

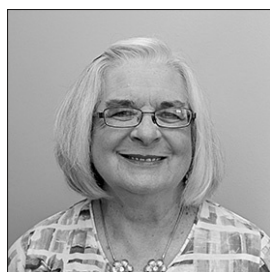
FORUM

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President's Message:

Introducing the New Team



Another year of Zoom meetings and activities has gone by under the expert leadership of Liz Read and Wayne Herder. I hope that I can follow in their footsteps and help keep this wonderful club vibrant with the assistance of the management team. I welcome Russ Cousins as our new VP who brings prior VP/president experience to the table. Dawn Ross has stepped into the Membership Chair role with enthusiasm and she has already welcomed three new members to Escarpment PROBUS. Deb Harrold has expertly taken over the reins of Treasurer. Peter Lasota, a familiar name to some, is once again at the helm of our FORUM newsletter.

Remaining on the management team for a second year is our Secretary, Barb Campbell, who keeps our records in order, Chris Wallhouse our Program Chair responsible for our varied speakers, Marg Jones our Social Chair who is currently working with her team arranging - wait for it - a Christmas Luncheon. Last but definitely not least is Ruth Gagnon our Activity Chair, who with her team, has discarded zoom and is providing us with an amazing variety of in-person activities (in keeping with health directives).

Wayne Herder now takes on the role of Past President, whose mandate is to find members willing to take on management positions for the year 2022-2023. Consider bringing your experience to the management table.

In addition to our management team, this club would not function without our social club convenors, who have strived to keep their members engaged throughout this crazy year, and, of course, you the members who continue to participate in the club's activities and promote friendships.

Looking forward to the upcoming year, where hopefully we will meet more in person and less on zoom.

-- Diane Comstock

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Membership Update

by Dawn Ross, Membership Chair

As of September 24, 2021 we have 246 members, of which 217 have renewed and paid their membership fees.

I would like to welcome 3 new members, Mavis and Verne O'Neil, and Sharon White. We look forward to meeting you in person some day soon.

If you hadn't paid by Oct 1, 2021 you would have received an email reminding you that your renewal is past due. Some members have experienced challenges working through the renewal process. If you need technical help, please reach out to a member of our technical support group [see last page].

We currently have 15 people on our wait list. If you are not planning to renew your membership please email Dawn Ross Membership Chair at sdawnross55@gmail.com of your intentions so we can invite some more people on the wait list.

Photo of the Month

This month we have Chipmunk Awaiting His Bath, a photo by Gillian Reynolds.

Send your photos to peterlasota@gmail.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES



Fallin' Leaves

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Autumn is such a beautiful colourful season with cooler weather arriving and while we are still planning lots of activities, we will be moving to having some indoors! We have a lot of fun – and some different – things planned so be sure to participate! Please note that NEW activities announced in the Forum will only be open for registration the day after the General Meeting

Check out the article on the Victoria Square Historical Walk! We also had the perfect weather for our Adventure Village Mini Putt. Are any of the winners sporting their new sock? Check out Kelly's article!

Our first Play Day was simply great! I had the email drafted to cancel the event but the weather held out. It was certainly nice to hear all the laughter! Check out more of the fun we had in the article below.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joanne Millichamp for her involvement with the Activities Committee over the past two years and five months! I appreciate you! I would also like to welcome Jenny O'Brien to the team! To the rest of the team, thanks for sticking with me!

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

Andrews Farm & Winery – Tuesday, October 5th at 3 pm

Convenors: Dawn Ross & Ruth Gagnon

Andrews Farm is 165 acres of beautiful escarpment countryside. Come and join us for a Wagon Ride followed by sampling the farm's wine and cheese. The cost for this event is \$30/member and is **limited to 30 members**. You will be given an opportunity to purchase their wine and check out their bakery! You will also be able to pick some raspberries, pumpkins and grapes! Cost for whatever you pick is based on per pound. Andrews Farm & Winery is located at 9365 10 Side Road in Milton. Register and pay via Wild Apricot!

Activities Committee
Members:

Ruth Gagnon
Anne Gibbard
Kelly Ground
Irene Hiebert
Ron Millichamp
Jenny O'Brien
Dawn Ross

Scams Presentation by the Halton Regional Police – Monday, October 18th at 10 am

Convenors: Dawn Ross, Ron Millichamp & Ruth Gagnon

Join us for an eye opening presentation on Cyber Safety. Two of Halton's Regional Police will be sharing what the police are seeing and how to deal with various SCAMS and Cyber Security Tips. Both officers are Older Adult Abuse Investigators and also deal in financial crime and with vulnerable persons.



