



Probus in Action



Paul Crawford

President

Our club has now settled into a great pattern of regular activities and special events that have kept our members engaged and entertained. The recent Trivia night was a great example of a special event that was enjoyed by all who attended. This latest week with book club, cribbage, euchre, Trivia, our monthly meeting, lunch bunch, knitting, bid euchre, Skip the Dishes, and Supper Club meant that some of us saw each other more than a few times.

One of our members came up to me at Skip the Dishes and said how helpful PIE has been to her with members giving her suggestions to help with an issue at her home. Another great idea brought forward by a member.

Our club is always interested in learning more about its members. Lorhel White's sharing of some of her life story re-started what we hope will be an every other month feature of our general meetings where members share their mini-bio with us. Please contact me if you would like to be part of that sharing. I know from talking with many of you, there are rich and varied backgrounds in our club. **DON'T BE SHY** about sharing your story.

The club management team needs an immediate replacement for our Program chair, Ron Whaley who cannot continue due to unforeseen scheduling issues. If you would like to help arrange speakers for the club and be part of the management team please let me or any of your management team know immediately. At the management meeting in February we will discuss the possible candidates and follow our constitution in choosing who the new program convenor will be.

Please note that speakers have already been arranged for most of the months in 2019.

Banner Photo provided by Joy Castello

Join your friends for lunch

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in February will be at **Kelsey's**.

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



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



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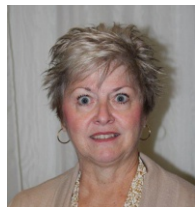
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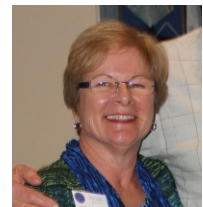
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Do you know these people?

If not, come talk to us at a general meeting.

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Lorrette & Pete Shermet

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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Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
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Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	3rd Wed. - Probus Meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-878-5550	4catparr@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	3rd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Jeanne Reid	289-878-9920	jreid345@cogeco.ca
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Cribbage - Card Sharps</i>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
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Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	3rd Tues. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	3rd Tues. - 2 pm	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net
Club <i>Français</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am / 11 am	Anne-Françoise Gibbard	905-854-3781	anne@gibbard.net
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Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
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Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Theresa Spano	416-618-2955	1tspano@gmail.com
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Tastings - <i>Whisky - The D'stillers</i>	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	anstrac1945@yahoo.ca
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Travel - <i>Annual Trip</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>	Joanne Millichamp	289-878-2969	jmillichamp@hotmail.com
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	2nd Thurs. - 7 pm (bi-monthly)	Gloria Pennycook	905-659-7789	gpennycook@icloud.com
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca
	New information			

Our February Speaker

Demystifying Medical Marijuana:

DR. STEPHEN GLAZER , MD, FRCPC, FCCP Internal Medicine



It seems each and every day there are news stories surrounding the use of Medical Marijuana, but for many of us the potential benefits are very much still a mystery. Trying to find reliable answers can often be a frustrating exercise. Dr. Glazer is the lead physician at CannaWay Clinic in Oakville and provides hands-on training and feedback regarding best practices in patient care and prescribing medical cannabis. Board certified in internal, critical care, and obesity medicines, he is an Internist, a specialist in sleep disorders, and a member of the Ontario Bariatric Network. He also serves as Vice President of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons.

