

FORUM



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President's Message:

Members Not Quite Ready!



Our March general meeting did not have the in-person attendance that we expected. That's OK. Come when you are ready. Just remember, in order to reduce risk, members attending in-person have been fully vaccinated and have answered NO to the Ontario screening questions. Chris Wallhouse, our Program Chair, has booked several in-person speakers for the upcoming months starting in May.

We are a social club, and Marg Jones, our Social Chair, along with her committee are busy arranging our Summer Picnic. Circle Thursday July 7th on your calendar as this is the date when we will gather outdoors to play games, eat, and socialize. She is also in the process of booking a date for our Anniversary Dinner Dance in September.

Ruth Gagnon, our Activities Chair, has managed to re-schedule the January and February activities that were postponed due to "you know what". If you missed the initial registration, don't despair, there are still some open spaces. Go to <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/Activities> and register!

When you have completed registering for an event, you will always receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this email, then there has been a problem with your registration. Perhaps you did not pay within the 15 minute time frame or you did not click the final CONFIRM button. Either way, please try again.

It is that time again - Wayne Herder and his recruitment committee are looking for members to join the management team in October 2022. If you are looking for a new challenge, consider joining the team. They are recruiting for the VP, Secretary, Social Chair, and Program Chair positions. Contact Wayne if interested, have questions, or a recommendation.

Let's continue to foster our friendships and stay safe!

— Diane Comstock

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Photo of the Month

This month's photo was contributed by Beth Barnes. She says: "Here is a Spring photo of Mourning Doves nesting in a tree just outside my bedroom window".

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



ACTIVITIES

Spring is Coming!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

The Activities Committee is ramping up with many different activities planned and lots of opportunity for members to join in. This month we have five activities coming your way! It is great to be out and about again! Make sure you check out the articles about the things we have been doing.

We will be doing another poll at our General Meeting to see what interest there is in going to the Museum of Illusions in Toronto. Stay tuned for details. We also have a couple of save the dates for you – Tuesday, June 21st we are planning a car rally and Tuesday, July 26th we will be doing a Scavenger Hunt walk.

Please remember, in order to participate you must be fully vaccinated and have signed the Waiver Form as well as checked the box in Wild Apricot.

APRIL ACTIVITIES:

V!VA Life – Retirement Communities (Nutrition, Mental Health & Wellness) – Thursday, April 7th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

We are making our way through the Winter and Spring is around the corner! How are you feeling about your mental health and wellness? Let's get ready to put on our bathing suits with some gentle reminders on nutrition, mental health and wellness!

Join in as Amanda from the V!VA Retirement Community shares how a proper diet and your mental health and wellness go hand in hand, especially for our age group! Eating a nutrient-dense diet can prevent degenerative disease, cancers, micro-nutrient deficiencies, and most importantly support one's vitality! This is an interactive session, with our facilitator (Amanda - see bio below) walking us through 6 key nutrients to be mindful of when planning your meals. Walk away with a healthy mind and feeling equipped and energized to start prepping, cooking, and enjoying your fully satisfying meal!

Let's lose some of those pounds we have put on in the past two years! Start 2022 off in a healthy way! Challenge yourself! The cost for this event is \$5/member and is limited to 48 members. Lunch to follow at Kelsey's and will be at your own expense.

*Amanda Li is a Toronto-based Registered Dietitian, owner of Wellness Simplified, Instructor at George Brown College and a foodie at heart. Upon completing a culinary arts diploma she knew she wanted to bring together her dietetic experience to create a nutrition coaching philosophy that is food-centric and grounded in teaching individuals a basic life skill - nourishing their body, mind and soul. She has helped hundreds of individuals and families by encouraging, educating, and equipping them with hands-on food skills to make healthy eating the easier choice! Amanda loves learning new skills and approaches, and strives to provide the most up-to-date, evidenced based recommendations. She is currently pursuing a Certificate in Integrative and Functional Nutrition. **Cont'd on next page >>>>***

Activities Committee

Members:

Ruth Gagnon

Anne Gibbard

Kelly Ground

Irene Hiebert

Ron Millichamp

Jenny O'Brien

Michelle Tschirhart

When she's not working with clients, students, or attending class herself she can be found in the kitchen whipping up a new recipe, or choreographing a new dance routine! Amanda looks forward to meeting you soon!

Fred Astaire Private Dancing Lesson – Tuesday, April 12th at 3 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Ladies and Gentlemen - get on your dancing shoes! Join us on Tuesday, April 12th at 3:00 pm for a private double lesson at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Oakville.

Our afternoon will be a mix of popular dances. So whether you are "single" or a "couple" come on and shake what you have!

From the Fred Astaire website....

"Your whole being will explode with confidence, fun, creativity and fitness as you experience the exciting Fred Astaire teaching method taught by the very best dance instruction in the world."

The cost for this event is \$53/member and is limited to 29 members. We will be placing a deposit to hold the studio for our private lessons so no refunds will be made after Wednesday, March 16th.

Dinner will follow at a local Milton restaurant. Details will be shared shortly.



Easter Centerpiece at Crawford's – Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Join us at Crawford's on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 am to make an Easter Centerpiece for your dinner table or to take over to the person who is the hostess for your Easter dinner. Please note the basket will not be as shown and there will be options to select from.

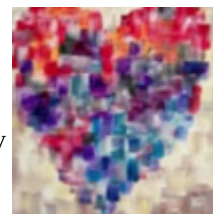
The cost for this event is \$31/member and is limited to 20 members.



