

FORUM



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President's Message:

Something for everyone



As the stores conveniently remind us, February is a month dedicated to hearts. We hope you'll dress in red at our monthly meeting and give our spirits a needed lift at this cold and sometimes dreary time of year.

In January, more than 45 members attended a presentation by Halton EMS on strokes and falls. This is important information for all members to have and we thank the activities committee for arranging this presentation.

Ruth Gagnon is the chair of our activities committee and she has arguably the most entertaining portfolio in our club since she coordinates all the outings. Her committee consists of Anne Gibbard, Kelly Ground, Irene Hiebert, Joanne Millichamp, Ron Millichamp, and Dawn Ross. Stephanie Hammett recently bowed out after more than two years of being involved. This group ran five events in January and there are dozens more being planned for the rest of the year. The committee does their best to find a variety of activities so there should be something for everyone.

— Liz Read

Management Replacements

It is now time to consider who will be the new members of our management team come October. The process is simple. We start by asking for volunteers. If you are interested in one of the open positions please let me or Liz Read know. Then we ask the members who they think would be a good fit for the openings. If you know someone in the club that you think could help the effort then you can either ask them to step up or let one of the recruitment committee know and we will approach them. The recruitment committee will be constituted at our next management meeting and introduced to you at the February general meeting.

Before the Annual General Meeting, the recruitment committee will present a slate of candidates to management for its consideration. If further nominations come forward after the slate is presented and announced, there will be an election at the meeting to decide who will fill the vacant position.

The positions available are: Secretary, Social (running our three special events and monitoring the clubs), Program (arranging our speakers), and Vice-President (by club practice it is time for a female VP).

The club remains strong and vibrant because of the people who have come forward to fill vacancies in the past. We expect the same again this year and are looking forward to assistance from the whole club in reaching our goal.

— Paul Crawford, Past President

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Escarpment Photo of the Month

This month's Escarpment Photo of the Month is a great close-up of a black-capped chickadee at Hilton Falls taken by Joy Castello using a Nikon D7500 and 70-300mm lens. Send your photos to david@bosscommunications.com and the Management Team will select one for inclusion each month.



Black-capped Chickadee -- Joy Castello

Editor's Note:

It wasn't hard to choose the photo of the month – it is a great shot for sure but also the only one I have received so far! Come on folks, I know you have lots of great local photos that can be shared with the rest of us.

For those of you who had trouble opening the mailing list that was sent out recently, sorry about that. The problem is that the Mailchimp email platform does not support file attachments, it has to be done using a link to download the file and there have been some issues with finding a method that works for everyone. It is necessary as a distribution service is the only easy way to send 240 emails at the same time!

— *David Boss*

ACTIVITIES

It's month!

By Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

And because it is heart month, I will share a joke.

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said: "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied: "Just doing what you said, Doc. Get a hot mamma and be cheerful." The doctor said: "I didn't say that. I said, you've got a heart murmur - be careful."

And beyond that, for this issue, I'd like to thank Michael Boothe for writing the article on our First Ontario Arts Centre Milton – The Story of the Eagles event! Your time is appreciated – thank you!!!

I would also like to give a big shout out to Michelle Tschirhart for arranging a wine tour (see below) for our group this coming June. Thank you for all your hard work and trips to Niagara-on-the-Lake, phone calls, etc., to put this together! It is very much appreciated!!

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

Friday, February 14th – Fifty Shades of Gray – I mean Darker!!

Convenors: Dawn Ross & Ruth Gagnon

THIS EVENT IS FULL AND THERE IS A WAITING LIST. Do something extra special on Valentine's Day. Join us at Longo's, The Loft for a cooking demonstration with chocolate being the star for the savoury and sweet menu. Yes, chocolate! Chef John Bela will be preparing Chocolate Temptation Mussels, Dark Chocolate and Wild Mushroom Mille-Feuille, Cocoa Nib and Black Pepper Encrusted Beef Tenderloin with Chocolate Port Sauce, White Chocolate Potato Mash, Asparagus with Prosciutto and Cocoa Nibs and a Chocolate Soup with Floating Meringue Island for dessert! See you at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, February 25th Tour of the Halton Mosque and Islamic Association

Convenor: Anne Gibbard

THIS EVENT IS FULL. We will be meeting at 10 am at the Halton Mosque and Islamic Association, 4310 Fairview Street in Burlington, for a tour and visit to the men and women's prayer area. Our guide, Humza, will talk about the religion and the impact of Islam in our society. We will hear about the ritual of washing their body before they pray. He will show us their phonic letters. Ladies attending this event will need to bring a scarf to cover their head before going into the prayer area. The cost for this event is \$5/person, which will be donated to the Halton Mosque and Islamic Association. After the tour we will head to the Mandarin for lunch. The Mandarin is located at 1881 Fairview (intersection of Brant and Fairview).



Need a lift to an activity/event? Check out the sign up sheets for a member who is willing to drive!

Please remember to bring your cheque book to all PROBUS meetings so you can sign up for the great activities!

Unless otherwise stated, cheques will be cashed at the beginning of the month the event is scheduled.

