



# FORUM

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FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB  
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CHEEKY FELLA AT HILTON FALLS

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## *Be in charge of your own enjoyment*



**Paul Crawford**

*President*

Since the beginning of our club there has been a positive vibe associated with our many activities. Whether it is a regular event like a book club or card group or one of our special activities such as the recent Valentines Dance or our Christmas Luncheon there is a wonderful easy-going relaxed atmosphere that occurs when people get together to share an activity they enjoy. I hope that as our club has grown that the newly arrived members feel the same. When I see the convenors of some of our card games taking time to teach new members the game so they can fit in easier, I take heart that the positive vibe that I feel is still alive in others too. When I see the way that members quickly sign up for the next trip because they had such fun on an earlier trip I know it is still alive. When I see the laughter at bowling with our foibles of another gutter ball I know it is still alive. Do your bit to keep the Probian Spirit alive! Join in and enjoy!

## Interest Clubs

*by Pat Vogt - Social Chair*

== THE SOCIAL SCENE ==

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Just a reminder that we have a list of “suggested” interest clubs that are looking for convenors:

- Interior Design Help
- Cooking Group
- TV Program
- Music
- Line Dancing
- Curling
- Chess
- Choral/Choir

Once a convenor has been approved for an interest club, what is required of the convenor is to host a meeting of members to determine a day, time, location, and if any funding will be required for the club. We like to make sure that the details fit with the context of pre-existing clubs. Then it’s just membership communication each month of where the club will be hosted.

As you all know it takes volunteers to keep Probus a fun and active club that it is. Please think about volunteering and if there is an club that you think would be of interest to the membership let the executive know about it.

Reach us on the web at - [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://www.escarpmentprobus.com)



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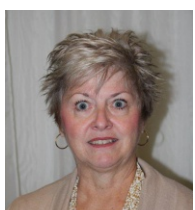
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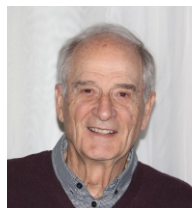
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## ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

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

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

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

### FORUM - ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

The newsmagazine is published monthly in PDF format on our website: [www.escarpmentprobus.com](http://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.  
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 Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit, or change any copy or pictures submitted.

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## Our 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.

## Our April Speaker

### Bat Talk



Dr. 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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For as the eyes of  
bats are to the  
blaze of day, so is  
the reason in our  
soul to the things  
which are by  
nature most  
evident of all.

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- Aristotle



# CPR Training



## Members & Guests

*By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair*

**P**lease 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 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.



# Bowling @ Champs



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# *Karaoke for Valentines*







# Bad Weather Postpones Tasting

by Chris Strachan - Convenor



The February Meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Marion and Keith Flowers. In keeping with tradition this meeting should have been held on Wednesday 6th Feb but due to bad weather was postponed until Friday 8th Feb. Ten members were in attendance; Keith supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure; they were rated as follows:



The Winning whisky of the night was 'Glengoyne 10 Yr Old' single malt with an ABV (Alcohol by Volume) of 43% at a cost of \$65.45. Glengoyne distillery is located in a wooded glen at the foot of Dumgoyne Hill in the Campsie Hills and at one time romanticised cattle rustler Rob Roy (MacGregor) was active in the area.



The Second of the evening was 'The Deveron' 12 Yr old Highland single malt with an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$64.95. 'The Deveron' is made by the Macduff distillery which makes 2.4 million liters of whisky per year. This is only one of 126 distilleries in Scotland which makes for a lot of whisky.



The Third was 'Rock Oyster' a blended malt whisky with an ABV of 46.8% at a cost of \$65.10. This whisky is a blend of whiskies from the Islands around Scotland, Isla, Arran, Jura and the Orkneys. According to Whisky experts, Douglas Laing and Company, that bottles this whisky has a fantastic reputation for the blending of whiskies.



The Fourth was 'Old Overholt' straight Rye whiskey with an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$28.30. One of the oldest American rye whiskies on the market founded in Pennsylvania in 1810. Overholt is said to have been the alcoholic beverage of choice for notables ranging from Old West gunfighters to U.S. presidents, including: Gunfighter and gambler Doc Holliday, Old West outlaw Johnny Ringo, Civil War general and U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant, U. S. President John F. Kennedy and U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.