Our March Speaker

The State of Milton

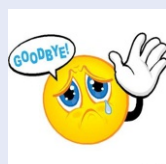
Colin Best is a life-long resident of Milton and works locally as an independent property appraiser valuing residential properties for various lending institutions and other purposes. In the community, he has been involved with a number of organizations including the Milton Jaycees, Rotary Club, Air Cadets, Milton BIA, Chamber of Commerce, Milton Santa Claus Parade Committee, and various Parents' Councils at local schools that his children have attended. He was first elected in 1980 as a local councillor for Ward 2 which at the time included all the urban area. He served on a number of local council committees and was elected to Regional Councillor from 1994 to 1997. In 2006, he was elected to be the local and regional councillor for Wards 2 & 4, and in 2010 and 2014 he was re-elected to represent the new wards 2,3,4,5 north of Derry road and serve on multiple committees. In the recent 2018 election, he was elected as the Regional Ward 1 councillor. The new Ward 1 is made up of the former wards 2,3, and north part of ward 8 north of Derry Road and west of Ontario St. and consists of the original urban area of Milton, Scott neighbourhood, and the entire Nassagweya and former Nelson township areas north of Derry road. Colin states: "It is also the biggest, and I believe the BEST ward of Milton (okay I am a little biased) where I have lived and worked the majority of my life in".



He will speak to the current and future state of Milton.

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.



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

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- Dale Carnegie

Trivia Night

by Stephanie Hamnett - Correspondent

A nostalgic look back to the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Over 70 Escarpment Probud Members enjoyed a fun night out @ Ned Devine's Irish Pub vying for cash \$\$ and bragging rights evoking the past.



Photo Bomb!



First Place - Fred's Couples



Second Place - Girl Power



Third Place - 7 Sinners



Fourth Place - SSH

Newcomers' Meeting January 23, 2019

by Cliff Read - Convenor

On Jan. 23rd our newest members met for a short presentation at Grace Anglican Church. Liz and Cliff Read welcomed them and provided an overview of the many activities that Escarpment PROBUS has on the go. More importantly, ideas and suggestions about how to make the most of a PROBUS experience were provided. There were



refreshments, lively conversations, and the opportunity to make new friends. Hopefully these connections will carry over to regular meetings and activities.

Thanks go out to Lorrette Shermet for arranging the venue for this meeting. As well, Pat Vogt, our Social Chair, provided details about many of our interesting social clubs. Anne Marie Stockley, our Activity Chair, shared some of the upcoming events that are in the works. Paul Crawford, President, and Robyn Balfour, Past President, were also on hand to welcome people and talk about some of their experiences in PROBUS. Several convenors, Diane Comstock, Megs Shellard,



Lorrette Shermet, and Michael Hooker also provided more details about their individual clubs.

Wanderlust "Travels" to Madeira

by Gloria Pennycook - Convenor

We enjoyed another wonderful travel evening at Maggie and David Boss's home, this time learning about Madeira. Maggie and David treated us to a great photo journal in their amazing "home theatre" environment. Did you know that Madeira is an autonomous region of Portugal comprising of four islands located 500km from the northwest coast of Africa and 1000km from the European continent? The pictures showed the lovely mountainous (volcanic) scenery, architecture, people, and food. We learned from Maggie and David that Madeira is not only beautiful and interesting, it is also very reasonable priced. Many Canadians choose Madeira as their "south" destination during our winters. We were treated to some nibbles, like chorizo sausage, tuna, and cheeses, that are representative of Madeira.



After the picture show, we also enjoyed some sweets that you might buy on the streets of Madeira.

Of course, one of the best parts of the evening was the fun and camaraderie of the PROBUS members!! We even learned some things about folding clothes - many laughs!!!



Thursday Joker

by Maggie Boothe - Correspondent

Our January Joker's game was held at the Boothe's house, with 12 very enthusiastic players. The "Champion" of the day was Norma Capper. After three games, Norma came out the winner each time. A fun time was had by all and we look forward to our next match in February.



Wednesday Joker

by Lorrette Shermet - Correspondent

Twenty-eight people were supposed to gather at Grace church on Wednesday Jan. 23rd to play Joker. Unfortunately because of illness, 26 were there. Which is a great number. The Wednesday group is growing, although we did have some Thursday members attend. We had five tables of four players and two tables of three players. More strategy is required when playing with partners.

The biggest winners of the afternoon wereRon Millichamp was the overall winner with 4 wins, closing in with 3 wins each were Chris Strachan, Steve and Diane Comstock.

FYI: Joker is an adult version of the children game "Sorry" or the British game "Ludo".