Activities Committee Members:
Ruth Gagnon
Anne Gibbard
Kelly Ground
Irene Hiebert
Joanne Millichamp
Ron Millichamp
Dawn Ross

Thursday, February 27th – Crawford Lake Snowshoeing Hike

Convenor: Dawn Ross

NEW DATE: An email has been sent to those who signed up to confirm their availability. Snowshoes offer a unique perspective on a unique season! A truly Canadian activity, snowshoeing is a magical way to explore the winter landscape. Join us to discover the origins of snowshoeing in the unique setting of Crawford Lake's reconstructed 15th century Iroquoian village. We will learn how to snowshoe and then go on a guided hike. They will give a little talk, set us up with the snowshoes and set off for the hike. They do not provide poles, but you can bring some if you wish. If we don't have enough snow they will lead us on a hike. Meet at the park at 2:15 pm. Park entrance fees are on your own. Cost is \$9/person. Join us for appies or an early dinner after at St. Louis Bar & Grill, 604 Santa Maria Blvd., Milton (off Derry Road).

MARCH ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, March 1st – Drury Lane Music Hall 40th Anniversary!

Convenors: Ron & Joanne Millichamp

THIS EVENT IS FULL. Imagine a matinée with the Marvellous Misters, Melodious Misses, and the distinguished Mr. Chairman as they present an amazing show that is bound to astound! Take a trip down memory lane with the most entertaining, comedic and touching moments of Olde Tyme Music Hall, featuring some surprise guest artists performing favourite numbers that span four decades. Booing and cheering are encouraged! The cost is \$27/person and the show starts at 2:00 pm. **Tickets for this event will be handed out at the February General Meeting. Cheques for this event have been cashed.**

Tuesday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day at Bingemans Conference Centre

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Oh the luck of the Irish! Enjoy a beer at the St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party! Arrive between noon and 12:30 pm at Bingemans Conference Centre. We will enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon menu, following which we will enjoy a high energy show that will have us singing, laughing and no doubt tapping our feet. The show features "The Celts" and step-dancer Evelyn Mage. The show starts at 2:00 pm and will be finished by 3:30 pm. The cost is \$50/person and includes the buffet luncheon, the fabulous show, taxes and gratuities! Bingemans is located at 425 Bingemans Centre Drive in Kitchener. We would also appreciate it if you could indicate if you could be a driver for this event.

Monday, March 23rd – Bowling Extravaganza

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Save the date! Join us at 10:30 am at Champ's for a morning of bowling extravaganza followed by a preset lunch. The cost for this event is \$30/person and includes two games of bowling, shoes, lunch, prizes, taxes and tips!! If you want to join us for lunch only, the cost is \$20/person. Champ's is located at 300 Bronte Street South.

APRIL ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, April 14th – Terra Greenhouse – Easter Centrepiece

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

NEW! Challenge yourself and come out and make an Easter centrepiece. We will be meeting at Terra Greenhouse at 1:30 pm. Check out the flyer at the Activities Table for a sample of what we will be making. The cost for this event is \$25/person.

Thursday, April 16th – The Weather Network

Convenor: Kelly Ground

THIS EVENT IS FULL AND THERE IS A WAITING LIST. Join us for an interactive studio tour of The Weather Network, 2655 Bristol Circle in Oakville, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Following our tour we will have lunch at Jack Astor's located at Dundas and Highway 403. Space is limited to 30 members. Cost is \$5/person.

Wednesday, April 22nd – Trivia Night at the Legion

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

NEW! Come on out and challenge yourself to some trivia. Led by our own Martin Capper along with your Activities Committee helpers! Guaranteed fun and laughter with your Escarpment PROBUS friends! The cost for this event is \$23/person and includes lasagna (meat or vegetarian), Caesar salad, garlic bread and of course, a cash bar. The Royal Canadian Legion is located at 21 Charles Street in Milton. Start time is 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, April 29th – Home Hardware Tour

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Dawn Ross

NEW! Join us for a tour of Home Hardware's highly sophisticated distribution centre at 34 Henry Street, St. Jacobs. It is one of four locations that service all of Canada! Home Hardware maintains a very high service level. Their weekly deliveries are the industry's best for being on time and complete. The tour will start at 10 am. Following the tour we will have lunch at the Crossroads Restaurant in Elmira. The sign-up sheet reflects whether you can drive or if you need a lift.

MAY ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, May 12th – Brantford Twin Valley Zoo

Convenor: Anne Gibbard

NEW! There's no better way to learn about the wonderful animals of this world than to experience them up close and in person. The goal of the Brantford Twin Valley Zoo is to create an enjoyable environment where we can learn about animals of the world. Through this we aid in educating people about the importance of wildlife and the environment. Built on 25 beautiful acres in Brant County, Brantford Twin Valley Zoo is a great place to observe a collection of native and exotic animals maintained in natural surroundings. The zoo is located at 84 Langford Church Road and we will be meeting at 10:30 am. The cost for this event is \$16.50/person. Before we head home we will go for lunch at Symposium Café located at 1146 Wilson St. W., Ancaster.

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, June 11th – Wine Tour in Niagara-on-the Lake

Convenor: Michelle Tschirhart & Ruth Gagnon

NEW! We will be heading to Niagara-on-the-Lake for a visit to the Reif Estate Winery. From there we will go to Caroline Winery for lunch and a wine tasting. Next stop will be Marynissan Estate and finally we will be going to Upper Canada Cheese Company for some samplings. We will meet behind the Milton Sports Centre at 9:30 am and board an Ayr Coach Line bus to be chauffeured for the day! The cost for this event is \$61 and it is limited to 33 members.