Paint & Cocktails at Shoeless Joes – Tuesday, April 19th at 4 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

It was January 28, 2019 when a bunch of us headed over to Shoeless Joes to have a Paint & Cocktail session with our instructor, Gary, followed by a wonderfully fun dinner! Well, we are going back! Do you have an "Open Heart"? Yes or no, you can join us to make your very own. Grab a paintbrush, have a drink and enjoy the socializing! We will be painting from approximately 4 - 6 pm and then enjoy a dinner of your choice.



The cost for the painting portion of this activity is \$41/member and is limited to 12 members. Drinks and dinner are at your cost! Let's see how artistic you are!



Tea for Two...or actually 20! – Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

What's better than a warm pot of tea on a cold afternoon?

Join us for Afternoon Tea at the Robinson-Bray House Tea Room in downtown Streetsville. This landmark building, built in 1885, stands on the corner of Queen Street and Mill Street as a constant and elegant reminder of yesteryear.

Your afternoon tea will include a garden salad, a platter of assorted sandwiches, a mini quiche, a scone with jam and clotted cream and a trio of desserts, and of course a pot of tea.

The cost is \$41/member, it includes, lunch all taxes and gratuities. All you have to do is sit and relax!

The Tea Room is located at 223 Queen Street South in Mississauga. Join us Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30 pm.

We are anticipating that we will be able to open this up to more members so make sure you sign up even if your name is added to the waitlist!

MAY ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Kahoot! Trivia LIVE! — Wednesday, May 4th at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground'

We have played many rounds of Zoom Trivia and now we are bringing it to you live! Join us at Ned Devine's for a couple of rounds of Kahoot Trivia and dinner! Cellphones or iPads are still needed!

There is no cost for this event, but we will be having a preset menu so please make your selection using Wild Apricot. Drinks & Dinner at your own expense.



Orange Snail Brewery – Beer Tasting – Thursday, May 12th at 2 pm

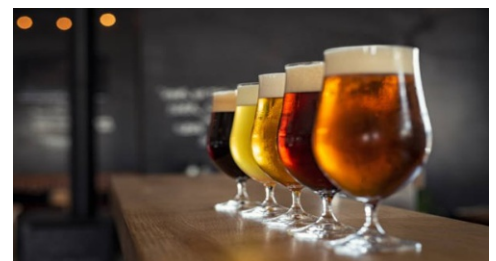
Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Calling all beer tasters, it's time to get out and have a flight of beer and some munchies! Added to this enjoy a 12 oz glass of one of Orange Snail's beers! Enjoy some social interaction with your fellow Probiants!

Join us at the Orange Snail Brewery for a tour of their facility and some beer!

Beer will also be available for purchase!

Orange Snail Brewery is located at 32 Steeles Avenue East, #1 in Milton. The cost for this event is \$25/member and is limited to 40 members. Register and pay using Wild Apricot.



Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls – Thursday, May 26th at 11 am

Convenors: Jenny O'Brien & Ruth Gagnon

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

Join us on May 26th at 11 am for a walk at Hilton Falls and enjoy a weiner roast with chips followed by roasting marshmallows over the campfire. Dawn Ross will lead us to the fire pit and the fun will begin! The cost for this event is \$8/member. Don't forget to bring your own beverage! Telescopic "sticks" will be provided. This event is limited to 21 members.



You are responsible for your admission to the Halton Conservation Area located at 4985 Campbellville Road. Park Entrance Fee: \$7.50 + HST for seniors (\$8.47). Register using Wild Apricot!

Meet us at the entrance to the walkway trail.

Please note that you will have to book a time to enter the Hilton Falls Conservation Area as there are only so many spaces available to enter at one time. This may mean that you have to go a bit before 11 am.

If it rains we will postpone the event for another day as no rain dates are permitted with the conservation area.

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens - Wednesday, June 1st at 10 am

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

Enjoy this hidden gem on the banks of the Lakeshore!

On Wednesday, June 1st come visit one of Canada's largest public rhododendron gardens, along the lake in Pork Credit, Mississauga. Enjoy the azaleas and rhododendrons surrounded by white pines, perennials, and shrubs. Get your camera's ready as everywhere you turn, you will have very picturesque views!



photo by Irene Hiebert

We will meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot, located at: 666 Lakeshore Rd W, Mississauga. Garden entry and parking is free.

If heading East on Lakeshore, turn right at the lights at the intersection of Lakeshore and Shawnmarr Rd.

There is no cost to visit the gardens, but you need to register for the gardens and lunch using Wild Apricot.

After our lovely stroll through this park, we will enjoy a lovely lunch at Snug Harbour, overlooking the water a short 5 minute drive away at 14 Stavebank Rd. South, Mississauga.

Lunch is at your expense. [Click here to see their menu.](#)

We will be monitoring for rain and the blooming stage, as it may be earlier or later than normal. If required, the date for this event may be rescheduled.

Royal Botanical Gardens – Laking Garden - Tuesday, June 7th at 10 am

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

You may have been to the RBG, however have you been to their smallest garden, the Laking Garden, in the spring?

The Royal Botanical Gardens Laking Garden, features lots of fabulous irises and peonies galore! There is a spectacular display of irises--one of the largest anywhere--as well as a large collection of peonies. The colours are simply dazzling!

We will meet at the ticket kiosk of the Laking Garden on Tuesday, June 7th at 10:00 am. Entry fee is payable at the Kiosk and is \$16.50 for seniors 65 and over, and \$19.50 for adults 64 and under. Parking is included in your entry fee. RBG members are free, but you are reminded to put your parking pass on your dash.



photo by Irene Hiebert

There are two parking lots available, and details will be emailed to each attendee.