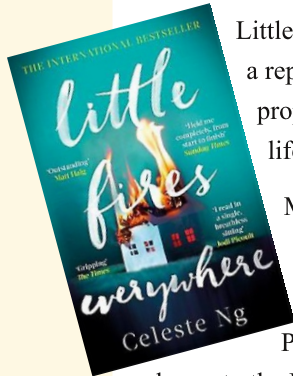
Little Fires Everywhere

by Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent



Triology Book Club's selection for our first meeting of 2019 was Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng and was hosted by member Avril O'Reilly.

The book took us back to the '90s to the community of Shaker Heights, a planned development that represents the world of upwardly mobile residents with an abundance of discretionary income.



Little Fires Everywhere focuses on Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, he a prominent local lawyer and she a reporter for the local newspaper and their 4 children. The Richardsons have leased their rental property to single mother Mia Warren and her teenaged daughter, Pearl, and it is the contrast in lifestyles and professions that present an examination of what constitutes a meaningful life.

Mia is an artist and she and her daughter's lifestyle has been transient moving across the USA and living very close to the edge financially. Mia picks up odd jobs to supplement her work as a practicing artist with photography being her focus.

Pearl is presented with her own challenges as she starts high school and makes friends. She is drawn to the Richardson's home where she becomes involved in their lives and social circle. Meanwhile, Mrs. Richardson hires Mia to cook and clean for her busy household, thinking that Mia will benefit from the extra income and Mrs. Richardson covertly feels that she is doing a good turn for a disadvantaged family.

Worlds collide as Pearl interacts with the 3 older Richardson teens and Mia and Izzy Richardson, the black sheep, forge an unexpected relationship. The plot unfolds with a series of twists and turns that reveal a not-so-perfect outcome.

The book sparked a lot of discussion that included the concept of insular communities like Shaker Heights that provide a picture-perfect community, how money and position advance agendas and hide secrets and the struggles that teenagers go through to find their place. There is the contrast between Mia who is dedicated to her art and Mrs. Richardson who has attained society's brass ring of money and position and how she wields her assets.

Our straw poll resulted in mostly 8's on a scale of 10 and it's a book that our group considers overall to be a satisfying read!

Google It

by Christine Willekes - Convenor



Our first meeting of the year, a cold January morning, was at the home of Ellen Crawford. As always a lively discussion ensued. There are always new projects or new techniques to share with others and if at a loss, "Google It". Thank you Ellen for hosting and for having pots of hot coffee and tea with tasty baked goods to warm us on the chilly morning.

Our next meeting is on Thursday February 21 at the home of Barb Finnie.

Bridge

By Jeanne Reid - Convenor



The bridge club met at the home of Vickie Lenarduzzi on Jan. 8th. Bonnie Lennox and Vickie hosted a very enjoyable afternoon. The spread of nibbles and goodies and wine was wonderful. Oh, and we also played bridge. Ginny Gallipeau was the winner with Elinore Shannon coming second. Bonnie got her dollar back.



Our next bridge day will be Feb. 5 at the home of Fiona Christie.

Keep Warm!

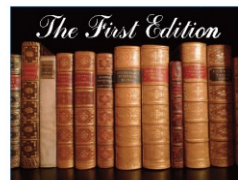
Eleanor Oliphant is Perfectly Fine

By Julie Flynn - Correspondent



We met January 14th at Julie Flynn's to discuss "Eleanor Oliphant is Perfectly Fine". As the book opens, we meet

Eleanor, a socially awkward 30 year old who works Monday to Friday and spends her weekends alone with supermarket pizza and two bottles of vodka. When she meets Raymond, the IT specialist at work, he gradually draws her out and eventually encourages her to get counselling to face the demons from her past. Although this sounds heavy, there are many funny quirky moments. It is very well written - a great read.



Our group gave the book 8.5 to 9 out of ten.