JULY ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, July 2nd – Drayton Theatre presents Rock of Ages

Convenor: Kelly Ground

NEW! Rock of Ages is a fun jukebox musical built around classic rock songs from the 1980s, especially from the famous glam metal bands of that decade. The musical features songs from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Steve Perry, and Poison, among other well-known rock bands. We will be meeting for lunch at Crossroads Restaurant in Elmira and 11:30 am and then head over to St. Jacob's Playhouse in St. Jacob's for 2 pm. Cost for the play is \$45.20/person and it is limited to 21 members. Drayton Theatre will only hold tickets for us until June 2nd so the May General Meeting will be the final opportunity to sign up for this event. **Cheques for this event will be cashed at the end of May.**

MEETING: FEBRUARY

Cannabis Legalization

On October 17, 2018, after a century of prohibition, cannabis was legalized in Canada. This presentation will overview the psychological and biological effects of recreational and medicinal cannabis, and discuss new cannabis laws and outcomes of legalization.



Dr. Bruce McKay is the Chair of the Department of Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University. In his spare time he teaches neuroscience and pharmacology courses and researches topics, including recreational drug use by university students and mechanisms by which psychoactive drugs affect brain functions. Dr. McKay grew up near Woodstock, Ontario, and completed his post-secondary education at Laurentian University, the University of Calgary, and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

MEETING: MARCH

A Journey Alone Across Canada's Arctic



Adam Shoalts is the explorer-in-residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the author of three national best-selling books: *Alone Against the North*, *A History of Canada in 10 Maps*, and his new book, *Beyond the Trees: A Journey Alone Across Canada's Arctic*. CBC and Canadian Geographic have both described him as “one of the greatest living explorers”.

Membership

In mid-January an updated Membership list was sent to all current members. If you noticed an error in your listing or if there is a change in your contact information (address, phone number or email address) kindly email me at pennymcilw@gmail.com so that I can ensure our records are accurate.

At the January meeting 12 new members received name badges. Their badges have a red dot identifying them as new members so that current members can introduce themselves and welcome them to our great Club.

Please wear your name badge to meetings so we can get to know you and introduce you to other members.

— Penny McIlwaine, *Membership Chair*

At PROBUS we want to keep in touch, we are all friends. If you know of anyone who is ill, moving away, lost a loved one, etc., or someone with a new grandchild, great grandchild or special anniversary, please let Lorette Shermet know and she will gladly send a greeting card (contact lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293).

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Stephen Comstock	905-876-4909	scomstoc@sympatico.ca
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	4th Wed. - 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	pauelencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	4th Thurs. - 12:30 pm	Judy Wallace	905-878-3374	lollipops@sympatico.ca
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycling</i>	3rd Wed. - Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauelencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-971-9214	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. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bridge</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 - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Tues. after the 2nd Mon. - 1:30 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	3rd Tues. - 1 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	4th Tues. - 1:30 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
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	3rd Thurs. - 10:30 am	Christine Willekes	905-820-0269	chrswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	mejenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	Last Sat. - 6:30 pm	Mary Cousins	416-628-6275	mlecousins@outlook.com
Dining - <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	3rd Wed. - noon	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	1st Fri. - 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	2nd Fri. - 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauelencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	3rd Thurs. - 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Dining - <i>Supper/Dinner Club</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Friendship Club	4th Wed. - 10 am	Judy Krauss	289-878-8194	judyckrauss@gmail.com
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Theresa Spano	416-618-2955	1tspano@gmail.com
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	2nd Tues. - 4 pm	Michelle Tschirhart	416-668-9083	mltschirhart55@gmail.com
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Last Wed. - 4 pm	Michelle Tschirhart	416-668-9083	mltschirhart55@gmail.com
Sports - Golf - <i>Pin Seekers</i>	Every Thurs. 9:30 am (May-Sept.)	Harold O'Brien	289-851-8477	harold0727@rogers.com
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	4th Thurs. - 7 pm	Pete Shermet	905-878-1293	peteshermet@gmail.com
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	anstrac1945@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	1st Mon. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	1st Thurs. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	2nd Wed. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
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

Temporary change

Take care of yourself, life is short!

Wow, it's February already and hopefully those members that escaped down south are enjoying the sun and sand. Those of us who are staying in Ontario and making the best of what Mother Nature is giving us are enjoying being involved in the many clubs and activities that PROBUS has to offer.

On the Social side we are looking into dates and venues for the Annual Picnic and at the moment it looks like we will try for the end of June, hopefully confirming the location next month. As for the Anniversary Dinner/Dance, we will be moving the date to the first Friday in October (availability to be confirmed by the Grand Chalet) due to the large number of members travelling to the Islands of the Mediterranean in September and returning Sept 25th (and some members have extended their vacation by a few days). Stay tuned for more information next month.

— Pat Vogt, Social Chair

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities				
Saturday Night Lives	February 1	6:00 PM	TBD	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	February 12	7:00 PM	O'Brien home	Liz Read
Fifty Shades of Gray - I Mean Darker	February 14	6:00 PM	Longo's, The Loft	Dawn Ross/Ruth Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	February 19	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Liz Read
Lunch Bunch	February 19	12:00 PM	Kelseys	Bonnie Lennox
Halton Mosque and Islamic Association	February 25	10:00 AM	4310 Fairview St., Burlington	Anne Gibbard