We will have a short drive to Easterbrook's for lunch at your own expense. This is a great little place that's been there for generations. It's a fun experience, stepping back in time, with thousands of business cards plastered all over the place along with old photos, and pictures of celebrities who have visited. They are known for their foot long hot dogs with numerous toppings, but also serve, veggie dogs, burgers, fries, chili fries onion rings, milk shakes, floats, sundaes and ice cream. Picnic tables are in the back for nice outdoor dining in shady area with trees.

They are located at 694 Spring Garden Road, directly across from RBG's main building.

[Click here to check out their menu.](#)

Sign up for RBG and lunch using Wild Apricot.

We will be monitoring for rain and the blooming stage, as it may be earlier or later than normal. If required, the date for this event may be rescheduled.

Backed By Bees – Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Join us on Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm for a hive tour and tasting. We will tour the bee yards where we will see an open hive and then we will cool down afterwards with a mead and honey tasting. Find the queen bee, workers and drones and hear how things are structured in the hive. We will also get to hear about 'a day in the life of a beekeeper'.



We will then head up to the main building and do a tasting of honey as well as a variety of meads. Lots of things that can be purchased as well – Natural Craft Mead, Raw Honey, Farm Fresh Eggs, Curated local foods and goods.

The cost for this activity is \$46.50/member and is limited to 20 members.

Please note that there is a component of walking along a wood chipped pathway back to the bees that may not be easily accessible for those in wheelchairs or issues with ambulation.

There are washroom facilities on site and the main building is accessible.

Rain Date: Thursday, June 16th at 1:30 pm.

NEW! Car Rally – Tuesday, June 21st at 2:30 pm. Meet at Go Station parking lot.

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

It's time to get your wheels in motion. Join us for a fun afternoon that will have you travelling through Milton. Your destination will take you to Ned Devine's for dinner. Your starting point is to meet us at the GO Station parking lot.



There is no cost to participate in this event. However, we want to try something different and are going to ask each one of you - single or couple - to bring a bottle of wine to Ned Devine's. Be at Ned Devine's by 5 pm latest.

Dinner and drinks is at your own expense.

Registration will be enabled after our April General Meeting.

REMINDER: Please wear your PROBUS badge at events. This will let members know that you are part of our group and will make it easier for us to introduce ourselves to each other.

Sod's Law

Contributed by Fred Ground

So much truth here!

1. Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

5. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. Law of the Bath- When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

7. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

8. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

9. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

10. Law of the Theatre & Football Stadium - At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

11. The Coffee Law- As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

12. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

13. Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

14. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

15. Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

MEETING: APRIL



Future Travel

Maria Miserendino joined the Travelpoint Richmond Hill office in May 1996 and is currently the Owner/Manager of the Travelpoint Stouffville Branch. She is responsible for all the day to day operations at the Stouffville office. Maria will discuss future guidelines and protocols related to travelling now with Covid.

APRIL CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR	
Activities					
VIVA Life – Nutrition, Mental Health & Wellness	April	7	10:30 AM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
Fred Astaire Dancing Lesson	April	12	3:00 PM	Fred Astaire, Oakville	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	April	13	7:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Easter Centerpiece at Crawford's	April	13	10:30 AM	Crawford's	Ruth Gagnon
Paint & Cocktails	April	19	4:00 PM	Shoeless Joe's	Ruth Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	April	20	9:30 AM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Tea for Two...or actually 20!	April	27	1:30 PM	Robinson-Bray House	Kelly Ground
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Nosh & Natter	April	1	5:30 PM	CANCELLED	Jenny O'Brien
Saturday Night Lives	April	2	6:00 PM	Kelseys' Roadhouse	Anna Strachan
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	April	5	1:00 PM	Ellis Home	Diane Comstock
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	April	6	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherhall
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	April	6	7:00 PM	Millichamp Home	Chris Strachan
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	April	7	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Books – First Edition	April	11	1:00 PM	Grace Church	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	April	11	7:00 PM	Zoom until spring	Martin Capper
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	April	12	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Movies - Oscar Nights	April	12	7:00 PM	TBD	Petra Halk
Books – Sequel	April	13	1:00 PM	Zoom	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	April	13	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Cards - Euchre	April	18	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall *	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - Bid Euchre	April	21	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall *	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	April	21	10:30 AM	CANCELLED	Christine Willekes
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	April	21	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	April	21	5:00 PM	The Thai House	Lorrette Shermet
Cards -Canasta	April	25	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall *	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	April	26	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Friendship Club	April	27	10:00 AM	Zoom	Judy Krauss
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	April	28	7:00 PM	Zoom	Pete Shermet

New information

Temporary change

* Permanent location

RECENT EVENTS

March Meeting

Our March general meeting was held Wednesday March 16th. Our guest speaker, Lizzie Knowles, talked about her gardening experiences in Hockley Valley. [Click here for a Zoom recording of the meeting.](#)

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March Madness

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

Saint Patrick's Day at Grace Anglican saw a lot of green as 4 true Irish and 25 wanna be's celebrated by participating in March Madness games.

Thinking caps were definitely needed as eight teams competed in four different games. We discovered that not everyone is an artist, one word clues are harder to give than you might think, Wayne Herder is not known to all Probians and that tummy tattoos should be hidden.

The day was a beautiful sunny day that was made even better by the sounds of laughter that permeated the building. It would be an understatement to say that fun was had by all. The big winners of the day, winning every game they played were Anna Strachan, Lorhel White and Petra Halk.

The evening concluded meeting up with the Skip-the-Dish crew at Turtle Jack's. Good food, glasses full of cheer and more laughter topped off a great day!

Sláinte.



Beyond Van Gogh: An Immersive Experience

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor

On March 31st, 27 members made the trek to Hamilton to visit the Beyond Van Gogh exhibit at the Hamilton Convention Center.