Last but certainly not least was 'Highland Park Viking Honour' 12 Yr old single malt with an ABV of 43% at a cost of \$69.95. This whisky came in first last month how this whisky ended up in fifth place this month is one of the mysteries of life. So that we are not influenced by the brand or the price the bottles are covered up to make for an impartial rating.

Thanks to Marion for being such a gracious hostess and for the lovely goodies after the tasting. Once again thanks to the DD's for getting us home safe and sound, especially in this weather, snowy, icy, and cold.

The March 6th meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Kim and Ron Whaley.



# Grapenutters Discover Indian Surprise!!

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

**Petra Halk and Stephanie Hamnett:  
Wines from every continent (except Antarctica)**

One of the wines served was from INDIA!! It didn't win, but did generate a respectable score (11.7). Here's what LCBO says about it: "Grover Zampa Art Collection Sauvignon Blanc 2015 - \$14.75. India makes wine?" you may be asking. Yes, indeed. India is quite a large country and around half its length is in the tropics. Although the Karnataka region is tropical, the Nandi Hills in which this wine was grown sit at an altitude of 1,500 m (equal to Mendoza's highest vineyards). Grover Zampa is India's second-largest producer and their wine journey began in the 1960s when founder Kanwal Grover, a businessman with dealings in the aerospace & defence industries, began a lifelong passion for fine wine after encountering the wines of France on his business trips there. The wine is juicy and fresh with ripe citrus, gooseberry and grassy notes. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2016)". LCBO has four listings for Indian wines.

- Best White: Jackson-Triggs Pinot Grigio; Canada – Niagara; LCBO 621110; \$10.95; score 13.5
- Best Red: Alamos Malbec; Argentina; LCBO 295139; score 13.4

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**grape  
-nuts**  
WINE TASTING CLUB



**Sandy Cannell and Robyn Balfour:  
Wines from around the world (six countries and six different types of wine)**

Guests were challenged to guess the country and grape type for each wine; however results showed that so far we don't have too many "experts".

- Best White: Two oceans Pinot Grigio; South Africa; LCBO 295022; \$10.95; score 12.9
- Best Red: J.P. Chenet Pinot Noir; France; LCBO 142406; \$11.95; score 14.1



**Dawn Ross and Theresa Spano:  
Grape to Grape – Chardonnays and Cabernet Sauvignons**

This tasting broke a couple of our (experienced-based) beliefs: The best wine of the evening was a white (Petra's and Stephanie's tasting also); and both of the winners were on the more expensive side!

- Best White: Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay; USA – California; LCBO 369686; \$19.95; score 15.3
- Best Red: McManis Cabernet Sauvignon; USA – California; LCBO 212126; \$19.95; score 13.3

Our March tastings (Monday 4th March - Gillian and Bryan Reynolds;  
Thursday 7th March - Auriel Halliday and Don Evans;  
Wednesday 13th March - Norma and Martin Capper)

are already almost fully booked. Grapenuts remains popular!





# Stained Glass Tulips

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

**O**n Monday Feb. 4, five members of the Piece Makers gathered at Carol Ann's house for an afternoon of inspiration and sharing. We had several show and tell items:



- Wendy brought her beautiful Christmas Table Runner that she pieced and quilted on her DSM (Domestic Sewing Machine).
- Carol Ann showed us her latest shop hop that she is quilting using her DSM using stitch in the ditch around each block, applique for the large daisy flowers, and free motion to highlight the patterns in the individual blocks.
- Diane brought two completed door hangers - January's Applique Snowman and February's Dresden Heart.



After show and tell, Carol Ann talked to us about how she created her stained glass tulips. She had a little trouble with the bias tape, as she could not find the pre-glued kind so she

improvised with fusible web. The results are great. She told us that the little iron, recommended in the video, worked like a charm.

Diane asked for input on border colours for her March stained glass tulip door hanger - stay tuned next month to see the finished product.