Clubs

Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only			Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tuesday	1:30 PM	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	February 3	7:00 PM	Spano home	Jim Tschirhart
Cards - <i>Bridge</i>	February 4	1:00 PM	Crawford home	Jeanne Reid
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	February 4	1:00 PM	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	February 5	7:00 PM	Shermet home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	February 6	7:00 PM	Tschirhart home	Jim Tschirhart
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	February 7	5:30 PM	Shellard home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	February 10	1:00 PM	Flynn home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	February 10	7:00 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	February 11	1:30 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	February 11	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	February 11	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	February 12	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Stephen Comstock
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	February 12	10:00 AM	Kotack home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	February 12	10:00 AM	Fehr home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	February 12	10:00 AM	Yardley / Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	February 12	7:00 PM	Shellard home	Jim Tschirhart
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	February 13	1:30 PM	Boothe home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	February 14	5:30 PM	Pond home	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	February 18	1:00 PM	Crawford home	Lorette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycling</i>	February 19	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	February 20	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	February 20	10:30 AM		Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	February 20	6:00 PM	La Toscana	Lorette Shermet
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	February 24	7:00 PM	Crawford home	Lorette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	February 25	1:30 PM	Hooker home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	February 26	1:00 PM	Comstock home	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	February 26	10:00 AM	Season's Retirement home*	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	February 26	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	February 27	12:30 PM		Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	February 27	7:00 PM	Crawford home	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	February 28	5:30pm	Willekes home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Supper/Dinner Club</i>	February 29	6:30 PM	Randall home	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	February 29	6:30 PM		Mary Cousins

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Temporary change

* Permanent location

MARCH CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities				
Drury Lane Music Hall	Maarch	1	2:00 PM	Ron & Joanne Millichamp
Executive Meeting	March	11	6:00 PM	Herder home Liz Read
St. Patrick's Day	March	17	Noon	Bingemans Conference Centre Irene Hiebert
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	March	18	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton* Liz Read
Lunch Bunch	March	18	12:00 PM	TBD Bonnie Lennox
Bowling Extravaganza	March	23	10:30 AM	Champ's Irene Hiebert
Clubs				
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only			Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tuesday		1:30 PM	<i>as per email</i> Ronald Flannagan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	March	2	7:00 PM	Balfour home Jim Tschirhart
Cards - <i>Bridge</i>	March	3	1:00 PM	Reid home Jeanne Reid
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	March	2/3	9:00 AM	Comstock home* Diane Comstock
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	March	4	7:00 PM	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	March	5	7:00 PM	Halk home Jim Tschirhart
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	March	6	5:30 PM	Murphy home Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	March	9	1:00 PM	Castello home Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	March	9	7:00 PM	Capper home* Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	March	10	1:30 PM	Capper home* Martin Capper
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	March	10	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling* Michelle Tschirhart
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	March	10	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex Cinemas* Theresa Spano
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	March	11	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall* Stephen Comstock
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	March	11	10:00 AM	Nelson home Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	March	11	10:00 AM	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	March	11	10:00 AM	Yardley / Crowe home* Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	March	11	7:00 PM	Capper home Jim Tschirhart
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	March	12	1:30 PM	Halk home Auriel Halliday
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	March	12	7:00 PM	Hooker home Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	March	13	5:30 PM	Petroff home Gillian Reynolds
Dining - <i>Supper/Dinner Club</i>	March	14	6:30 PM	<i>scheduled by convenor</i> Auriel Halliday
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	March	17	1:00 PM	Comstock home Lorette Shermet
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycling</i>	March	18	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton* Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	March	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall* Lorette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	March	19	10:30 AM	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	March	19	6:00 PM	TBD Lorette Shermet
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	March	23	7:00 PM	Spano home Lorette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	March	24	1:30 PM	Barnes home Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	March	25	1:00 PM	Crawford home Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	March	25	10:00 AM	Season's Retirement home* Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	March	25	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling* Michelle Tschirhart
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	March	26	12:30 PM	Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	March	26	7:00 PM	Chliszczyk home Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	March	27	5:30pm	Crawford home Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	March	28	6:30 PM	Mary Cousins

New information

Temporary change

* Permanent location

RECENT EVENTS

January Meeting



Greeters: Wayne Heath and Sandy Cannell



New members



Speaker: Bill Mann



Coffee break



50/50 winner: Zella Bonin



Lunch Bunch: Swiss Chalet



Newcomer's Meeting

by Cliff Read

On January 22nd 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 to Lorrette Shermet for arranging the venue for this meeting. As well, many members of the current Management Team were present. Pat Vogt, our Social Chair, provided details about many of the interesting social clubs. Wayne Herder, our Vice President, and Paul Crawford, our Past President, were also on hand to welcome people and share their experiences. Other team members that assisted were Ruth Gagnon (Activities), Ron Millichamp (Program), Penny McIlwaine (Membership) and David Boss (Forum/Web Editor).



Activities

Take It Easy

by Michael Boothe

On Saturday evening January 18th the Eagles Tribute Band, Take It Easy, warmed up the Mattamy Theatre at the FirstOntario Arts Centre, treating fans to two sets of many great old songs. The guitarists were exceptional as were a number of the vocalists. Several were so good, if you closed your eyes, you would think the real band was playing!

It was a terrific venue, in spite of the snow, with most people arriving at the performance tapping their feet and singing along. The band was also most accommodating by providing an encore ending with Hotel California, of course.

A big thank you to Ruth and her team for a super evening.



Halton EMS – Falls and Strokes

by Ruth Gagnon

On Tuesday, January 21st almost 50 of us attended the presentation by Paul Lamey with the Paramedical Services in Halton. He gave us an excellent presentation and we all came away having learned something. We heard about heart attacks, cardiac arrest, how and when to use a defibrillator, calling 911, seizures, EIV and falls. It is definitely something that we will do again! A shout out to Grace Anglican Church for the use of their facilities.