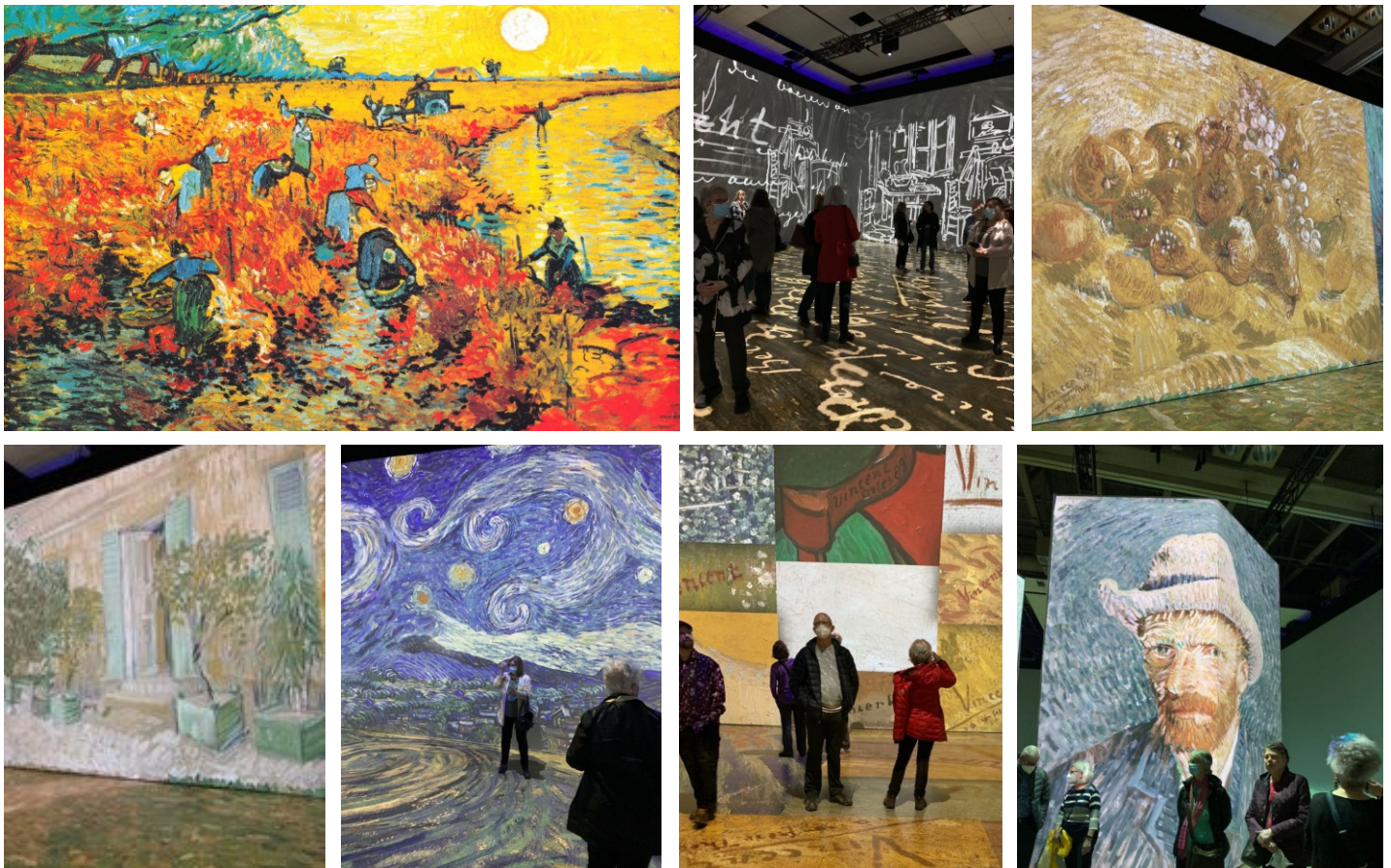
We were presented with many story boards that educated us about the life of Vincent Van Gogh and his struggles with mental health and fitting into society. Van Gogh is infamously known for having cut off his own ear! He spent time in psychiatric hospitals, where he painted one of his best known pieces, The Starry Night. At the young age of 37, Van Gogh committed suicide.

During his short life, Vincent painted over 2000 works, but, only ever sold 1 painting - The Red Vineyard! Generally living in a state of poverty, Van Gogh depended on his brother Theo, an art dealer, who supported Vincent both financially and emotionally. Vincent wrote over 600 letters to Theo, who kept these letters, and from which excerpts are shared throughout the exhibit. These letters share the insights of a genius, but troubled man.

Our members were awed by the art and technologically presentation of this exhibit. The immersive presentation is comprised of 4 trillion content pixels, providing a high resolution portrayal of Van Gogh's work. The art ebbs and flows across the walls and floors with artistic integrity supported by a exceptional music score.

Following this cultural injection, we made our way to HAMBGRs in Hamilton, where we enjoyed a delicious lunch of gourmet burgers! For many members, this was their first foray back to physical activities so there was no shortage of chatter across the 5 tables. (oops .. too busy devouring that burger to take luncheon photos :))

It was a lovely day out for all in attendance!



Probiotics in Pursuit of Trivia

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

Butter flavoured popcorn can be fatal when it affects which human body organ?

a) Lung b) Liver c) Kidney d) Heart

Twenty-two players made up twelve teams for this month's pursuit of trivia. Laughs were had as the leaderboard shifted throughout the evening.

But the team of Marg Jones and Frank Dawe, aka Merry, won the night with 71 correctly answered questions for a total of 66,341 points. Second place was taken by Andrea and Walt Ruediger, aka Platypus Duck, also with 71 questions answered correctly but only 64,433 points. Again this shows us that speed does matter! Third place was held by Duffy, who we know as Liz Read. Liz and Cliff are battling for the wearing of the trivial crown in their abode. Liz answered 68 questions correct and gained a total of 63,605 points.