Here is an excerpt from their website on what we will be hearing about:

The internet and social media have become permanent fixtures in our lives. While no online security system is perfect, the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) has developed some simple tips and steps you can take to protect you, and your information, while online.

Criminals are inventive and adapt their methods in order to identify potential victims and access their personal information. Most online criminals are scammers trying to trick people into giving them money or account access.

Many of the current frauds and scams including on-line relationships, banking tips and on-line shopping will be discussed.

There are a number of simple steps that you can take to help protect you and your loved ones from various cybercrimes.

We will be hearing a wide range of tips from Smart Social Media Practices, Wi-Fi Security, Online Safety for Children, Secure Computers and much more! The presentation will be held at the Grace Anglican Church on Monday, October 18th at 10 am. The cost for this event is \$5/member. We will be heading to Turtle Jack's for lunch following the session.

iPhone – Hints, Hacks and How Tos - Tuesday, October 26th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Learn how to get the most out of your Apple iPhone. We'll look at how to effectively use SIRI and how to take even better pictures and keep them organized for easy retrieval.

As with most technology, as the saying goes, 'if you don't use it, you'll lose it', so come out (again) and review, practice or just learn some new tricks.

We have increased the limit for this event to 30 and beyond this number is the wait-list. Register on Wild Apricot to hold your spot! The cost for this event is \$2/member at the door. Please have the exact amount, change will not be available. The presentation will be held at the Grace Anglican Church.

Please note that the tips and tricks work better with iPhone 6 and above and is for Apple products only.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kelly at kmground@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Birds of Prey Photography Session & Lunch at the Beach House (Port Dover) – Wednesday, November 3rd at 10:30 am in Port Dover

Convenor: *Cliff Read*

Calling all photographers and wanna be photographers! Have you ever wanted an opportunity to photograph Birds of Prey up close and personal? Take advantage of this opportunity! We are organizing an excursion to Port Dover on November 3rd to visit the Canadian Raptor Conservancy. Cliff Read has graciously offered to organize this event for us!



The two hour morning session allows you to see and photograph 10 different birds of prey - 6 flying birds and 4 static birds. Please note that group size is limited to 12 people with a minimum of 10 participants for the trip to go ahead. Our group is being led by Marcel Painchaud an award winning Oakville photographer. Variable weather conditions can contribute to some unique photo shots so rain or shine we are going!

The cost for this unique photographic experience is \$60.00. Please register and pay using Wild Apricot. Payment is required no later than October 22nd. Payment is required to hold your spot!

Plans are also under way to incorporate a delicious lunchtime meal of yellow perch at the well-known Beach House Restaurant if you so choose. Details about cost and options regarding the meal will be sent to participants at a later time.

Please note that it usually takes about an hour and a half to drive to Port Dover and all participants will be responsible for arranging their own transportation.

Muse Studio & Market (Craft Workshop) – Tuesday, November 09, 2021, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Convenor: *Kelly Ground*

This event is full, but we will get another date if we have enough interest so make sure you go on the wait-list. Join us for a Muse DIY Workshop! In time for the holidays! Make a sign for yourself or as a gift. Many options are available!



Cost is \$45 for a 12 x 12 wooden sign board (extra costs for larger signs which you would pay for on-site). If you need more information, please reach out to Kelly. Once you have registered on Wild Apricot you will be provided with the registration form for Muse. Muse Studio & Market is located at 207 Main Street in Milton.

You need to let Kelly know your choice of what craft you are going to do by October 15th. Check out this link (on Pinterest) for more ideas. Choose one of their ideas or come with your favourite saying - <https://pin.it/b7hvr6koawnjzd>

Here are some random ideas to think about!



Murders Tastefully Executed - Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:00 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Come on out and see who is the murderer amongst us! Murders Tastefully Executed is Niagara's Premier Interactive Dinner Theatre. This is a participatory interactive dinner with pre-set dinner options at The Grand Chalet. The Grand Chalet is located at 324 Steeles Avenue East. The cost for the dinner theatre is \$76/person and is **limited to 43 members**.