Learn the signs of stroke

- F**ace is it drooping?
- A**rms can you raise both?
- S**peech is it slurred or jumbled?
- T**ime to call 9-1-1 right away.

Act **FAST** because the quicker you act, the more of the person you save.

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Paint & Cocktails at Shoeless Joe's

by Ruth Gagnon

On January 28th seven of us stretched our talents at our Paint & Cocktails events. Gary was very patient with us and we all had a marvelous time and will definitely do it again. We won't become famous artists but the experience was great and dinner at Shoeless Joe's was too.



Clubs: Food and Drink

Who could ask for anything more?

by Liz Read, Correspondent

A variety of tasty nibbles and appetizers, a gathering of friends, and non-stop conversations combined to form the basic ingredients for the recent Appy Hour that took place at the Read's home. The final product was another successful and enjoyable social evening for participants. As the song goes - Who could ask for anything more?



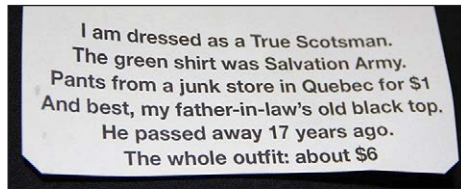
Celebrating Robbie Burns

by Auriel Halliday, Correspondent

So, what do you do when you are hosting a Nosh and it is on January 24th., the day before Robbie Burns birthday? Of course, you set the stage for another fun night with friends, Sassenachs and the odd Scot!

We were very lucky that Chris Strachan could recite the Selkirk Grace for us, and again, very lucky we had Don Evans, who is bilingual, to interpret!

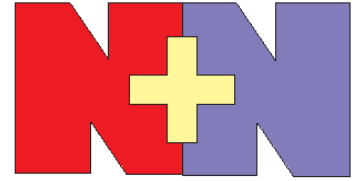
Lots of appetizers to choose from, followed by Scottish desserts, completed another fun Nosh night. Thank you to all who came and to those who couldn't....we missed you!



A New Year

by Gillian Reynolds, Convenor

Eleven people and one dog kicked the New Year off at Kathy & Bill's home. We enjoyed the conversation as well as the variety of delicious food (the dog was more interested in the food).



Celebrating 2020

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent

Our first Supper Club of 2020 was recently held at the Millichamp's. We celebrated the New Year with a champagne toast, followed by an enjoyable meal.

Many thanks to the organizers who arrange this every year.



Celebrating 2020

by Anna Strachan, Correspondent

Despite many changes to dates and the guest list, Chris and I finally had a full compliment of eight for dinner on Sunday Jan 19th. The meal was wonderful and the company first class; a great time was had by all.



SNL (Saturday Night LiveS)

by Anne Gibbard

If you didn't attend you missed out on another fun evening of SNL! This time we went to Ned Devine's where a bunch of us engaged in lively conversation. The food was really good but the discussions were even better! If you haven't signed up to be on the list for this event, make sure you do at our next meeting.

Thai House

by *Lorrette Shermet, Convenor*

In January, 32 Probians enjoyed a great meal at the Thai House. Not only did we savor the good food, we appreciated each other's company.

In February we will still be staying in town and heading to La Toscana on Main Street, stay tuned.



British Pub Night

by *Jim Tschirhart, Correspondent*

Jim and Michelle Tschirhart entertained 13 beer lovers with a night of trivia and ale on the first meeting of the Suds n Buds group for 2020. Four British ales were selected to determine how we ranked the beers compared to the thousands who rated the beers for the website <https://www.beeradvocate.com>.



According to beer experts, ales should be served between 44 and 52 Celsius. To test this, five cans of Fullers London Pride were cooled to between 42 and 44 degrees C and four cans were cooled to around 52 degrees C. The cooler cans scored an average of 73.3, while the warmer ones scored 74.9. This latter score was the highest of the night for all four beers.

After the cold/warm test, we continued with the next three beers, Boddington's Pub Ale, Abbot Ale and Bombardier Amber Ale. The table summarizes the Sud&Buds scores versus the Beer Advocate results. Seems we as a group are pretty stingy with our scores, but in the end better beers rise to the top.

Ale	Buds & Suds Score	Beer Advocate Score
London Pride 44 C	73.3	88 (Very Good)
London Pride 52C	74.9	88 (Very Good)
Boddingtons	67.2	74 (Okay)
Abbot Ale	69.6	83 Good
Bombardier Amber	74.6	85 (Very Good)

As for the Trivia, John Flynn was second with a score of 15 out of 20 and our winner was Michael Hooker, with 16! Some comments were made as they scored each others' answers, but the judges ruled that there had been no collusion.



Wines of South Africa

by Paul and Ellen Crawford, Hosts

The LCBO was featuring South African wines during the week following our tasting on January 6th. The guests were not told which area the wines came from, only that they all came from the same country and all whites were of the same varietal and all reds were of the same varietal. The evening started with a short trivia section to challenge and enhance the guests' knowledge of the history of wine-making. After each section of tasting, the guests posited which varietal they thought it was. After revealing the correct choice a short biography of the wine was given. At the conclusion of the tasting they gave an opinion on the country from which the wines originated.