Our next trivia game is going to be an in person game! I am so excited that we are able to get together for this. Stay tuned for more information.



For Those Who Love Wordplay

Contributed by Gillian Reynolds

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis?
Disgruntled.

3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.

4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter?
Swarm.

5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.

6. Just so everyone is clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.

7. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

8. I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

9. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.

10. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

11. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

12. My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.

13. I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll

never hear the end of it.

14. Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.

15. Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.

16. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.

17. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."

18. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.

19. Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

20. I'm trying to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.

21. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

22. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.

23. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

24. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	pauallengcrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Happy Bookers	4th Thurs. - 12:30 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wed. - Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauallengcrawford@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	kgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre	3rd Thurs. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Cards - Canasta	4th Mon. - 1;15 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 Mon. - 1:15 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 - Craftaholics	1st Wed - 1 pm	Dana Weatherell	905-875-9064	dweatherell@yahoo.com
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	Jenny O'Brien	289-851-8477	jenny0103@rogers.com
Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauallengcrawford@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
Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	4th Tues. - 1 pm	Pat Vogt	905-877-2495	pvogt@cogeco.ca
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	2nd Tues. - 1 pm	Pat Vogt	905-877-2495	pvogt@cogeco.ca
Games - Jokers	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
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Movie Club - Oscar Nights	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Petra Halk	647-913-6041	petra.halk@gmail.com
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Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	Shut Down	Looking for new convenor		
Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers	TBA	Roy MacKay	416-953-0633	roy@roymackay.ca
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: Crafts, Movies

Old and New

by Diane Comstock, Convenor



Judi Jones hosted the PieceMakers on Tuesday, March 1 in her lovely home. Carol Ann showed us her latest row by row quilt with transportation and music themes. The train engine was embroidered with the name Agawa Canyon Tour Train and the cars with Algoma Central reminding her of the trip that she and Jim took up to Sault Ste. Marie. It was quilted in an allover pattern. Dawn brought her Scarecrow and Sunflower bench cushion reminding us that winter is almost over and soon the flowers will appear. She used blanket and zigzag stitches to applique the pieces to the background. Judi's son was clearing out some space in his home and came across a quilt she had made many years ago. It was definitely well loved and has stood up to the test of time. Diane had completed a mat to go under her sewing machine with pockets to keep her sewing tools handy. Don't look too close at the quilting as some of it was done when her machine was sick.

After the show and tell, Louise asked for ideas to use several large-print fabrics she had in her stash: cats, dogs, and florals. Suggestions included window panes, fussy cutting applique, large diamonds, triangles, or squares with sashing.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

- **Allover quilting** – *Stitching that covers the entire quilt without regard for block shapes or fabric design. Can be quilted from either the quilt top or the back side.*
- **Attic Window Quilt Pattern** – *An optical illusion quilt pattern that makes it appear as though you're looking at each quilt block through a window.*

Our April meeting will be hosted by Louise Ellis on Tuesday, April 5th. Anyone interested in quilting whether it is large bed-size quilts or small table runners, consider joining the group.



Craftaholics - First In Person Get Together

By Dana Weatherell, Convenor



Our first gathering held in person on the 2nd brought 7 crafty individuals who sat and chatted away while working on their own projects. We had four people making greeting cards, one who worked on needle books, one was crocheting and one came hoping to be instructed through a craft. She socialized with the rest of us and spent some time walking around seeing what everyone was doing. As a new Convenor, I forgot to take pictures but requested a couple to include here. I will try to remember in future!

It was suggested that maybe we could lead a craft once in a while and there are a couple people willing to lead one so perhaps we can do that on occasion to learn something new. Details need to be worked out as there may be a fee for the supplies. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

We meet at 1:00pm the first Wednesday of each month. Grab your craft project whatever it may be and come join us!



Oscar Nights Resume

by Petra Halk, Convenor

Petra Halk is our new convenor for Oscar Nights, the Probus Movie Club.

The club will start on Tuesday April 12 and continue on the second Tuesday of each month.

The movies chosen may be in either Milton or Oakville, depending on which movies are available at each location.

Please email either Petra Halk or Marg Jones to let us know if you are interested in joining...or re-joining!

Please also indicate if you would be available for an afternoon rather than an evening movie.

We hope to see you at the movies!



Clubs: Food and Drink

Nosh & Natter Re-Unites!

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor



In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, and with the [Irish Rovers as inspiration](#), it was some party at the home of Patrick and Margaret Murphy when the Noshers re-united in early March.

The food table overflowed with delectable appetizers and Miss Margaret treated us to her special recipe of Bread and Butter Pudding, with oh so yummy, warm vanilla sauce!

Folks could be found throughout the dining room, kitchen and family room, and the chatter was non-stop from the moment we were welcomed through the front doors. So much to catch up on and so little time .. in 3 hours we only just scratched the surface on new retirements, travel plans and campers, kids and grandkids and so much more.

The fun continues in May, when Mary and Russ Cousins will host our next N&N!

Until then ... good eating y'all.



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 from PROBUS (contact lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293).

D'Stillers Rankings for March

by Chris Strachan, Convenor



The March meeting of the D'Stillers was hosted by Bill Willcocks.

As per the previous meetings we met on Zoom. Bill selected and delivered our five little bottles of whiskies, below are the tasting results.

The winning Whisky of the evening was '**The Balvenie Doublewood**' 12 Yr Old Single Malt Matured in Two Distinct Casks. The average score was 77.5, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40% at a cost of \$119.95. This whisky had been a consistent winner taking first place in 2016, 2017, 2020 and 2022.