The dinner options are reflected below and selected using Wild Apricot:

- Fresh Baked Breads
- Choice of Appetizer: Fresh Baby Spinach Salad or Soup of the Day
- Main Course Choice of: Veal Scallopine, Chicken Parmigiana, Agnollotti Rose or Fillet of Salmon
- Dessert Choice of: N.Y. Cheesecake or Chocolate Tartufo
- Coffee or Tea

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Escape Rooms at Champs – Tuesday, December 7th at 2:00 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

How good are you? Can you solve the puzzles within the allotted time? Join us and find out! Join us for a social time of drinks and a bite afterwards! Be creative! Put your thinking caps on! Think outside the box! Get busy! Themed rooms available to play are the Wizarding World and Tomb Raiders.



Champs is located at 300 Bronte Street South.

Please contact Kelly at kmground@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NEW! Christmas Table Centerpiece – Thursday, December 9th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Yes, I said that magical word – Christmas! It's not too soon to think about your Christmas table and do your own stunning centerpiece! Join us at Crawfords Garden Centre to make your own unique design. The cost is \$36/member and you will be able to add in different things at your cost (if you wish) or you can bring your own add ins. This event is limited to 15 members. Crawfords Garden Centre is located at 8689 #5 Sideroad, Milton. It's time to get into the Christmas spirit!



Please note that any activity we plan will adhere to any provincial guidelines and restrictions due to COVID.

MEETING: OCTOBER



How to keep your digital information safe

Steve Chapelle has been providing information privacy and security education to Canadian organizations since 2006. Prior to that he spent over 20 years in information technology management, analysis and customer service, primarily in the financial services sector. Information management experience has included security, availability and disaster recovery planning. He is also an instructor and developer at the Udemy and Skillshare online course platforms, and has written a book about the Spanish Flu pandemic, 'No Decision: The 1919 Stanley Cup Final', available at Amazon.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | CONVENOR |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| Activities | | | | |
| Andrews Farm & Winery | October 5 | 3:00 PM | 9365 10 Side Rd, Milton | Dawn Ross & Ruth Gagnon |
| Executive Meeting | October 13 | 7:00 PM | Zoom | Diane Comstock |
| Scams Presentation by the Halton Regional Police | October 18 | 10:00 AM | Grace Anglican Church | Dawn Ross, Ron Millichamp & Ruth Gagnon |
| Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting | October 20 | 9:30 AM | Zoom | Diane Comstock |
| iPhone – Hints, Hacks and How Tos | October 26 | 10:30 AM | Grace Anglican Church | Kelly Ground |
| Clubs | | | | |
| Probus Info Exchange - PIE | Online only | | | Cliff Read |
| Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i> | October 6 | 7:00 PM | Shermet home | Chris Strachan |
| Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i> | October 7 | 2:00 PM | Zoom | Michael Hooker |
| Saturday Night Lives | October 2 | 6:00 PM | Shoeless Joe's | Anna Strachan |
| Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i> | October 15 | 1:00 PM | Currie home | Diane Comstock |
| Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i> | October 11 | 7:00 PM | Capper home* | Martin Capper |
| Board Games (Yahtzee) - <i>Bee Gees</i> | October 12 | 10:00 AM | Zoom | Diane Comstock |
| Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i> | October 21 | 10:30 AM | Finnie home | Christine Willekes |
| Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i> | October 21 | 2:00 PM | Zoom | Michael Hooker |
| Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i> | October 21 | 6:00 PM | TBA | Lorette Shermet |
| Friendship Club | October 27 | 10:00 AM | Zoom | Judy Krauss |
| Board Games (Farkle) - <i>Bee Gees</i> | October 27 | 1:00 PM | Zoom | Diane Comstock |
| Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i> | October 28 | 7:00 PM | Zoom | Pete Shermet |

New information

Temporary change

* Permanent location

RECENT EVENTS

September Meeting

Our September Zoom General Meeting was held on September 15th . Here's the link to the recording of the meeting and guest speaker George Sanford, who regaled us with "The Sensual World of the Seasons" including images and music. Our world in all of its glory. Click the link below to see the video:

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Mini Golf

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

Well we did it again in an afternoon of sunshine, we managed to squeeze another fun-filled activity in between rainstorms!

Twenty-four enthusiastic and competitive mini putters met at Adventure Village in Hamilton. The course educated us around some southern Ontario history as we went, each hole representing a geographical landmark or a historical event.

As challenging as the course was, holes in one were plentiful with eleven being made in all!

