

FORUM



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President's Message:

Thinking in new ways



I'm happy to announce our August meeting with guest speaker Chris Vollum ran smoothly. If you missed his talk on the implications of social media, there is a link to a recording provided in the report on page 4. We had fun with a most creative face mask contest to kick off our meeting. Ruth Gagnon, our activities chair, is arranging a "name yourself" contest for our September Zoom meeting.

A poll held during our meeting asked members if they would be comfortable getting together as long as we're socially distanced and in a group of 50 or less. The overwhelming consensus was that we would like to meet in person and not just online. Our next management meeting occurs on

Sept. 9, and one of the items on our agenda will be checking into how we might be able to facilitate this. Thanks to COVID-19, we find ourselves having to think in new ways.

This time, as summer winds down and it's harvest time, is always my favourite time of year. I hope you all enjoy the cooler weather coming soon.

Take care,
— Liz Read

Management replacements

At our August management meeting it was decided to restart the process to replace management positions that are scheduled to turn over with a view to having the new slate ready for January handoff of duties. Yes Covid has totally affected how we operate as a club but the heart beat is still there and we need to move ahead. To that end we are looking for four new members to join the management team to replace Jenny (secretary), Pat (social chair), Ron (program chair), and a new female vice-president to replace Wayne who moves up to President, Liz to Past President and I leave the management team. Our search committee is comprised of Liz, Wayne, Martin, Lorraine and me.

If you are interested in finding out about one of the upcoming vacancies, please either contact the outgoing person for some history or you can approach any member of the search committee. If you want to nominate a member for consideration please let me or one of the search committee know. There is lots of talent out there so don't be shy about offering yours to help our club continue to thrive.

— Paul Crawford, Past President

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ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 17^h – Photo Scavenger Hunt

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Come on out and join your Escarpment PROBUS members for a little fun! We will be meeting at 2 p.m. at Rotary Park to check in and start your Photo Scavenger Hunt. Whether you go “hunting” by yourself, with someone in your “bubble” or make a team, come on out and see a few friendly faces. See what you can accomplish in two hours!! Remember to practice social distancing and bring a mask with you! Kelly and I will be waiting for you in Rotary Park to see what you accomplished!! Bring along a lawn chair to hang out for a bit after. Please email us to let us know you are coming and if you are “hunting” on your own, in a “bubble” or “team” – kmground@gmail.com and gagnonruth@gmail.com. Rain date will be Friday, September 18th. If this is successful we will plan another one in October!

MEETING: SEPTEMBER

We will be holding our next Zoom General Meeting on September 16 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will include a guest speaker (see below). You will receive a link to the registration form in an email in early August.

Habitat for Humanity



Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga’s Director of Communications, Julie Svensson Watt, brings to the organization over 30 years of varied experience, including 10 years as an assistant bank manager; 8 years volunteering for the Girl Guides of Canada, serving at both the local and provincial levels; and 20 years in broadcast media as associate director, where the many and varied projects saw her working with the likes of William Shatner and Rick Mercer, and covering such sporting events as Rogers Cup Tennis and two Olympic games.

In 2015, Habitat for Humanity lured her away from the media business. Her experience in the business finance, volunteer management, and broadcast media worlds have served her well in her commitment to Habitat’s mission and social impact.

IT’S ALL IN THE NAME!

By Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

At our August Probus Zoom Meeting, we had fun wearing different masks. The winners were Jenny O’Brien and Penny McIlwaine. They were each given a \$20 Ultimate Dining Card.

For our September Probus Zoom Meeting, let’s change our names! That is sure to confuse a few of us but it’s only temporary. When you enter the Zoom Meeting, go into your picture square. At the top right corner there are three little dots and if you click on it, you will see “rename” in the drop down menu. Put in a creative name that will make us laugh or even bring back a memory or tell us about something special that has happened to you during COVID!! Once I have selected the two winners, you can revert back to your real name!

There will be a prize for the best two decided by “yours truly” and of course, I will deliver it to you (Milton residents) or we can arrange to pick up.

In order to become familiar with the Zoom program, please check out the new Zoom page on our website at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

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	pauellencrawford@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	pauellencrawford@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
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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	chriswillekes@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
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Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauellencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - <i>Saturday Night Lives</i>	1st Sat. - 6 pm	Anna Strachan	905-878-0812	annastrachan1945@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 Fri. - 5:30 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>	TBA	TBA		
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	strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	1st Mon. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
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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			

A reminder as we start meeting again in our social clubs: People who aren't strictly following COVID restrictions for wearing masks and staying 2 metres apart from others not in their bubble should be upfront in their interactions with club members, and realize that this will affect willingness of people to meet with them. And those who feel they could be caught in compromising situations must make decisions that are best for them as to whether they feel comfortable attending events. Let's stay safe together!

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 Lorrette Shermet know and she will gladly send a greeting card (contact lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293).

RECENT EVENTS

August Meeting

Our August speaker, Chris Vollum, made some very important observations about the use of social media and its implications for young people. Most of us do not have much knowledge of TikTok, Twitch and Snapchat though we are aware of Facebook. What young people decide to post follows them throughout their lives and Chris gave us ways to open a conversation about this with our grandkids. Here's the link to the recording of our August meeting.

[Escarpment PROBUS Zoom General Meeting August 2020](#)

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What you put on social media is how
people see you in the world

Clubs: Books, Hobbies, Games

Mozart and Friends go Hawaiian

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

We are continuing with our Zoom musical get-togethers twice a month; only a few signing in, but those who do are enjoying the varied musical offerings.