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I'm an avid bridge player. I usually go to the local bridge club three or four times a week. I've always been a game-player, and I think bridge is one of the greatest games ever invented. It's too bad that not many young people play it any more.

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- Louis Sachar

Members & Guests

By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair

An updated membership list was sent out to all members. 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 welcome them during the 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

Cribbage Club

By *Martin Capper - Convenor*



Twenty-four members gathered for our first crib session of 2019. Bill, Paul, Megs, and Marg all showed us how to win 4 games! Megs came one short of the 29 maximum score and in doing so equalled Joanne's record of 28.

Our efforts to start a Tuesday session were somewhat frustrated by the Tuesday following the second Monday coinciding this month with the third Tuesday of the month and therefore with the euchre group. We realized this would happen occasionally and I guess Murphy's law ensured it was the first planned session. Thanks to Gretchen for agreeing to play on Monday night. We will try again for a Tuesday session in February (already checked for conflicts).

Thanks to all who provided nibbles and treats!



Nattering at the Flynnns

by *Julie Flynn - Correspondent*



On January 11, 21 hungry Noshers gathered at the home of John and Julie Flynn. In spite of room to spread out to the basement, everyone chose to stay on the main level (close to the food, I guess!) so it got pretty noisy with everyone “nattering” at once. The food, as always was varied and delicious - and plentiful.





Hushed

by Michael Hooker - Convenor



Our January event was hosted by Gerry Kennedy, who played for us the CD “Hush” by cellist Yo-Yo Ma and vocalist Bobby McFerrin, and introduced each track with brief comments. “Hush” is a mixture of classical and many other music styles, blended in an absolutely unique way.

Bobby McFerrin (born in 1950) is truly a “one of a kind” vocalist – I wouldn’t call him a “singer” – he’s so much more! His voice has more in common with strings or wind instruments or percussion – has to be heard to be believed! Bobby (a ten-time Grammy Award winner) is known for his unique vocal techniques, such as singing fluidly but with quick and considerable jumps in pitch—for example, sustaining a melody while also rapidly alternating with arpeggios and harmonies—as well as scat singing, polyphonic overtone singing, and improvisational vocal percussion. He has frequently collaborated with other artists from both the jazz and classical scenes. His " Don't Worry, Be Happy " was a No. 1 U.S. pop hit in 1988.

Yo-Yo Ma is the best-known classical cellist in the world today. He was born (of Chinese parents) in Paris in 1955, moved to New York City when he was seven, and has performed as a soloist with orchestras around the world. He has recorded more than 90 albums and received 18 Grammy Awards. In addition to standard classical repertoire, he has recorded a wide variety of folk music from many parts of the world, traditional Chinese melodies, Argentinian tangos, and Brazilian music.

For us listeners the record was a real revelation; we found it hard to believe that Bobby’s voice actually could produce the variety of sounds that we were listening to! Beautiful and incredible.

Lunch @ Swiss Chalet





Local and European Lagers

by Michelle Tschirhart - Correspondent



Thirteen eager members joined Jim and Michelle Tschirhart for a blind tasting of what turned out to be four lagers. We pitted two from Europe against two locally crafted beers from Ontario. It was a fairly close race for the top three.



The number four beer was an Old Credit Brewery product called Pale Pilsner with a 70.6 total and a 4.71 average.



Up from that came an Austrian brew called Gosser with a total of 86.0 and 5.73 average.



Number two was a Polish beer called Tyskie. It had 88.1 total and 5.87 average.



The big winner was a product from Gravenurst, Sawdust City's Little Norway with a total of 88.7 and an average of 5.91.

Until the next beer tasting, cheers to all!



Starting Another Year of Nosh

by Ron DuPont - Correspondent



The first Nosh@Nite of 2019 was held at Ann & Ron DuPont's last Friday. Marilyn Armstrong came in full Scottish regalia to celebrate Robbie Burns Day and Barb Finnie, who shares the same birthday, had to endure our rendition of the birthday song. With never a break in conversation, 24 of us kept up the chatter and laughs as we visited and enjoyed our good appetizers, desserts, and, of course, drinks.