Prizes were awarded to the two "Best Golfers" Martin Capper and Ted Chliszczyk. The "Most Honest Golfer" Norma Capper, and four winners were chosen randomly from the eleven who achieved a hole-in-one; those winners were Steve Walsh, Nancy Lee, Frank Dawe and Ellen Wallhouse. Honourable mention to the other golfers who achieved a hole-in-one but did not go home with a prize: Chris Wallhouse, Martin Capper, Michelle Tschirhart, and Fred and Kelly Ground.

Seventeen of the golfers went to the 19th hole (Kelsey's in Milton) and had a delicious lunch that finished off another enjoyable activity.



Play Day - A Blast From The Past

by Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon – Activities Committee

A good old-fashioned play day helped many of us remember our youthful days in elementary school when we trooped around the field playing different games, and being rewarded for our successes. Twenty-eight players, fourteen teams of two, and seven facilitators enjoyed a hot and steamy afternoon in Rotary Park.

Games that were enjoyed were, Yardzee, Lawn Darts, an Axe Throw, Ladder Golf, Washers, Jenga, and a good old-fashioned Bean Bag toss. Winners showed off their mastery at the games wearing ribbons they were awarded. Special mention goes to Carol and David Marion who won six of the seven games.

Of course we have to mention how much fun Suzanne Herder had playing Yardzee (not)! Ted Chliszczyk seemed to be fixated on asking for the “bell” to be rung and Liz Read really seemed to be getting into Jenga! Others took their time and focussed on making their next move all the while Penny kept them in line! The lawn darts didn’t survive our play day. Was that because our lovely members were venting their frustrations for the day? No, that was the Axe Throwing...lol! We might want to change the target next time! Lots of fun was had all around!

Overall prizes were awarded for the best Poker hand! Three players had a Straight (5,6,7,8, and 9), but only the two highest were awarded prizes. Barb Chliszczyk came in second place and winning with a higher straight was Frank Dawe.

The afternoon of merriment was followed up with a delicious dinner at Keenan’s Irish Pub.

Such events would not be a success if it were not for all the wonderful people who participate and for the willing volunteers that helped us pull it off. A special thanks to those who helped at the various “stations” – Doreen Chester, Sandi Gilbert, Penny McIlwaine, Avril O’Reilly and Dawn Ross. A special shout-out to Cliff Read, and his auditor Fred Ground, who perused the poker hands to find us a winner. Also thanks to those who helped us pack up the games....we appreciate you!





Walking Tours of Historic Victoria Park Square

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

The first group that toured the Historic Victoria Park area went out on August 16th. Here are some of the comments Lorhel White shared...

We started off at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop and made our way to Victoria Park Square to learn about the early Miltonians. The Jasper Martins came after the surveyors. Susan, our Tour Guide said that the ground where the Town Hall is now was once a grazing ground and was given by Hugh Foster to the new County of



Halton. She noted that a large flower pot used to be a drinking fountain for both horses and people at the old Town Hall on Main and now is situated in front of our Town Hall. The bell in the park that used to be on the original Town Hall and again, situated in the park outside of Town Hall is now only rung once a year - on New Year's Eve. It used to be rung as a fire alarm and to indicate church times. Next she pointed out that the Town Hall (originally the Court House) is made from blocks of stone quarried from the Niagara Escarpment. It was interesting to find out that there were three hangings, the last one in 1883.

Our tour took us to several examples of early homes such as the Georgian, Victorian, Gothic and board and batten styling. When we visited the Thomas Ford house at 76 King Street, the present owner, a fifth generation Ford came out and gave us a lively discussion about the home and its history and other homes on the street. This home was burnt

several years ago but this owner has redone the building in the original Gothic style and even redid the interior from a similar home which was being demolished.

The second group went out on August 31st. What a beautiful day we had for our walk to the Historic Victoria Park area. Again, Susan was our Tour Guide. Not to be outdone by the first group, our group got a special tour of Town Hall by our very own Mayor Krantz. While Karen King was deeply considering the possibilities of the ball and chain, Bill King quickly got things on track and called the meeting to order! We were ushered into the Mayor's office for proof of our visit. We heard a lot of interesting facts about our Town by both the Mayor and Susan.



It's great to learn (or be reminded) of the history of Milton. We will plan some more historic walks in the Spring!