Our first for August was Hawaiian music, certainly not classical, but good Hawaiian music – mostly songs and chants in the Hawaiian language – Keali'i Reichel's CDs "Kawaipunehele" and "Lei Haili'a", and music used in the film "The Descendants", starring George Clooney.

Last Wednesday our Zoom session was "A Medley of Melodious Mozart"; ten short pieces to show the variety of Mozart's music. The final piece was part of his Requiem Mass, the last thing he wrote, and not completed when he died. Those of you who saw the movie or the play "Amadeus" will remember the deadly hatred of Mozart's musical rival in Vienna, Salieri, and how Salieri (in disguise) commissioned the Requiem, and succeeded in working Mozart to death (at 35 years of age). There was a rumour to this effect going around Vienna after Mozart's death, but there was no truth to it. In fact, Salieri was often a strong supporter of Mozart's works, and later in life was a renowned teacher of several famous composers, including Beethoven, Schubert and Liszt. The Requiem was finally completed by Franz Sussmayr (a pupil / colleague of Mozart). It was actually commissioned (anonymously) by Count Franz Walsegg-Stuppach in memory of his dead wife; known as an amateur composer the Count liked to commission musical works from others and present them as his own! I've listened to a few of Salieri's musical works, and these suggest that he was an extremely competent and inventive composer, head and shoulders above most of his contemporaries.



Quilt Challenge

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

Our August Piece Maker's meeting was delayed by a day, and was attended by four members, hosted by Wendy. Judy liked the hexagon pillow design so much that she made another in blue. She said that they are a great stash buster and go together fast and easy. Carol Ann finished her strip quilt by quilting it with a spider web formation. She also brought a Christmas wall hanging, quilted using free motion to outline the animals. She plans to gift this to her niece. Diane brought the first of many temperature quilt blocks that she is making for each of her grandkids, stars for her grandson and fans for her granddaughter. After the show and tell portion of the meeting, we discussed several possibilities for our next quilt challenge. We decided on a BOM placemat project using an Ice Crystal quilt pattern that can be created using templates or paper piecing.



Quilting Terms of the Month:

BOM – Block of the Month

Stash Buster – Completing craft projects with the deliberate intention of reducing your stock of materials.

Temperature quilt – A quilt made from a range of colours. The colours are assigned to temperature ranges, and the blocks or pieces are made with the colours that correspond to the weather of that day or week. Some use the average temperature for the day and others use the low and high temperatures.

Carol Ann offered her backyard as the venue for our meeting on Sept. 1st. For this meeting, each member is tasked with deciding on their colour and fabric choices for the BOM challenge. We will discuss possible border patterns at the meeting and review the first block pattern. For those members that have limited stashes, Diane will bring the group fabric bin for you to shop.

Anyone interested in quilting, consider joining the group.



Early Lead Pays Off

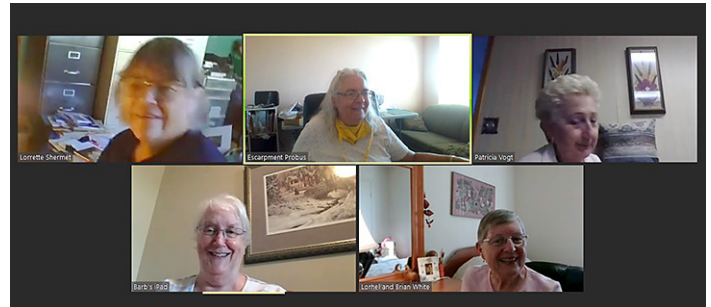
by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

Five members of the BeeGees played Farkle on August 12th via Zoom. Pat, Lorrette, and Barb opened on the first round with Pat taking the early lead scoring 1500 points. Lorrette, Lorhel, Diane, and Barb tried to make the game close by capitalizing on each other's points with scores of 1750, 1900, 2050, and 2150 respectively. It was not enough, however, as Pat held onto her initial lead to win the game with a score of 10150.



People were busy or away so we cancelled the Yahtzee game.

I will host a Yahtzee game on the 3rd Tuesday (Sept. 15th) and if people want I can host a Farkle game on the 4th Wednesday (Sept. 23rd). Let me know if you are interested in one or both days.



English...The Lunacy of the Language

submitted by Ron Millichamp

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Road signs worth slowing down for

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

Whether they are intentionally trying to be funny or not, seeing a hilarious street sign or road marker out of the blue is priceless. There's just something wonderful about finding humour where you least expect it, so enjoy this collection of funny street signs from around the world.

Whether they proudly proclaim the name of a ridiculous-sounding city, or are the result of a signmaker's epic failure on the job, these road markers are sure to put a grin or grimace on your face.



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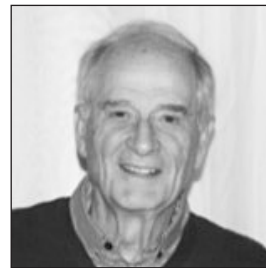
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Membership

In the past few weeks I've received several calls and emails from Probians concerned about their membership status. During the summer we would normally be collecting dues for upcoming year however this year is different! The membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. The Management Committee has decided to defer collection of dues until we are able to meet in person again at which time dues will be pro-rated.

In these circumstances we are all members in good standing until the call for collection of dues rolls around. If you miss the notification of dues owing I will follow up with you; you will not be dropped off the membership list inadvertently.

I trust this will reassure all of you. Remember to keep safe and keep in touch. If you have any questions please email me at pennymcilw@gmail.com.

Penny McIlwaine, Membership Chair

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This newsletter is published monthly in PDF format. If you know someone who you feel might be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club, please forward this publication with our compliments.

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