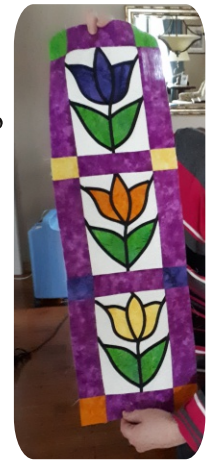


Quilting Terms of the Month:

**Stitch in the Ditch** – A stitch used next to the seams on the quilt in order to define blocks or shapes.

**Free-Motion Quilting** – Quilting in a free-motion on a domestic sewing machine using a darning foot with the feed dogs down. It allows the quilter to quilt in different directions, creating a variety of stitch patterns.

Our next meeting will be at Wendy Stringer's home on March 4, where the experts (Carol Ann and Judy) will demonstrate how to create and sew binding from fabric. I for one am looking forward to this lesson as I always take the easy way out with purchased binding or birthed quilts!



## Join your friends for lunch in March

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch will dine at Symposium Cafe - 611 Holly Ave., Milton.



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

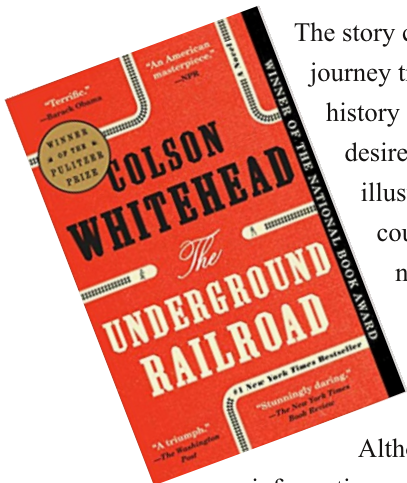




# The Underground Railroad

by Linda Green - Convenor

Like many of the Probus activity groups we had to change the date of our February meeting because of Snow, Ice, and Bad Weather, therefore, on February 15th, just five members of the Trilogy Book Club met at Linda Green's home to discuss "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.



The story centers on Cora, a slave girl in Georgia, and her subsequent journey trying to escape slavery through the Underground Railroad. We learn of her history focusing on her Mother and Grandmother, her life on the plantation, and her desire to be free. Through various characters but especially Cora, the book illustrates the extreme desperation of the slaves to be free and the amazing courage they possessed which enabled them to continue to survive through the numerous setbacks which arose on the journey north and west. We felt the author gave an accurate account of pre Civil War America. Each state had it's own laws governing slavery and slave catchers, none of which were, in any way, fair to the black people.

Although the content of the book was disturbing and uncomfortable, we found it informative and thought provoking. Our discussion lead to many parallels between this Situation, the Indigenous Situation in Canada, and the Holocaust. We had a difference of opinion as to rating the book with some suggesting a 5 and others an 8.

All in all we would recommend reading it for a fairly good account of that time in the history of the United States.

Our next meeting will be on March 13th at 10am at the home of Judy Krauss. Our book will be "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats".

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# Bridge

by Jeanne Reid - Convenor

**W**e had 12 happy bridge players for our February game. Fiona Christie and Patricia Belvedere hosted the afternoon at Fiona's home. The big winner was Fiona Christie with Ray Mathews coming second.

Patricia got her dollar back.

Our March 5th, game will be held at the home of Vicki Lenarduzzi, hosted by Ginny Gallipeau. April we will be at the home of Ray and Shirley Mathews. We will participate in the Allendale Card Party in May.



# Mozart and Friends Get Musical

by Michael Hooker - Convenor



Five of us got together at Michael Hooker's condo for a couple of hours of talking, snacking, and listening to some music; this month it was "piano trios". Note: this isn't three pianos; rather a piano, violin, and cello playing together. The three CDs were all by the same musical group, The Beaux Arts Trio, who first performed in 1954, gaining recognition as one of the best worldwide musical groups. Their pianist Menachem Pressler was the only original member of the group for their whole performing career. He's still making music with orchestras and other groups at the age of 95!

We listened to trios by Beethoven, Schubert, and Dvorak; for some of us this was a new and fascinating experience, completely different from the big heavy sound of a full orchestra.

In March we are doing something completely different; on 7th March we are going to a performance at the Milton Arts Centre – Euphonius – Ode to the Classics, with the Milton Philharmonic Orchestra, thanks to Jeanne Reid who organized it for us. ("Euphonius" means "Sweet-sounding, melodic").

