Sandra Gilbert*

*Perusing the Ravenous Readers Recycling offerings*



*Enjoying social time!*



*Looking over documents provided by Colin*



*And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is..... Wendy Stringer who took home \$182.50*

*Colin Best*



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## Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
<b>Activities</b>			
Management Meeting	April 10 - 9:30 am	Comstock home	Paul Crawford
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>April 17 - 9:30 am</b>	<b>121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*</b>	<b>Paul Crawford</b>
Lunch Bunch	April 17 - 12 noon	Bryden's	Bonnie Lennox
Line Dancing	April 17 - 2:15pm	Bronte Legion, Oakville	Anne Marie Stockley
<b>Clubs</b>			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>		Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>		<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Apr. 1 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 1 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Apr. 2 - 1 pm	Shannon home	Jeanne Reid
Tastings - Whisky - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Apr. 3 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 4 - 7 pm	Hooker home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Apr. 5- 5:30 pm	Johnson/Grace home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Apr. 8 - 1 pm	Crawford home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Apr. 8 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Apr. 9 - 1:30 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Apr. 9 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Apr. 10 - 10 am	Rumley home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Apr. 10 - 10 am	Ground home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	Apr. 10 - 10 am / 11 am	Yardley/Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Apr. 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 10 - 7 pm	Dupont home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Apr. 11 - 1:30 pm	Halk home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	<b>Apr. 11 - 6 pm</b>	Adonis, Oakville	Lorrette Shermet
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	<i>no meeting</i>		Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Apr. 12 - 5:30 pm	Kotack home	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Apr. 16 - 1:15 pm	Crawford home	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	Apr. 16 - 2 pm	Murphy home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Apr. 17 - 10 am	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Apr. 18 - 10:30 am	Spano home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Apr. 18 - 1:30 pm	<b>Comstock home</b>	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Apr. 22 - 7 pm	Spano home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	Apr. 24 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Apr. 24 - 1 pm	Strachan home	Auriel Halliday
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Apr. 24 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
<b>Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i></b>	<b>Apr. 25 - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Wallace home</b>	<b>Judy Wallace</b>
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	Apr. 25 - 7 pm	Flynn home	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Apr. 26 - 5:30 pm	Sandu/Lasota home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	Apr. 27- 6:30 pm	Harrold home	Mary Cousins
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Apr. 27- 6:30 pm	<i>scheduled by convenor</i>	Auriel Halliday
<b>New club, date, and/or time</b>	<b>Temporary Change</b>	<b>* Always held at this location</b>	

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Red Velvet Cake War	May 11 - 2 pm	Milton Centre for the Arts	Anne Marie Stockley
Lunch Bunch	May 15 - 12 noon	Eddieos	Bonnie Lennox
City Line Taping	May 16 - 9:30 am	33 Dundas Street E., Toronto	Anne Marie Stockley
<b>Clubs</b>			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>		Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>		<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Sports - Golf Club - <i>Pin Seekers</i>	Every Thurs. - May - Sept.	TBD	Harold O'Brien
Tastings - Whisky - <i>The D'stillers</i>	May 1 - 7 pm	Herder home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	May 2 - 7 pm	Read home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	May 3 - 5:30 pm	Shellard home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	May 6 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	May 6 - 7 pm	Jones / Dawe home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	May 7 - 1 pm	Allendale Card Party	Jeanne Reid
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	May 8 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	May 8 - 10 am	Greene O'Brien home	Catherine Parr
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Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	May 9 - 7 pm	Wright home	Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	May 10 - 5:30 pm	Gibbard home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	May 13 - 1 pm	Read home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	May 13 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	May 14 - 1:30 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	May 14 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	May 15 - Probus Meeting	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	May 16 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	May 16 - 10:30 am	Stringer home	Chris Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	May 16 - 6 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	May 21 - 1:15 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music	May 21 - 2 pm	Reid home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	May 22 - 1 pm	Millichamp home	Auriel Halliday
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	May 23 - 12:30 pm	?? home	Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	May 23 - 7 pm	Whaley home	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	May 31 - 5:30 pm	Strachan home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	May 25 - 6:30 pm	Tomson home	Mary Cousins
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	May 27 - 7 pm	Comstock home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	May 29 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
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