SOCIAL CLUBS

| Club | Date/Time | Convenor | Telephone | Email |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Board Games - Bee Gees | 2nd Wed. - 1 pm | Stephen Comstock | 905-876-4909 | scomstoc@sympatico.ca |
| Board Games - Jokers | 2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm | Auriel Halliday | 905-336-2430 | aurielh@gmail.com |
| Board Games - Jokers | 4th Wed. - 1 pm | Auriel Halliday | 905-336-2430 | aurielh@gmail.com |
| Book Club - First Edition | 2nd Mon. - 1 pm | Paul Crawford | 289-878-4968 | paulellencrawford@gmail.com |
| Book Club - Happy Bookers | 4th Thurs. - 12:30 pm | Judy Wallace | 905-878-3374 | lollipops@sympatico.ca |
| Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling | 3rd Wed. - Probus meeting | Ellen Crawford | 289-878-4968 | paulellencrawford@gmail.com |
| Book Club - Sequel | 2nd Wed. - 10 am | Carolyn Rumley | 905-302-0442 | carolynrumley@sympatico.ca |
| Book Club - Trilogy | 2nd Wed. - 10 am | Linda Green | 289-851-8655 | klgreen@sympatico.ca |
| Cards - Bid Euchre | 3rd Thurs. - 1:15 pm | Lorrette Shermet | 905-878-1293 | lorrette@sympatico.ca |
| Cards - Bridge | 1st Tues. - 1 pm | Jeanne Reid | 289-878-9920 | jreid345@cogeco.ca |
| Cards - Canasta | 4th Mon. - 7 pm | Lorrette Shermet | 905-878-1293 | lorrette@sympatico.ca |
| Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps | 2nd Mon. - 7 pm | Martin Capper | 905-693-0354 | martin@martincapper.com |
| Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps | Tues. after the 2nd Mon. - 1:30 pm | Martin Capper | 905-693-0354 | martin@martincapper.com |
| Cards - Euchre | 3rd Tues. - 1 pm | Lorrette Shermet | 905-878-1293 | lorrette@sympatico.ca |
| Classical Music - Mozart and Friends | 4th Tues. - 1:30 pm | Michael Hooker | 905-878-8953 | mhooker10@bell.net |
| Club Français | 2nd Wed. - 10 am / 11 am | Anne-Françoise Gibbard | 905-854-3781 | anne@gibbard.net |
| Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks | 3rd Thurs. - 10:30 am | Christine Willekes | 905-820-0269 | chriswillekes@gmail.com |
| Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers | 1st Tues. - 1 pm | Diane Comstock | 905-876-4909 | meljenscc@sympatico.ca |
| Dining - Appy Hour | Last Sat. - 6:30 pm | Mary Cousins | 416-628-6275 | mlecousins@outlook.com |
| Dining - Lunch Bunch | 3rd Wed. - noon | Bonnie Lennox | 416-899-7727 | bblennox@live.ca |
| Dining - Nosh & Natter | 1st Fri. - 5:30 pm | Gillian Reynolds | 905-878-1636 | gilliana@cogeco.ca |
| Dining - Nosh & Natter | 2nd Fri. - 5:30 pm | Gillian Reynolds | 905-878-1636 | gilliana@cogeco.ca |
| Dining - Nosh@Nite | 4th Fri. - 5:30 pm | Paul & Ellen Crawford | 289-878-4968 | paulellencrawford@gmail.com |
| Dining - Saturday Night Lives | 1st Sat. - 6 pm | Anna Strachan | 905-878-0812 | annastrachan1945@gmail.com |
| Dining - Skip the Dishes | 3rd Thurs. - 6 pm | Lorrette Shermet | 905-878-1293 | lorrette@sympatico.ca |
| Dining - Supper/Dinner Club | Scheduled by convenor | Auriel Halliday | 905-336-2430 | aurielh@gmail.com |
| Friendship Club | 4th Wed. - 10 am | Judy Krauss | 289-878-8194 | judyckrauss@gmail.com |
| Movie Club - Oscar Nights | 2nd Tues. - 7 pm | Theresa Spano | 416-618-2955 | 1tspano@gmail.com |
| Probus Info Exchange - PIE | Online only - no meetings | Cliff Read | 905-864-1565 | cliff.read@cogeco.ca |
| Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin | 2nd Tues. - 4 pm | Michelle Tschirhart | 416-668-9083 | mltschirhart55@gmail.com |
| Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin | Last Wed. - 4 pm | Michelle Tschirhart | 416-668-9083 | mltschirhart55@gmail.com |
| Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers | TBA | TBA | | |
| Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds | 4th Thurs. - 7 pm | Pete Shermet | 905-878-1293 | peteshermet@gmail.com |
| Tastings - Whisky - D'Stillers | 1st Wed. - 7 pm | Chris Strachan | 905-878-0812 | strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | 1st Mon. - 7 pm | Jim Tschirhart | 647-648-8231 | jim.tschirhart@gmail.com |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | 1st Thurs. - 7 pm | Jim Tschirhart | 647-648-8231 | jim.tschirhart@gmail.com |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | 2nd Wed. - 7 pm | Jim Tschirhart | 647-648-8231 | jim.tschirhart@gmail.com |
| Travel - Annual Trip | Scheduled by convenor | Joanne Millichamp | 289-878-2969 | jmillichamp@hotmail.com |
| Travel - Wanderlust | 2nd Thurs. - 7 pm (bi-monthly) | Gloria Pennycook | 905-659-7789 | gpennycook@icloud.com |
| Walkers - Trail Walkers | Every Tues. - 1:30 pm | Ronald Flannagan | 905-332-6310 | rflannagan@cogeco.ca |