By the end of the evening there was a small note of sadness as their house has been sold and this was the last nosh at their home.



Brainstorming Ideas

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

Five members met at Diane's home to show off their latest creations, ask advice, and brainstorm ideas for upcoming meetings. Judy brought her Log Cabin quilt that she made for her sister-in-law. She also brought a baby quilt made by a neighbour that



required some mending and a new binding. She asked our advice on whether to remove the existing quilting that was already done or to cut it off. We all said NO - DON'T CUT IT. Wendy, a wizard with the stitch ripper, offered to take it home and remove the erroneous stitching. Carol Anne brought a Christmas table runner and a lovely wall hanging that was embellished with some of her mother's heirloom pins. Diane showed her December Tree door hanger that she completed before Christmas and her January Snowman door hanger that she is currently working on. Her goal is to make a door hanger for each month using different techniques and materials from her stash.



Ideas for future meetings included new quilting techniques, bindings with mitered corners, pillowcases with French seams, and of course some road trips.

Quilting Term of the Month: *HIPS* = Hundreds of Ideas Piling Skyward



Carol Anne will host our next meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 at 1 pm. She will demonstrate the stained glass applique technique. Sounds like a door hanger project for me! In preparation, you can view the video found at <https://www.missouriqltco.com/land/mansewing/traditional-stained-glass-poppy/index.html>.

Friend was Big Winner

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

Sixteen people gathered at Lorrette's home to play euchre. We were short a person so Lorrette invited her friend Vicky to play with us, and Vicky was the big winner of the day with a high score of 52. Wendy was the most honest player of the group. Three people shared the most lone hands: Bob Stringer, Paul Crawford, and Grace Ricci. It was a little crowded with four tables, but, a good time was had by all.





D'Stillers

By Chris Strachan - Convenor



The first meeting of the D'Stillers on January 2, 2019 was held at the home of Anna and Chris Strachan with all eleven members in attendance. I supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure and they were rated as follows:



The winner of the evening was 'Highland Park Viking Honour' 12 yr old single malt with an ABV (Alcohol by Volume) of 43% at a cost of \$64.95. In 1984 a Highland Park whisky was the only whisky to score a rating of 100% by the regular tasting team of the 'Scotsman', the national newspaper of Scotland.



In second place was 'Bowmore' 12 yr old single malt with an ABC of 40% at a cost of \$57.95. This is a super price for an excellent whisky. Bowmore is the oldest distillery on the island of Islay located on the west coast of Scotland.



The third whiskey of the evening was 'Tomatin' 12 yr old single malt with an ABV of 43% at a cost of \$59.95. Around eighty per cent of Tomatin's whisky goes into blended whisky, including its own brands of Antiquary and Talisman. Recently, the distillery has begun to produce a lightly peated single malt called 'Cu Bocan' which is produced 1 week a year at the distillery.



The fourth whiskey was 'Glenfiddich' 12 yr old single malt with an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$59.95. Glenfiddich in Gaelic means 'valley of the deer', hence the stags head on the bottle. In 1961 the company made a bold move in electing to use the now world famous triangular bottle.



Last but not least was 'Cattos' a 12 yr old blended whisky with an ABV of 43% at a cost of \$54.80. In the long and rich history of the Scotch Whisky industry, few have played a more pivotal role than the legendary James Catto. One of the first to master the art of blending, this most enterprising of individuals launched Catto's Rare Old Scottish Highland Scotch in 1861.

Thanks to Anna for hosting the DD's and supplying the treats. Thanks once again to the DD's without whom we would not have a safe drive home. The February meeting on the 6th February 2019 will be held at the home of Marion and Keith Flowers.

Appy Hour

By Maggie Boss - Correspondent



Well our first Appy Hour, the latest Probus venture, is off to a roaring start. Twenty-two folks gathered at the Boss's for a night of fun.