In addition, on 26th March, Asoka Yapa will host a video performance of Mozart's opera "Don Giovanni"; a mixture of comedy, drama, seduction, betrayal, murder and supernatural payback all over the course of three hours! (Many musical events can be several hours long; so on occasion we may have these in addition to our shorter monthly get-togethers).

We've had some discussion about what type of music we want to hear. And I think that for us, it's music we as individuals like to listen to; doesn't have to be what you'd think of as "classical". And this can include a pretty broad spectrum – Gilbert and Sullivan (operetta), pleasant listening music, musicals. Probably not folk, hip-hop, country and western. Jazz – I'm not sure: some may be quite a revelation to people with a classical bent, so why not? I'd imagine that we would not be enamoured with a big dose of the really heavy classical stuff (which can get boring!) We hope that by taking part we will over time get exposed to music that will entertain and surprise us and broaden our appreciation. So if you feel that this might interest you, come along and try us out to see if you enjoy. Email me ([mhooker10@bell.net](mailto:mhooker10@bell.net)) or sign up at the monthly Probus meeting.

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*I cannot write poetically, for I am no poet. I cannot make fine artistic phrases that cast light and shadow, for I am no painter. I can neither by signs nor by pantomime express my thoughts and feelings, for I am no dancer; but I can by tones, for I am a musician.*

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- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## 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).

# Seafaring & Settlers Strategy Games

by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

The BeeGees got together to pit their mental wits against each other in two strategy games. Six played Jamaica, a new game that no one had played before, and four played Catan. It was a close game and in the end Lorraine was declared the winner of Jamaica. Ellen won out over her opponents in Catan for the first game and Marg was supreme settler in the second game.



**CATAN:** The women and men of your expedition build the first two settlements. Fortunately, the land is rich in natural resources. You build roads and new settlements that eventually become cities. Will you succeed in gaining supremacy on Catan? Barter trade dominates the scene. Some resources you have in abundance, other resources are scarce. Ore for wool, brick for lumber - you trade according to what is needed for your current building projects. Proceed strategically! If you found your settlements in the right places and skillfully trade your resources, then the odds will be in your favor. But your opponents are smart too.

**JAMAICA:** After a long career in piracy, Captain Henry Morgan skillfully gets appointed to be Governor of Jamaica, with the explicit order to cleanse the Caribbean of pirates and buccaneers! Instead, he invites all of his former "colleagues" to join him in his retirement, to enjoy the fruits of their looting with impunity. Each year, in remembrance of the "good old days," Morgan organizes the Great Challenge, a race around the island, and at its end, the Captain with the most gold is declared Grand Winner.



Our next game day is Wednesday, March 13 at 1 pm. Join us at Grace Anglican hall. If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll give it a go.

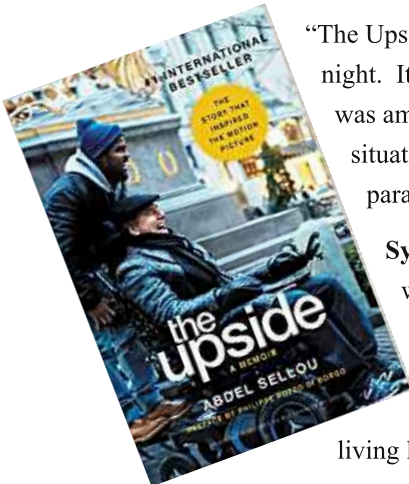
## The Upside

by Theresa Spano - Convenor

Due to bad weather we dwindled down from 19 probus members to two very brave probus members who battled the elements and went to see The Upside with Kevin Hart. Here is what they had to say:

"The Upside was very worth the effort of venturing out on a nasty night. It is based on a true story. It was funny, with unexpected action. Kevin Hart was amazing as we watched him change. Nicole Kidman was true Nicole. It fit the situation perfectly. Bryan Cranston showed a person exercising restraint due to paralysis that he brought on to himself. But the dam bursts. Fun, human, real."

**Synopsis:** Phillip is a wealthy quadriplegic who needs a caretaker to help him with his day-to-day routine in his New York penthouse. He decides to hire Dell, a struggling parolee who's trying to reconnect with his ex and his young son. Despite coming from two different worlds, an unlikely friendship starts to blossom as Dell and Phillip rediscover the joy of living life to the fullest.