Convenors and anyone else intending to use the Escarpment PROBUS Zoom account for an event: The account allows the operation of one event at a time with up to 100 participants. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact our Zoom coordinator Lorrette Shermett (lorrette@sympatico.ca) before planning your event.

If you need help with the Zoom program, check out our Zoom page at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

Remember: Under the Escarpment Probus Bylaws Article 2 – Membership – Members must not use other member's email addresses for their own personal use such as fundraising.

Clubs: Food and Drink

Monkey Business

by Chris Strachan, Convenor

Hello again Probians, the weather gods looked favourably on us once again. The D'Stillers had their September meeting in the lovely backyard of Keith and Marion Flowers.

We tasted four whiskies Keith selected for our tasting pleasure, these are the results in the order we rated them:

The Winner was 'Monkey Shoulder' a Single Malt Scotch. This is the third time we have tasted this whisky but it's the first time it has won. A close second was 'Tealing' an Irish Blended Whiskey which the D'Stillers have not tasted before. Third, was 'Old Pulteney' a 12 yr old Single Malt. In Fourth place was 'Glenrothes' 12 yr old Single Malt.

Thanks to Marion for hosting the DD's and thanks to the DD's for the safe ride home.

Our October 6th meeting will be held at the home of Pete and Lorette Shermet. Our November meeting will be hosted by Wayne Herder.



Can't beat meeting in person

by Anna Strachan, Convenor, Saturday Night Live

The SNL group enjoyed a lovely evening at Keenan's Irish Pub at James Snow Pkwy and the 401, on Saturday, September 4th. There was a great turnout with twenty-five attendees. As the weather did not look too promising we were moved indoors. It's so good having the opportunity to see everyone in person, let's hope we can continue to meet in the foreseeable future. Our next venue is Shoeless Joe's in the Drew Center or the Real Canadian Super Store Plaza on October 2nd 2021 @ 6 pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.



Noshing in August

by Auriel Halliday, Correspondent

On August 20th, our Nosh group gathered on Britannia Road for the second time in well over a year. As temperatures soared to well over 30 degrees so did our laughter, as we scuttled around seeking shade under the apple trees. With 18 members attempting to be socially distanced, it was quite a feat to stay cool. But what a delightful evening it was. It was lovely to have Anne and Ron Dupont join us from London and there was a lot of news to catch up on. Everyone brought their own picnic dinner and this was followed by ice cream bars. Even the new dogs joined in!



Sunsets, Fire pits & Dessert

by Barbara Finnie, Correspondent

After a very rainy week, 20 die-hard Noshers arrived at the Finnie's with warm coats and blankets in hand. The wind died down, the clouds disappeared and the sun shone in our eyes leaving us with a very pleasant evening of great enjoyment. As the sun set, the propane fire pit was lit and the coffee and desserts came out to be enjoyed by all. What a great time it was.



Back to ZOOM for a while

by *Pete Shermet, Convenor*

The Suds and Buds Beer tasters have decided to zoom our meeting bi-monthly (every other month) until we can resume in person meetings, there are some that prefer not to zoom so hosts end up doing several tastings throughout the year. I will be hosting October via zoom, 4th Thursday October 28th at 7:00 pm.



Clubs: Books & Music

The Hate You Give – by Angie Thomas

by *Joanne Millichamp, Convenor*

This is the story of 16 year old Starr and her family. She moves between two worlds: the poor black neighbourhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends, which is predominantly white. The uneasy balance between her two worlds is shattered when she witnesses her childhood friend Khalil fatally shot by a police officer. He was unarmed.