Second, was '**The Glenrothes**' 12 Yr old Speyside Single Malt. The average score was 75.0, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40% at a cost of \$74.95. We drank this one in 2016 and it came in third so it's moving up the scoreboard with a second-place finish this time.

The third of the evening was '**Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban**' Single Malt 14 Yr Old with a Port Cask Finish. The average score was 72.3, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 46% at a cost of \$100.85. We have tasted other Glenmorangie malts but this is the first time we have tasted this particular whisky.



Fourth, was '**The Sexton Malt Irish Whiskey**' a Single Malt distilled in Copper Pots. The average score was 70.7, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40% at a cost of \$44.95. We tried this in 2017 and it was third, oops down a notch.

Last but not least, '**Penderyn Maderia Cask Finish**' a Single Malt Welsh Whiskey. The average score was 69.87, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 46% at a cost of \$86.50. We have tasted some Welsh whiskies over the years but not this particular whiskey.

Once again the ladies had their own Zoom room but we came together after the whiskies were tasted. A nice time was had by All.

The April 6th meeting of the D'Stiller's will be hosted by Ron Millichamp.

The May 4th meeting will be hosted by Frank Dawe.

All Puns Intended

Contributed by Fred Ground

1. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

2. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt, and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds,

"They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

3. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. "I was artificially inseminated this morning," Daisy says to Dolly. "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

4. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

5. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

6. A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.

7. I went to a seafood disco last week, and pulled a mussel.

SNL at Keenan's Irish Pub

by Anna Strachan, Convenor



After a three month hiatus, the Saturday Night Lives group got together on the 5th March at Keenan's Irish Pub to enjoy good food and great company. It was so nice to see our friends in person after all this time. Hopefully, lockdowns are a thing of the past. I hope to see many of you come out for our April 2nd dinner at Kelsey's Roadhouse.

Please remember, in order to participate you must be fully vaccinated and have signed the Waiver Form as well as checked the box in Wild Apricot.

Skip The Dishes will go to the Thai House

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

Skip the dishes will be participating in In person dining at "The Thai House" on Main St. Milton, on Thursday April 21st at 5.30 p.m.



An email with several choices of the meal will go out on Wild Apricot. The meal will consist of a spring roll, choice of soup and choice of entrée.

The cost will be \$25 plus tax and gratuity is separate. There will be nine choices of entrée and one will need to confirm the meal by April 17th.

Getting Caught Up with Friends

by Peter Lasota, Correspondent

Fifteen people attended this nosh hosted by Peter and Josie. Everyone was ecstatic at being able to get together in person again. It almost felt as if things were getting back to normal. A few regulars of our group declined to attend as they didn't feel ready yet and one couple respectfully declined due to a case of the sniffles.



A nice variety of finger food and dessert was enjoyed while everyone was getting caught up with friends whom they had not seen in a long time.



Clubs: Books

The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

by Judy Nelson, Correspondent

Our book club's selection for March was Ruth Ware's *The Woman in Cabin 10*. The book is not great literature, however it is a quick read. Most of our group disliked the heroine of the story. She was a journalist for a travel magazine assigned to join the maiden voyage of a luxurious cruise ship. Just prior to that assignment she surprised a burglar in her apartment who locked her in her bedroom and as a result she has recurring anxiety attacks.



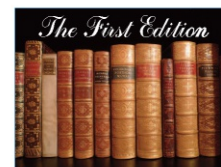
While on the ship the heroine believes that she has witnessed the murder of a woman in the next cabin, however she is unable to convince anyone of her story. Her anxiety, substance abuse and abrasive personality make her story sound like the hallucinations of a hysterical woman. She then sets out to solve the mystery herself. This leads to a series of unsettling events and eventually a life threatening experience for her.

The plot is a busy one, and often lacks credibility. We rated the book a 4 - 6 out of 10.

Girl Runner by Carrie Snyder

by Penny McIlwaine, Correspondent

Girl Runner is the story of Aganetha (Aggie) Smart, an Olympic athlete who won gold in the 1928 Olympics, and now at age 104, lives in a nursing home alone and forgotten by history.



One spring day Aggie's stultifying life is interrupted by two young strangers who, without at first revealing who they are or what they may want from her, take her on an outing from the nursing home. Ready for adventure and escape, Aggie's memories are stirred when the pair return her to the family farm where she was raised. As they visit the rural landscape of southern Ontario and the family farm buildings, Aggie gradually reveals her life story including the devastation of WWI and the Spanish flu epidemic, the optimism of the 1920s and the sacrifices of the 1930s.

Written by Canadian Carrie Snyder, *Girl Runner* is an engaging story about family, ambition, athletics and the dedicated pursuit of one's passions. It is ultimately about a woman who follows the singular, heart-breaking and inspiring course of her life until the very end.

Although all members of our club agreed the novel was beautifully written, some were disappointed that the story did not focus more on Aggie's athletic accomplishments. Members scored the book 5 to 9 out of 10.

SMILE OF THE DAY

Contributed by Fred Ground

A boy comes back from school, disappointed, because he got a 0 on a geography exam.

"The teacher gave me a zero because I couldn't answer a question on Portugal," he said.

His mother asked, "What was the question?"

"Where's Portugal."

"The idiot teacher, I'm going to call the principal's office. In the meantime we're going to find where

Portugal is."

She gets a map of the state and can't find Portugal. Then she gets a map of the region and still can't find Portugal. She gets a map of the city and can't find Portugal.

"I swear Portugal can't be far.

The maid is from Portugal and she comes here to work everyday on her bicycle."