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Ron Millichamp had the correct varietal for the white then talked himself out of it because of the low price point. It was a Chenin Blanc, most guessed Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc. No one got the red varietal correct. It was a Syrah (Shiraz), which are the same grape where Shiraz is grown in areas with hotter summers.

A number of guests had South Africa as the correct origin of the wines.

The top red wine of the evening was a 2017 Cathedral Cellar Shiraz by KWV, with a score of 14.5. \$15.95, LCBO # 561142.

The top white was Robertson Wineries Chenin Blanc, Scoring 13.83. \$9.45, LCBO # 495507.



More wines of South Africa

by Mary and Russ Cousins, Hosts

Interestingly we also chose South African wines. LCBO featured their wines and using the South African list of best wines, we matched those on the list with those available at the LCBO. No scores were recorded.

The best white was BOSCHENDAL 1685 Chardonnay, \$15.95, LCBO #367698. Boschendal began making wines in 1685, a testament to South Africa's rich viticultural heritage. This is a striking wine that over delivers at this price. It's bold and impressive, with forward ripe tropical fruit, lemon citrus and oak spice, and remains buttery and complex through to the finish. It will be great with grilled or roasted chicken.

The best red was Nederburg The Winemaster's Shiraz, \$13.95, LCBO #527457. This wine has a deep violet ruby colour; smokey, plum, berry, leather and spice aromas; and a medium to full body with rich dark berry flavours and a long finish.



Wine Snobs Beware

by Gillian and Bryan Reynolds, Hosts

On Wednesday January 8th, ten enthusiastic wine tasters had a fun evening comparing wines produced from single grapes or blends, from hot and cold climates, and at various price points. There were some surprising results.

Megalomaniac Narcissist Riesling was the top scoring white with a score of 14.4. \$18.95, LCBO #67587. This is surprising because cheap usually trumps expensive, but in this case, this was the most expensive white.

The reds were all Cabernet/Merlot blends at different prices, from hot and cold countries. The winner was Gothic Dark made at Milton's Vin Bon store, a Cab/Merlot/Syrah blend at \$6.25, which scored 15.3.

Conclusion: Sometimes it's worth paying a bit more to get a good Ontario wine, and sometimes wine snobs might also enjoy homemade wine!

No one guessed the theme, which was understandable. In fact I think the guests came away confused, and not because of age or inebriation.

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Whiskey 2020

by Chris Strachan, Convenor

The January Meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Marion and Keith Flowers. Keith selected five whiskeys for our tasting pleasure. Due to previous commitments, only six D'Stillers attended this meeting so the Flowers had their son, Steven, another whiskey lover, join us for the evening. The whiskeys were rated as follows:



There was a tie for first place between 'Balvenie Double Wood' and 'Chivas Regal' with a score of 71.4%.

Balvenie Double Wood is a 12 yr old single malt at a cost of \$99.95 and an Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of 40%. This whiskey has been a winner at the D'Stillers tasting on three previous occasions (2016, 2017 and now 2020), quite an accomplishment.

Chivas Regal is a blended whiskey at a cost of \$55.45 and an ABV of 40%. Another great whiskey, it was number one in 2015, second in 2016 and now tied for first place this month. This whiskey was Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack's favourite.

Second place was 'Ballantines', a blended whiskey with a Score of 68%, an ABV of 40% and a cost of \$28.75. One of the oldest whiskey companies in Scotland, Ballantines is blended from 50 different single malts and four different grain whiskeys.

Third was 'Bushmills'. This is a blended Irish whiskey with a score of 65.4%, an ABV of 40% and a cost of \$33.95. Bushmills is Ireland's oldest working distillery. The original licence to distil was granted by King James in 1608, hence the date on the label.

Last but not least was 'Glengoyne' 10 year old single malt with a score of 62.2%, an ABV of 43% and a cost of \$64.95. Although this whiskey was last, as I have often said the water of life is very subjective to one's own taste and opinion. Interestingly enough, the scoring on this whiskey ranged from a low of 53% to a high of 70%.

Thanks to Marion for all the goodies, enjoyed by everyone at the end of the evening. Thanks also to the DD's for the safe drive home.

The February 5th Meeting will be held at the home of Lorrette and Pete Shermet.



Clubs: Books and Hobbies

The Rosie Project

by Sandy Cannell, Correspondent

The Rosie Project is a 2013 Australian novel that marked the debut of Australian novelist Graeme Simsion. The novel centres on genetics professor Don Tillman, who struggles to have a serious relationship with women. With a friend's help he devises a questionnaire to assess the suitability of female partners. His plans are set off course when he meets Rosie, who does not fit many of Tillman's criteria, but becomes a big part of his life. Don is somewhere on the autism spectrum and just as clearly oblivious about it. "Humans often fail to see what is close to them and obvious to others". The Rosie Project is a reflection on our need for companionship and identity.



Critical reception for The Rosie Project was mostly positive and the book was a bestseller in many countries. There was a wide variety of opinions in our group with some really enjoying the book, some thinking it was OK and some not enjoying it at all.

A sequel, The Rosie Effect, was released in 2014 and the final book in the trilogy, The Rosie Result, in 2019.

The Back of the Turtle

by Catherine Parr, Correspondent

January's book selection, The Back of the Turtle, met a less than enthusiastic response from all members of our club. Only three of our voracious and committed members managed to read the book to its completion.