His death becomes a national headline and everyone wants to know what really happened that night. Initially no one knows she was present at the shooting.

Starr has to make a decision, does she tell the true story of the events that night, or does she stay quiet. Eventually she decides what is the point of having a voice if you are going to be silent when you shouldn't be.

The author said there were two reasons she wrote this story. First, she had a frightening experience at the age of 6 when she was riding her bicycle and was trapped in the middle of gunfire. Second, was the prominence of the Black Lives Matter movement, and the hope it would bring meaningful change.

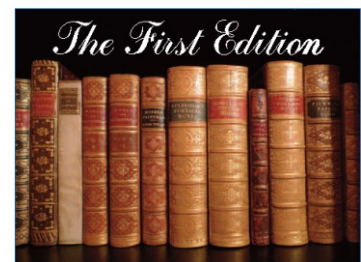
Our book club had a great discussion about the book and would definitely recommend it.

Recipe for a Perfect Wife – by Karma Brown

by *Liz Read, Correspondent*

The First Edition book club was happy to be able to meet outdoors and in person to discuss this novel written by a Canadian author.

Recipe for a Perfect Wife is a story told in two voices describing the lives of two young women living in the same house but in different time periods. Nellie, in the 1950s, is destined for life as a home-maker and mother under the thumb of a controlling husband. Alice, living in 2018, appears to have a more forward thinking partner but she is also unable to express her wants and needs with her husband.



Each chapter begins with an excerpt from an article or book giving hints to wives in order to keep husbands happy. All of this advice is as dated as the recipes for jellied salads that were so popular in decades past.

Recipe for a Perfect Wife generated a lot of discussion and is recommended for a book club. The ratings for this book were mostly 8 out of 10 with a few lower scores of 6 and 7. Perhaps the scores were dependent on the reader's mood regarding housework at the time of reading.

A Varied Musical September

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

I zoomed the orchestral / vocal music that the Austrian, Franz Schubert, who lived from 1797 to 1828, wrote in 1823, to accompany a play titled “Rosamunde, Princess of Cyprus”. The author of the play was [Helmina von Chézy](#), who is now remembered primarily for this music, as the play was very poorly received because of a terrible script, and after two performances it disappeared. However, the music attracted very favourable comments, and since that time, excerpts have been frequently performed and are often recorded.



The story concerns the attempt of Rosamunde, the daughter of the King of Cyprus, (who after her father’s death was brought up incognito as a shepherdess by Axa, the widow of a poor sailor), to reclaim her throne. The long-established Governor of Cyprus, Fulgentius, who already has Rosamunde's parents’ deaths on his conscience, attempts to thwart Rosamunde, initially by intrigue, then by a marriage proposal and finally by an attempt at poisoning. Rosamunde, whose claim is backed by a deed in her father's hand, enjoys the support of Cypriots and the Cretan Prince Alfonso, her intended husband. Finally, all the attempts of Fulgentius fail; he dies by his own poison, and Rosamunde ascends the throne. To make such an improbable story come alive demands the genius of a Shakespeare (who many times, when confronted with a similar mishmash, turned it into a work of marvel). Von Chezy, not being a Shakespeare, failed to produce anything worthwhile, but Schubert (being a genius) left us music that has endured, and will continue to do so!

Asoka Yapa treated us to a musical zoomfest of concertos (solo instrument playing with an orchestra) for unusual musical instruments as the soloist. (Most concertos are for either piano or violin). First was a Marimba concerto by the Scottish percussionist (Dame) Evelyn Glennie. She has been profoundly deaf since the age of 12, but this does not inhibit her ability to perform. She regularly plays barefoot during live performances and studio recordings, as she “hears / feels” the music through the soles of her feet! She contends that deafness is largely misunderstood by the public, and explains that she taught herself to hear with parts of her body other than her ears.

After this remarkable start, we heard several other performances, the most unusual being Sitar (Ravi Shankar), mandolin, flautino (high flute), and Theremin.

The Theremin is an electronic musical instrument controlled without physical contact by the performer, and is named after its inventor, Leon Theremin, who patented the device in 1928. The instrument's controlling section usually consists of two metal antennas that sense the relative position of the Thereminist's hands and control oscillators for frequency with one hand, and amplitude (volume) with the other. The electric signals are amplified and sent to a loudspeaker. The sound of the instrument is often associated with eerie situations. It has been used in movie soundtracks such as “Spellbound” and “ The Lost Weekend ”, and in several “spooky” TV programs. If played properly, the Theremin produces a beautiful and almost human, but unearthly vocal sound. Listening to it, I thought that it was about what Alexa or Siri might sound like, if they were just singing wordlessly, rather than giving answers!