In true Probus fashion, the wine was plentiful, the appies delicious, and the company can't be beat! A night of fun and laughter to brighten even the coldest of dark January nights! Our dates are booked and our hosts set to the end of the year. Fun times ahead!

Off to Flying Start

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

Crawfords host Judgement of Milton!

Ellen and Paul Crawford's tasting on the 7th January had as its theme "Judgement of Milton" – a competition of wines from different countries, inspired by the 1976 "Judgement of Paris" competition. This was a wine competition organized in Paris on May 24 1976 by Steven Spurrier, a British wine merchant, in which French judges carried out two blind tasting comparisons: one of top-quality French and Californian Chardonnays (White) and another of Red Bordeaux wines from France and Cabernet Sauvignon wines from California. A Californian wine rated best in each category, which caused surprise as France was generally regarded as being the foremost producer of the world's best wines. Spurrier sold only French wine and believed that the California wines would not win. (The event's informal name "Judgment of Paris" is an allusion to the ancient Greek myth.)

- Best White: Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand, LCBO 308288, \$19.95, score 14.9;
- Best Red: Josh Cellars Legacy Red Blend, California, LCBO 507467, \$18.95, score 16.1.

Megs Shellard: LCBO "Festive Choice" recommendations

- Best White: Deinhard Riesling Moscato, Germany; LCBO 543975, \$12.95, score 12.5;
- Best Red: JJ McWilliam Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon. Australia, LCBO 16741, \$10.35, score 13.6.

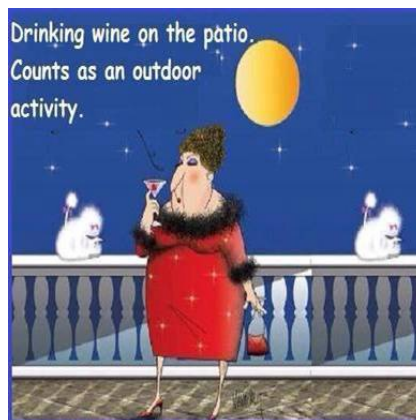


Joanne and Ron Millichamp: Toronto Star's "better value" alternatives to top-selling wines

- Best White: Zuccardi Serie A Torrontes 2017, Argentina, LCBO 389262, \$16.95, score 12.0;
- Best Red: Columbia Crest H3 Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington State, LCBO 210047, \$14.95, score 15.7.

Our February tastings are hosted by Petra Halk and Stephanie Hamnett (at Petra's home) - 4th February;
Sandy Cannell and Robyn Balfour (at Sandy's home) 7th February;
Dawn Ross and Theresa Spano (at Dawn's home) 13th February. All three are already full.

THE ANSWER
MAY NOT LIE
AT THE
BOTTOM OF
A BOTTLE
OF WINE.
BUT YOU SHOULD
AT LEAST CHECK.



Locanda

By *Lorrette Shermet - Convenor*

Forty people dined at "Locanda" on Main street in Milton. The food was good and the friendship was awesome. We will continue to stay in Milton during the winter, our next stop will be "Casamerica" on Main Street on Thursday Feb. 21st.



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.

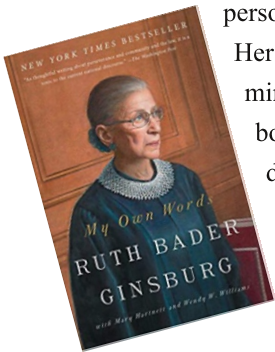
Email your submissions to Diane Comstock at meljenscc@sympatico.ca.

My Own Words

by Catherine Parr - Convenor



The Sequel Book Club's January selection was "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Ginsburg was appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1993. In her book she provides a collection of writings and speeches covering a wide range of topics such as gender equality, being Jewish in the pursuit of justice, the love of her husband, stories of women married to Supreme Court Justices in American history, lawyers and opera, and her own personal journey as a female lawyer in the male domain of the legal system and society.