Summary (paraphrased from Wikipedia because I too didn't finish reading the book):

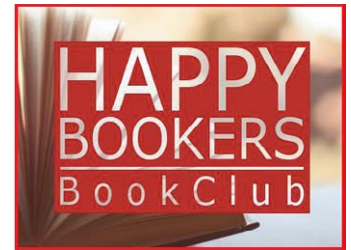
The novel's central character is Gabriel Quinn, a successful scientist of First Nations descent working for Domidion, a multinational chemical company based in Toronto. Gabriel returns to Samaritan Bay and Smoke River, an Indian reserve in British Columbia, distraught over his role in the community's destruction. GreenSweep, the defoliant product he helped to develop for Domidion, destroyed the local environment and killed or drove away the community's residents. Gabriel is drawn into a journey of spiritual redemption after jumping into the Pacific Ocean to save a group of people from drowning while he is trying to drown himself. While in Samaritan Bay, he meets Mara, a young woman who lost her family in "The Ruin" that Gabriel helped to create. Gabriel meets the few people remaining in the folk-tale-like ghost town, while back in Toronto, the uncaring Domidion CEO Dorian Asher is drawn into a media frenzy as the company is implicated in another unfolding environmental disaster in the Athabasca Oil Sands.

This novel by Thomas King won the Governor General's Award for English-language fiction. We all questioned, "Why"? Although the topic and setting were intriguing, the development of the story was ambiguous and confusing. The story jumped around to the point where most of us soon put the book down and did not continue to read. This disappointing book is unanimously not recommended.

Educated

by Judy Wallace, Convenor

Educated is a true story. Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists, she grew up learning how to stew herbs into medicine, scavenging in the family scrapyard and helping her family prepare for the apocalypse. She had no birth certificate and no medical records and had never been enrolled in school. Little by little, Tara developed her own coping mechanisms and realized her family's way of life didn't have to be her only education. She taught herself math, grammar and science and was admitted to Brigham Young University. Knowledge transformed her; she eventually went to Harvard and Cambridge universities and obtained a PhD in history and politics. An amazing story and truly inspiring.



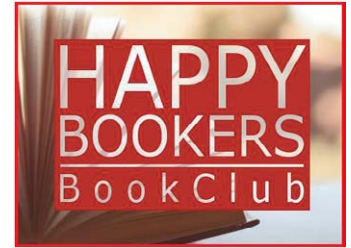
By Chance Alone

by Judy Wallace, Convenor

By Chance Alone is another remarkable true story of courage and survival. But it is not the story of an individual life, it is the story of the millions whose story could not be written. Tiber "Max" Eisen and his family were forcefully taken from their homes and deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in the spring of 1944. This was during the Holocaust's final phase, which targeted 800,000 Jews living within the wartime borders of Hungary. At 15 years of age, Eisen survived the selection process and was inducted into the camp as a slave labourer.

"May God bless you and safeguard you. May He be gracious unto you. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace." These were the last words his father, standing behind the barbed wire, shared with him before they were parted. Max survived transport by cattle cars for days without food or water; selection and the hardship of slave labour, the death of his entire family; transfer to worse camps; liberation; communist prison; and his escape to the west. He survived because more than once on his way he met people who wanted to help.

Max wrote this book years after to fulfill his father's final wish: "TELL THE WORLD WHAT HAPPENED HERE", and he has spent the last 22 years of his life educating others about the Holocaust all around the world.



Mozart meets Wagner

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

This meeting could never in reality have taken place since Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died long before Richard Wagner was born. However, some of our Mozart and Friends members did the next best thing: we viewed and listened to sections of two of Wagner's best-known operas – "The Valkyrie" and "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg", both on video from New York's Metropolitan Opera House. "The Valkyrie" opens with the tremendously stirring "Ride of the Valkyries"; if you saw the movie "Apocalypse Now", this was the piece played as the U.S. helicopter cavalry attacked the Viet Cong village.

Wagner's operas are huge, most between four and five hours long, and (as Wagner virtually re-wrote the rules on opera form and music) can present listeners with challenges just to understand what's going on! However, each of our two slices was around an hour long, and we all ended up enjoying the experience.



A Gentleman in Moscow

by Margaret Anne Fehr Correspondent

Trilogy book club's first selection for 2020 was *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Thanks to Linda Green for hosting.

A Gentleman in Moscow is the story of Count Rostov, a Russian aristocrat who in 1922 is tried before a Bolshevik tribunal for a poem he wrote that the newly founded regime deemed subversive. He is found guilty and sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin, which is an actual Moscow building.

Count Rostov is assigned to an attic in the hotel with a window the size of a 'chessboard' and must cram his furniture, belongings and life into a small room as he adjusts to a lowly status.

The story traces 40 years of his life and his witnessing how the Bolshevik Revolution changed the country and the historic figures, including Stalin and Khrushchev, that left their stamp on the people and its future.

We also see the inner resolve of Count Rostov who adjusts to his situation and how the world comes to him. Even though he spends his life within the confines of the hotel, he remains open to the quasi-family of the hotel staff as well as developing relationships with hotel guests, including world journalists, high-ranking Communist party officials and theatre folk, in particular a 'willowy' actress who becomes a romantic liaison. As well, he becomes a proxy father to young Sofia at the request of Nina, her mother, to care for her.

Our discussion revolved around the historic accuracies that the author got right and how the story revealed a great deal about the course of the Soviet Union but also the effects that it had on its people.

We were all impressed with the quality of Towles' writing. It's a long book but it flows effortlessly and it's filled with wonderful scenes of life within the hotel, how Count Rostov reveals what it means to be a 'gentleman', and whether that ideal belongs to a by-gone age.