Clubs: Classical Music

Classical, and the reverse!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor



Our March Zoomer No. 1 was titled “Beautiful Singing”, seventeen YouTube videos mostly from operas, from thirteen different composers, including Verdi, Puccini, Beethoven, Wagner, Mozart. We really got our fill of singing, and then some! Pieces that are interesting and melodious, selected to entertain, rather than improve our minds! I also provided many of the words (in English), so we would understand at least a little bit about what was going on.

Here's a YouTube tickler, from Puccini's opera “La Rondine”, (The Swallow). Not one of his better-known operas, but it includes this little gem, “Bevo al tuo fresco sorriso” or “I drink to your fresh smile”. Main singers: Renee Fleming and Jonas Kaufmann. Two pairs of lovers, in a restaurant together, drink a toast to love, with the other diners chorusing in the background. [Here's a YouTube link to it \(3 minutes\)](#).

Our second Zoomer was different from anything we've heard before: Musical Humour! Flanders and Swann, from the London of the 1950s and 60s. Michael Flanders and Donald Swann collaborated in writing and performing their gently comic songs, eventually totalling more than 100. Between 1956 and 1967 they performed selections of these songs, interspersed with comic monologues, in their long-running two-man reviews “At the Drop of a Hat” and “At the Drop of Another Hat”, which they also toured in Britain and abroad.

An unusual feature of their act was that both men remained seated for their shows: Swann behind his piano and Flanders in a wheelchair, having contracted poliomyelitis in 1943, while serving in the Royal Navy. Over the course of 11 years, they gave nearly 2,000 live performances.

I saw them perform “At the Drop of a Hat” in London around 1957; I was bowled over by it, and I still am! Song topics are about as broad as is possibly imaginable; covering (for example): the British weather; a cannibal who has a change of heart; seduction via Madeira wine; Physics; various animals, like the Sloth, Armadillo, Ostrich (who picked an undesirable spot to bury his head), and of course, their most famous Animal – The Hippopotamus, whose song many of you will have heard, and possibly even sung (Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud). [Here's a YouTube link to it \(3 minutes\)](#).

I'VE BEEN BANNED FROM WALMART

Contributed by Fred Ground

Yesterday I was at my local Walmart store buying a large bag of My Dog dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 10 kilograms before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with My

Dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter's back side and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Walmart.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.

Clubs: Games

New Games of Strategy and Luck

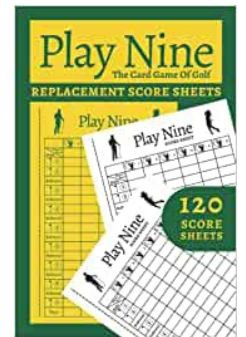
By Lorrette Shermet and Diane Comstock, Correspondents

Beth, Marg, Lorhel and Lorrette Played a card game called "Play Nine". The game was new to all but Lorrette. Play Nine is a golf card game for two to six players. The object is to shoot the lowest score and after the nine holes, the lowest score wins. The first hole Beth had the lowest score and Lorrette the highest, after several tee offs Lorrette had fallen back and Marg took the lead. As the game proceeded, there were a few mulligans and a Hole-in-one, so when they got to the ninth hole it was Beth that had the lead by a score of one. Lorrette and Lorhel tied for 2nd place and poor Marg came in fourth.



On board! "Des Pirates" is a card/dice game where the ferocious pirates of the 7 seas meet on the Aiz Morts Island. Jenny, Zella, and Lorraine were new pirates and Diane was a seasoned buccanier. Each turn a Pirate card influences your turn. You roll the 8 dice and try to keep as many identical symbols as possible to score as many points as possible. Diamonds and doubloons are particularly valuable, as they earn an additional 100 points each. But beware of the Skull - get three and you lose your treasure. The scores went up and down with Jenny leading for most of the game. But then Zella and Lorraine sent our scores downward by rolling 6, 7, and 8 skulls. In the end, Diane won with multiple scores of 14 and one of 17.

The afternoon was a lot of fun, a lot of laughs, and very enjoyable.



One & Only Yahtzee

by Pat Vogt, Convenor



We had 4 high rollers for a quick game of Yahtzee this month, it took 5 rounds for the first and only Yahtzee for Lorhel and she ended up the big winner of the game. The scores ranged from 181 to 296. A good afternoon of fun.

Please add your emergency contact(s) to your profile on our website. This will speed up notifications in case of an emergency. (Use the EDIT button on your profile page).

Cards, Cards and more Cards

by *Lorrette Shermet, Convenor*

Now that we are getting back to some normalcy, we would like to resume to playing card games in person.

Bid Euchre

It has been two years since we played bid euchre. We will resume playing on the Third Thursday of the month at GRACE Church in the upper hall starting Thursday April 21th at 1.15 p.m.

Come one, come all. If you would like to learn how to play bid euchre, Lorrette's willing to teach you.



Euchre

Euchre has always been played the 3rd Tuesday at 1 p.m. and has been hosted in the homes of individual players. Lorrette, the convenor is not available Tuesday afternoons.

We need a new convenor to take over, if the game continues on Tuesday. A thought, we could move it to the third Monday of the month and play at Grace Church at 1 p.m.

A poll will go out to all the participants registered for Euchre on Wild Apricot to select your choice. (a) Keep it on Tuesday (b) move it to Monday (c) I am willing to convene (d) I am comfortable meeting at peoples home – yes/no



Please respond to the poll ASAP so we can select a date and time.

Canasta

As things are getting back to some normalcy, PROBUS members are ready to starting playing cards. Canasta has been played the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at individual homes.



We can continue doing this or move Canasta to 1 p.m. and play at Grace Church at 1:15 p.m. still on the fourth Monday. A poll will go out to all the participants registered for Canasta on Wild Apricot to select your choice. (a) Keep it on Monday at 7 p.m. (b) move it to Monday at 1 p.m. (c) I am comfortable meeting at peoples home – yes/no

Please respond to the poll ASAP so we can select a date and time.