Her stories and experiences illustrate her commitment, perseverance, and brilliant mind while holding herself to a high standard of collegiality among her peers. The book received mixed reviews from our readers due to the content being rather detailed and dry and sometimes laborious with the vocabulary of legalize.

Regardless, everyone agreed it is quite clear that the book revealed Ruth Bader Ginsburg as an exceptional woman who continues to play an important and significant role in the interpretation and development of law in the United States of America.

“
As for the French language, it's probably one of the most beautiful in the world. I speak a little bit and I can follow conversations, but I think it will take time to improve myself.

”
- Charlene, Princess of Monaco

Life-Saving Experience

by Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

The first meeting of the Probus Club Francais for 2019 was held at the usual venue, the home of Barbara Crowe and John Yardley, and was attended by nine members (Diane, Joy, Lorhel, Marilyn, Megs, Penny, Suzanne, Anne, and John). Discussion, which centered, as was to be expected, on our holiday experiences, including one that was undoubtedly the most dramatic our group has ever heard (and certainly heard in French) involving a life-saving operation performed at Christmas dinner, proved extremely interesting, entertaining, and often amusing.



We think it can now be said that the group has developed into a true French Conversation Club, with all members demonstrating some proficiency in conversational French. Some, of course, are more proficient than others, but the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly, with no competition and much mutual assistance. If we have any complaint, it must be the aspect of the list of our attendees, all of whom but one are clearly ladies. Nous esperons attirer encore des hommes pour la prochaine, and if you understand that perhaps you might consider joining.

Our next meeting will be held at "La Parisienne Creperie" at 11AM on Bronte Av in Oakville on February the 13th and after a fabulous lunch we are going for a walk across the street with the girls to do some shopping...

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent



Ampersand

This strange punctuation mark has a fascinating past. The ampersand emerged over 2,000 years ago as the Latin word meaning "and." The cursive writing of Latin scribes often combined the "e" and "t," giving rise to the shape of the ampersand. The name did not appear until the 1830s when "&" was the 27th letter of the English alphabet.

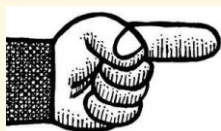


Winter... What Winter

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair



Open to Friends & Family



Well, it is a little chilly out there. We may be in the middle of winter but that doesn't mean we can hibernate like the bears and raccoons. They don't seem to do it much anymore! Let's get out there. Please

note that we have opened up the Valentines Dance on February 15th; the St. Patrick's Day lunch, etc. on March 14th, and the Chocolate and Wine Pairing to family and friends. (A certain number of spaces at events must be met before the tickets will be held for groups. Our events must be revenue neutral so often we are able to give you a rebate on costs.)

We are looking for additional members to join our Activity Committee. Are there a few things you would like to share or experience? The Committee gets together very informally about once a month to go over what we have planned and discuss new ideas. Give me a call (905- 875-4866) or send me an email (mobilechipmunk@hotmail.com).

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 136 is the **St. Valentine's Day Dance at the on Friday, February 15th, 2019**. Bring along your non-member dancing partner or friends if you like. Cost is \$25 per person with a Red and White theme. Music enjoyed from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Karaoke and Snack at 9:00 pm. Rockin' Rob will have an extensive selection of songs you can choose from. Bring your backup singers and give us a few bars of your best shower performance.

The **St. Patrick's Day lunch with entertainment at Carmen's in Hamilton is on Thursday, March 14**, is confirmed. Doors open at 11:00 and show will run to about 3:00. Cost is \$46. That includes your full Irish lunch at 12:00 and Variety Show of music, song and dance all done with typical Irish humour. Car pool to 1520 Stone Church Rd. E, Hamilton.

An evening of **Jazz, Chocolate and Wine Pairing at Miss Bailey Brown's Chocolate is confirmed for Thursday, March 21, 7:00**, \$45 per person located at 13 Charles Street, Milton, beside Legion. There are seats available, so bring a friend, sit back and enjoy Miss Bailey Brown's talents as an accomplished singer and chocolatier.