Clubs: Games, Sports & Crafts

Pat Keeps Rolling!

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

It was a small Yahtzee group on Sept. 14 as some of our regulars opted to join in the Play Day activity. Nevertheless, we had a fun time with Pat once again taking the top spot. Lorhel and Diane were close until Diane managed to gain the extra 35 bonus points in the upper section.

On the 22nd, six players played an exciting game of Farkle. Lorhel almost missed scoring 1500 until we reminded her that yes a straight counted in Farkle. Pat did one better by rolling two triplets for 2500 points. In the 7th round, Lorrette rolled 1750 points, Barb added to Lorrette's points and passed 2400 to Lorhel, who in turn, passed 2550 to Dawn. Dawn nearly fell off her chair when she rolled a five then proceeded to roll a four of a kind and passed 3600 points to Pat. Pat added 300 points to which Diane added another 100 and stopped as her total score had reached 11800. Lorrette rolled a five and stopped with a final score of 9600 as she did not think she could beat Diane. Barb jumped on the opportunity by rolling a 1 giving her a final score of 13150. Alas, Lorhel broke the streak with a Farkle. Dawn did no better and now it was up to Pat. She rolled 650 points giving her a free roll, then 500 points and another free roll, then 500 more, then 700 more, then 450 bringing her total score to 10900. No use stopping she said so she rolled once more only to lose it all giving Barb the game.

Anyone interested in joining our dice games, drop me an email (meljenscc@sympatico.ca).



Bowling

by Michelle Tschirhart, Convenor

I have been in contact with Champs and the bowlers, we'll see where it goes. There are some things to be figured out yet. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me at mltschirhart55@gmail.com. Thanks.



Chicks with Sticks

by Christine Willekes, Convenor

The knitting club held our first meeting since pre pandemic. A small group travelled to Mississauga to meet at the home of Chris Willekes. A beautiful morning for an outside visit. As typical of all Probus group meetings our conversations flowed continually from topic to topic and we even remembered to share a few knitting and crocheting tips and ideas. Hopefully we can continue with our in person monthly meetings.



The next meeting is planned for Thursday October 21, 10:30 at the home of Barb Finnie. Weather permitting we will try to meet in her backyard or perhaps the garage. It will all be determined by health restrictions.

Stay safe.

Lovely Day for an Outdoor Gathering

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, the Piece Makers gathered together at Carol Ann's house for an outdoor meeting. Judy brought two projects: Her charm square quilt and her gorgeous fox face quilt. Dawn showed us her bear paws table cover and and asked us for quilting suggestions. Carol Ann had completed two projects, both with cardinals. Diane managed to sew several fan blocks for her granddaughter's temperature quilt while she was on her latest fishing trip.



Carol Ann had done some more research on quilting retreats and told us about three that she found. We were all enthralled with Retreat at the Farm (<https://www.getawaytothefarm.com>), offering the opportunity to let our creative juices flow in a Victorian era farmhouse. It has the sleeping capacity of 12 people, so we discussed inviting Judy's sister and her PROBUS quilting group to come along and share the experience.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

Metallic Needle – A thin needle designed with an elongated eye (for easier threading) for use with metallic or monofilament threads.

Metallic Thread – A synthetic thread that is shiny and has a metallic appearance.

Our next meeting has been pushed to Friday Oct. 15 as some of us are going away the first week to enjoy the fall colours. Weather permitting it will be outdoors at Carol Ann's otherwise we will be zooming,

Anyone interested in quilting whether it is large bed-size quilts or small table runners, consider joining the group or just join us in the Zoom meetings.



NEWS AND VIEWS

Let's Talk Milton - Survey for the 5 year economic strategy

As part of creating a 5 year economic strategy the town of Milton is doing a survey. If you would like to add your input, click the link below:

https://www.letstalkmilton.ca/economic-development-strategy/survey_tools/economic-development-strategy-resident-survey

Presentation by Drs David & Sharon Johnson

by Martin Capper, Correspondent

The Sunshine Women's PROBUS Club recently hosted a presentation by Drs David & Sharon Johnson. If you would like to watch the recording, please click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWm9h74TZHw>

QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then

put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

- Contributed by Ron Millichamp

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