Tuesday March 12 will be our next Oscar movie night. Come join us !



*Our new group is off to a wonderful start!*

**APPY HOUR**



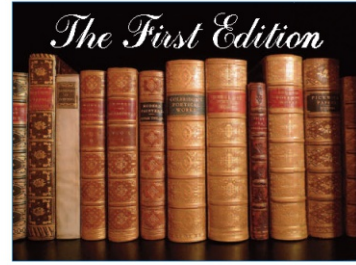
**Coming Soon in July!**

**PICNIC  
IN THE  
PARK!**

# Before We Were Yours

By Cliff Read - Correspondent

**L**isa Wingate's novel *Before We Were Yours* has two storylines. One takes place in the present following Avery Stafford, a successful federal prosecutor and daughter of a senator who returns to her South Carolina home getting ready to follow her father into politics. The other storyline takes place in Memphis in 1939 and where we learn about twelve-year-old Rill Foss who lives on a shanty boat with her parents and siblings. Rill and her sisters and brother are rounded up by the police and placed in the Tennessee Children's Home Society run by Georgia Tann. How these two storylines intersect forms the core of the novel.



The novel is based on actual incidents and is an indictment of the people who preyed upon the vulnerability of both children and their parents. From the twenties until the fifties Georgia Tann's orphanage was responsible taking children by nefarious means and putting them up for adoption into homes of individuals who could afford the high prices.

Our book group found the book to be compelling giving it an above average rating (7.5/10) and this resulted in very lively discussions on a wide range of topics.

## Surprise!

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor



**C**anasta was played at the home of the Boothe's. Twelve members of the canasta team gathered together and played two games each. Canasta is a fairly long game and can take anywhere from an hour to an hour and half to complete a game. One can start thinking they have this game in the bag just like Barb C. and Theresa did, but then Harold and Lorrette came from behind, surprising them by finishing the round, resulting in -1200 points for Barb C. and Theresa and a winning game for Lorrette and Harold. The big winners for the evening were Michael Boothe, Barb Finnie, and Harold and Jenny O'Brien.

Canasta is played the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted by various people. Lorrette offers canasta lessons every so often and will have another session in March. If you would like to learn, email Lorrette at [lorrette@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorrette@sympatico.ca) and join our growing group.







# Plenty of Activities to Push Out Old Man Winter

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activities Chair



It appears that Old Man Winter does not want to welcome the bright Spring Fairy. So, let's enjoy what we have and celebrate the day.

We certainly enjoyed the Valentines Dance on February 15th.

Unfortunately, several members were missing due to illness. Rockin' Rob was great fun, and the food was great. After a few warmup songs, by yours truly and partners, (oh my, oh my!), the Karaoke got rolling while we ate. It ended in a competition between the all-men group vs. the all-ladies group. Thanks everyone for helping out. People are fun.

A good group is going to the **St. Patrick's Day lunch at Carmen's**. Located at 1520 Stone Church Road E, in Hamilton on **Thursday, March 14**, we can all be Irish for a day. We do it for Octoberfest! The doors open at 11:00 and show will run to about 3:00. That includes your full Irish lunch (but not your libation) at 12:00 and a Variety Show of music, song and dance all done with typical Irish humour.

An evening of **Jazz, Chocolate and Wine Pairing** at Miss Bailey Brown's Chocolate will see an enthusiastic group of PROBUS members fill the restaurant. It is on **Thursday, March 21, 7:00**, at \$45 per person and located at 13 Charles Street, Milton, beside Legion. Sit back and enjoy Miss Bailey Brown's talents as an accomplished singer and chocolatier. Only a couple spots available.

**THE DREAMBOATS** performance is at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre, RBC Theatre at **7:30, Friday, March 29**. To make your dinner reservations call their dining room at 905-306-6000.

On **Wednesday, April 17**, 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. Space is getting tight though. Check out the variety of eateries in the area. This is in the afternoon following our April general meeting.