Overall, our collective vote ranged from 7 to 10 and is a definite recommendation to other book clubs and readers in general. On Wednesday, February 12th, Margaret Fehr will be hosting our next choice, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.



Round Robin Border Three

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

Six Piecemakers gathered at Wendy Stringer's home on Thursday Jan. 9th to swap our round robin blocks and discuss the new tools we received at Christmas. We oohed and ahhed over the added borders on the round robin blocks. We all admired Carol Ann's finished quilt top using the red sashing. Now she will be off to the long-armers for quilting. Diane showed her Nativity wall hanging that she completed just in time to put on her door for Christmas day.



We discussed dates for our planned two-day retreat where we will get together in order to quilt our round robin creations. It was decided that it will be on March 2nd and 3rd from 9-5 each day. The location will be at Diane's condo in the party room.



Quilting Terms of the Month:

Long Arm Quilting – An extremely large sewing machine with a long arm that is used to sew together all three layers of the quilt, resulting in a finished quilt. It allows a quilter to use their free-motion skills, so they can move the quilt in many different directions.

Quilt Retreat – A retreat is a place of refuge, seclusion, or privacy. A quilt retreat provides space and uninterrupted time for quilters to work on their projects plus time to relax and have fun with family and friends.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 4th at Diane Comstock's home. Anyone interested in quilting, come join us.

Clubs: Games and Sports

Sequence

by Stephen Comstock, Convenor

Eight of us attended on January 8th to play board games. The game of the day was Sequence. We had two tables of four players each. Lots of fun was had by all. Come on out and join us on February 12th.



A Great Afternoon

by Jeanne Reid, Convenor



Our monthly bridge game was held at the home of Fiona Christie on Jan. 7th. Three tables (12 players) competed in the auction.

With good cards, great eats and happy people it was a great afternoon.

Jeanne Reid came first, Bonnie Lennox second and Wayne Heath got his money back. We are looking forward to Feb. 4th bridge at the Crawfords and March 3rd bridge at the home of Jeanne Reid.



Four Strikes in a Row!

by Michelle Tschirhart, Convenor

Nine eager Probianas got together on January 14th for both the first bowl of 2020, and the first Tuesday bowl of the year.

Two games were bowled as per usual, but to the surprise of everyone, but mostly the convenor herself, Michelle bowled four strikes in a row!

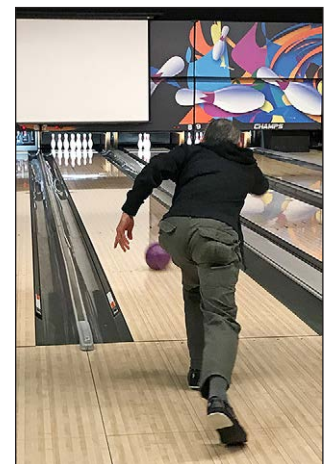
This feat had only happened once to the best of my knowledge, when Ruth pulled off her four-bagger, as that is the term used for more than three strikes!

All had a good time!

First Timer Double Strike

by Michelle Tschirhart, Convenor

Twelve excited bowlers got together on the 29th for the first Wednesday bowl of the year. One of the first-timers (Peter Lasota) got a double strike!!



Playing With Their Marbles

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

Twenty “Jokers” descended on Grace hall on Wednesday, January 22nd to play with their marbles. After four rounds of play, Avril outshone us all with four wins. I was one of four who tried their best, but obviously was not fortunate enough to have Avril as a partner. The greatest move of the day was by Harold and resulted in four marbles being moved as follows:

1. Harold advanced his marble to take his partner’s (Stephen’s) marble.
2. This moved Stephen’s marble to outside his home where another of Harold’s marbles was sitting.
3. This moved Harold’s marble to outside his home where an opponent’s (Diane’s) marble was sitting.
4. This put Diane’s marble back to start.



Clubs: Travel

Wanderlust Visits the Canadian Arctic

by Gloria Pennycook, Correspondent

The Wanderlust Travel Club met again this month at the home of Gloria Pennycook and Bob Findlay to view their pictures of the Canadian Arctic. The expedition cruise took them from Kugluktuk (Coppermine), about a four hour flight north of Calgary, through the Northwest passage, to Devon Island, Ellesmere Island and finally Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. Trivia question: What is Canada's second largest island after Baffin Island? Victoria Island!! The ship, Ocean Endeavour, stopped many times along the way on uninhabited islands and fjords for hiking, as well as at several Inuit communities. Grise Fjord is the most northern town in Canada where Inuit from Quebec were relocated to in the fifties... a very sad part of Canada's history of colonization. Along with amazing scenery, icebergs, glacier fields, polar bears, and beluga whales, the ship was the very first tourist ship to be able to visit the site of the HMS Erebus, one of Franklin's exploration ships abandoned in 1848 and discovered in 2014. It is an active archaeological site with artifacts being brought up by divers.

If climate change is ever in doubt, just visit the north to see the receding glacier fields.

So far the Wanderlust group has travelled to places around the world through people's wonderful photos. Next trip is to Alaska with Michael Hooker hosting. If you are interested in joining Wanderlust, please sign up at the next PROBUS meeting.



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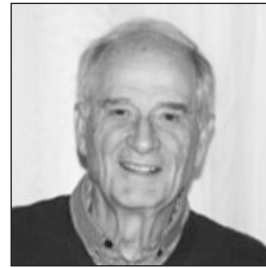
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