One ticket has come available for THE DREAMBOATS performance at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre, RBC Theatre at 7:30, Friday, March 29. Have dinner before the performance in the beautiful dining room. To make your dinner reservation call the dining room at 905-306-6000.

On **Wednesday, April 17, we will be Line Dancing at the Bronte Legion**, 79 Jones Street, Oakville, with Tammy. Be there by 2:15, following our April general meeting. The cost is \$15. We will get a group rate if we get lots of dancers. I can assure you of a good workout. Get the cowboy/cowgirl boots out of the closet. Sign-up will begin at our February 20th general meeting. There are several good places to eat in that area too, from Pub to Fish & Chips. We hope to get a good turnout.

Announcing the next performance by the **Milton Players Theatre Group is "RED VALVET CAKE WAR" on Saturday, May 11th** at 2:00 pm. We have a block of tickets coming available at our February general meeting. Tickets are \$27. Following the performance we migrate over to one of the restaurants nearby and enjoy a drink and/or dinner. This award winning theatre group has a very loyal following and you won't be disappointed. "A riotous Southern-fried comedy, who get to have their cake and eat it too?" Knowing this group as I do, it will be fun.

Finally, there will be more next month on our July 4th excursion to Brantford.

Chequ 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

JAMAICA MON:

by Joanne Millichamp - Correspondent

On a cold, snowy Saturday night, we gathered at the home of Ron & Joanne Millichamp to enjoy a dinner club feast, Jamaican style. A tropical rum punch got the evening off to a good start. The palm trees, tiki torches, and Bob Marley flag helped set the mood. The theme carried through when one of our guests dressed in shorts! An evening filled with conversation and laughter ended when everyone realized it was still snowing and they had to dig out their cars to drive home.



King or Queen

by Anna Strachan - Correspondent

We hosted the Supper club on the 19th, unfortunately, Auriel and Don were missing but the six of us (Gillian and Bryan Reynolds, Anne and Chris Gibbard) had a good time. Anne made a special 'French'cake into which she placed a favour and whoever got the piece of cake with the favour was King or Queen for the evening and had to wear a crown, lucky Chris got the favour and the crown.



By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent



Interrobang

A mark of punctuation, which is seen rarely in Canada and does not appear in most type fonts. The interrobang combines a question mark and an exclamation point to indicate a mixture of query and interjection or shock, as in: "She said what!?" In the case of the interrobang, both word and symbol are portmanteaus in that the word bang was used for "exclamation point" in 1950s secretarial vernacular.

Please let me know if you see one.

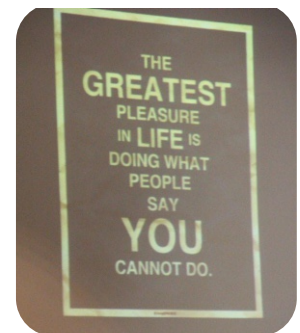
Our January Meeting



Warm smiles from Patrick & Margaret Murphy greeted us as we came in



Dave De Sylvia's motto!



Thanks to Wendy and Bob Stringer for pitching in at the 50/50 table



And the lucky 50/50 Draw winner is..... John Flynn who took home \$205



“
Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

”

- Marcel Proust



Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

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Escarpment PROBUS	February 20 - 9:30 am	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*	Paul Crawford
Lunch Bunch	February 20 - 12 noon	Kelsey's	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
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Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	no meeting		Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Feb. 1 - 5:30 pm	Boothe home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Feb. 4 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Feb. 4 - 7 pm	Halk home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Feb. 5 - 1 pm	Christie home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Feb. 6 - 7 pm	Flowers home	Chris Strachan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Feb. 7 - 7 pm	Cannell home	Michael Hooker
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Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	Feb. 23 - 6:30 pm	Cousins home	Mary Cousins
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Feb. 25 - 7 pm	Boothe home	Lorrette Shermet
Friendship Club	Feb. 27 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
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Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Feb. 27 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Michele Tschirhart
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