Signup was strong for the **Milton Players Theatre Group** performing "RED VALVET CAKE WAR" on **Saturday, May 11th at 2:00 pm**. We have secured 6 more seats so let me or Stephanie know if you missed signing up at our general meeting. Group rate is \$27. Following the performance we will retire to Toothless (read Shoeless) Joe's to critique the performance while enjoying a drink and/or dinner. 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.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events.

\* **Thursday, July 4th** we are planning an excursion to Brantford to visit a **Residential school and an historical war museum**. This area was one of the first settled in Ontario and the museum covers early First Nations settlements and what they taught the European upon arrival, to WW2, etc. Signup will start in April. This area is steeped in history and we have travelled out that way before. After lunch, visit one of the wonderful gardens, craft brewers and cheeses available in that area too.

\* **Tuesday, August 6th**, we plan a trip to Elmira/Drayton area to the **Drayton Theatre** for an afternoon musical performance of "Fiddlers on the Loose". This orchestra is made up of many fiddlers who can play everything from classical and country. Lunch prior to the performance will be at Crossroads in Elmira.



## Chequg 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





# A Knitting Chuckle for the Day

by Christine Willekes - Convenor

A small group met on a slippery Thursday morning at the home of Barb Finnie. The ladies had been busy with needles, hooks, and hoops. The “click click” continued as we shared the refreshments and treats provided by Barb. Thank you Barb for hosting.

Our next meeting will be on March 21 at the home of Theresa Spano.

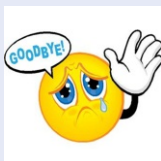


Her psychiatrist told her to make new friends so she did.



## 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](mailto:lorrette@sympatico.ca) or 905-878-1293.





# Nosh @ Nite

by Cliff Read - Correspondent



The Nosh at Night group met at Cliff and Liz Read's place last Friday February 22nd. Lively conversations, plenty of interesting stories, laughs, and of course a great variety of food helped to make this evening fun filled and entertaining for the twenty two members attending. The rest of our group who weren't there were busy having fun in the sun!

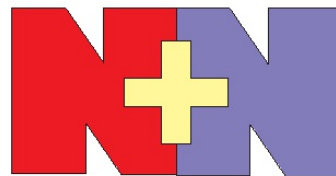






# Nosh and Natter'ers Kick the New Year Off Right

by Jenny O'Brien - Correspondent



**T**wenty hungry noshers showed up at The O'Brien's on Friday, January 4th, for the first N&N of the new year. Switching it up just a bit from the regular appetizer menu, we opted instead for a fajita bar and chocolate dessert fondue, with all guests bringing an assigned item to contribute to the festivities. In addition, a certain unnamed hostess had just celebrated her birthday the day before, and was treated with cupcakes and a rousing rendition of the birthday song from the gang. Oh, and did I mention there were cocktails? Seems the New Year resolutions hadn't quite kicked in yet!! Cheers to a happy, healthy, and food inspired year ahead, to all the noshers out there!!



## Nosh & Natter

by Maggie Boothe - Correspondent

**N**osh was held at the Boothe's on February 1st and a great time was had by all. So much fun and laughter that we forgot to take pictures. The food was amazing and the company was fantastic. Lots of travel and adventures going on in our group, looking forward to next month's gathering to hear all about them.

## Nosh & Natter

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor

**T**here were twice as women as men at Barb & John's Nosh 'N Natter night on February 8th, which led to some interesting conversations. Barb cooked up enough chili to feed an army. It was delicious. We all supplied the rest of the meal. Bryan and I were surprised and delighted when Carole Pond produced a beautiful cake and everyone congratulated us on our 50th Wedding Anniversary, which happened to fall on that day.

It was a lovely start to our celebrations.



# Casa Americana

by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

Forty seven of us skipped the dishes and skipped into Casa Americana in February and had a wonderful three course meal. The meal consisted of soup or salad, veal or chicken, and we had a choice of three deserts. Oops I almost forgot we started off with each having a healthy piece of brushetta. Americo and his staff did a great job for a great price.



In March we will be staying in town and trying out the Thai House on Main Street. For those who have not had Thai food here is your chance to try something new or different.



“  
*I think fine dining should be part of the community where it is, more than just for the people who are going to make a special occasion.*

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- Daniel Boulud



# Our February Meeting



Warm and friendly smiles from John and Julie Flynn greeted us as we came in



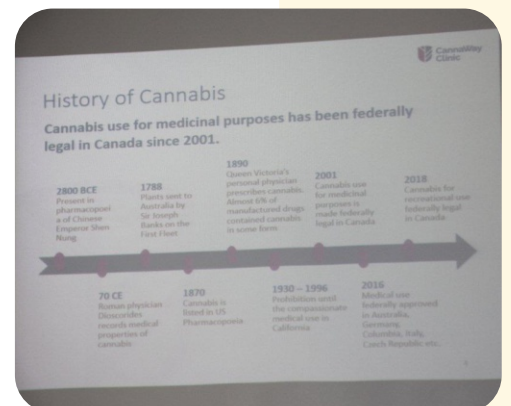
Prospective new member Heather Ley with sponsor Wendy Stringer

## Social Time with Friends



And the lucky50/50 Draw winner is..... Marie Mann who took home \$188.50

Dr. Rattan Panesar  
Medical Director at the  
CannaWay Clinic in  
Oakville





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Management Meeting	March 13 - 9:30 am	Read home	Paul Crawford
St. Patrick's Day Lunch	March 14 - 11 am	Carmen's (in Hamilton)	Anne Marie Stockley
<b>Escarpment PROBUS</b>	<b>March 20 - 9:30 am</b>	<b>121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*</b>	<b>Paul Crawford</b>
Lunch Bunch	March 20 - 12 noon	Symposium	Bonnie Lennox
Jazz, Chocolate, and Wine Pairing	March 21 - 7 pm	Miss Bailey Brown's Chocolate	Anne Marie Stockley
The Dreamboats	March 29 - 7:30 pm	Living Arts Centre, Mississauga	Anne Marie Stockley
<b>Clubs</b>			
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Every Day, all Day	Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Mar. 1 - 5:30 pm	Murphy home	Gillian Reynolds
Crafts - Quilting Club - <i>Piece Makers</i>	Mar. 4 - 1 pm	<b>Stringer home</b>	Diane Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Mar. 4 - 7 pm	Reynolds home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Mar. 5 - 1 pm	Lenarduzzi home	Jeanne Reid
Whisky Club - <i>The D'stillers</i>	Mar. 6 - 7 pm	Whaley home	Chris Strachan
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Mar. 7 - 7 pm	Halliday/Evans home	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Nosh+Natter</i>	Mar. 8 - 5:30 pm	Reynolds home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	Mar. 11 - 1 pm	Castello home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Mar. 11 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Mar. 12 - 1:30 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	Mar. 12 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	Mar. 13 - 10 am	Nelson home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	Mar. 13 - 10 am	Krauss home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	Mar. 13 - 10 am / 11 am	Yardley/Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	Mar. 13 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
Wine Tasting - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Mar. 13 - 7 pm	Capper home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Mar. 14 - 1:30 pm	Jordan home	Auriel Halliday
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	Mar. 14 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>The Supper Club</i>	Mar. 16 - 6:30 pm	<i>scheduled by convenor</i>	Auriel Halliday
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	Mar. 19 - 1:15 pm	Mathews home	Lorraine Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	Mar. 19 - 2 pm	Reid home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycle</i>	Mar. 20 - 10:30am	121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Crafts - Knitting Club - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	Mar. 21 - 10:30 am	Spano home	Chris Willekes
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	Mar. 21 - 1:15 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorraine Shermet
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Mar. 21 - 6 pm	Thai House	Lorraine Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	Mar. 22 - 5:30 pm	Crawford home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	Mar. 25 - 7 pm	Petroff home	Lorraine Shermet
Friendship Club	Mar. 27 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
Board Games - <i>Joker Club</i>	Mar. 27 - 1 pm	Crawford home	Auriel Halliday
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Mar. 27 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Michele Tschirhart
Tastings - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	Mar. 28 - 7 pm	Chliszczyk home	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	Mar. 30 - 6:30 pm	Capper home	Mary Cousins

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Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	Apr. 1 - 7 pm	Shermet home	Michael Hooker
Cards - <i>Bridge Club</i>	Apr. 2 - 1 pm	Mathews 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
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Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	Apr. 18 - 6 pm	TBD	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*	Michele Tschirhart
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	Strachan home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
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