One must be fully vaccinated – to play you will need to have previously shown proof of identity and your QR code vaccination certificate or be prepared to show it at the event.

Mask must be worn.

High Rollers - Farkle

by *Pat Vogt*

There were 5 “high rollers” playing Farkle this month: Diane C. Lorhel W., Beth B., Marg J., Pat V.; we had a fairly even scored game until the last 3 rounds. There was a lot of gambling, throwing just one die hoping for a higher count. We did however have a low count of Farkles this game and the final scores ranging from 7800 to 10300. A fun afternoon of dice throwing and chatter.



NEWS AND VIEWS

Lost Dolls

by your Editor

The title sounds like something from the book club section, however, these photos were found in your editor's email spam folder. They should have accompanied Ev Zanatta's article about her doll making in last month's FORUM. If you enjoyed her article, I'm sure you will appreciate these. Better late than never.



Story with a Moral

Contributed by Fred Ground

In 1923, who was:

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the world's most successful of their days.

Now, about 100 years later, the history books tell us what ultimately became of them.

The Answers:

1. The president of the largest steel company. Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward

Hopson, went insane

3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide.

However, in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was Gene Sarazen. What became of him? He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

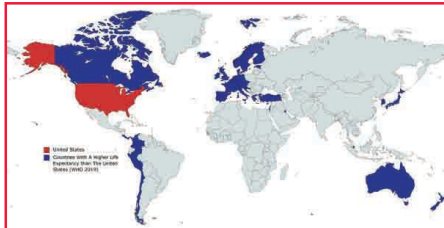
The Moral:

Screw work. Play golf.

Maps that might change your perspective

By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

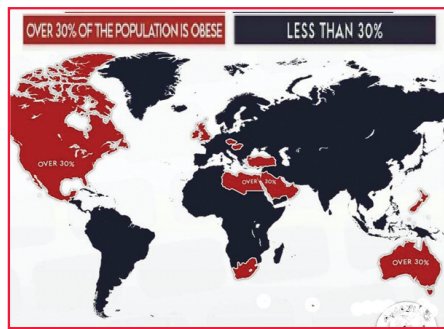
Maps are the precious representation of information and are the key to many secrets of the world, whether it's the Earth, our history, politics, sociology, or anything that interests you. The ultimate destination for fans of cartography can devour an endless variety of maps that all differ in information, style, size and many other features. Most unique and informative diagrammatic representations are very informative. So here are some that you may not have even known existed.



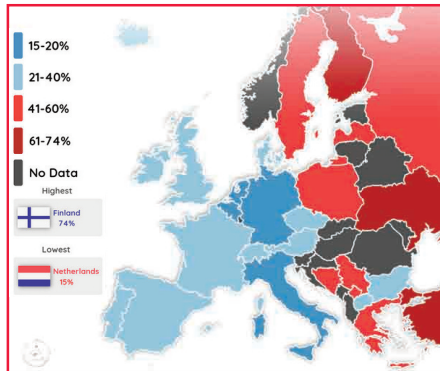
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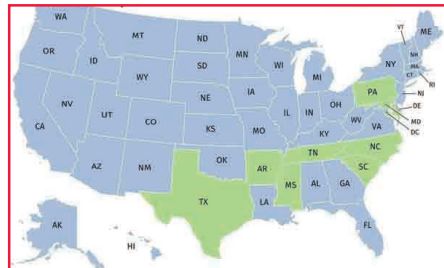
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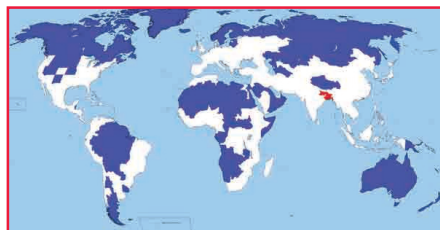
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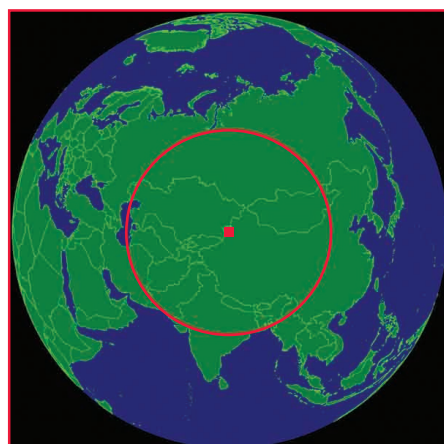
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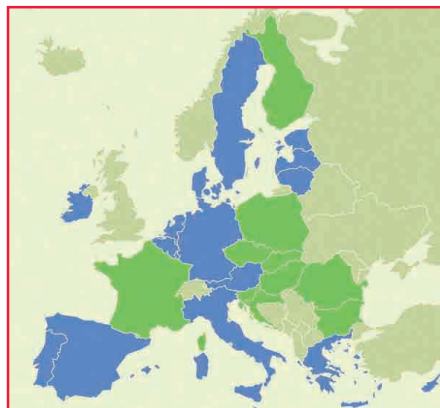
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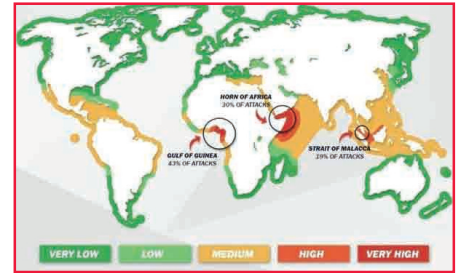
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The farthest place on Earth from any ocean



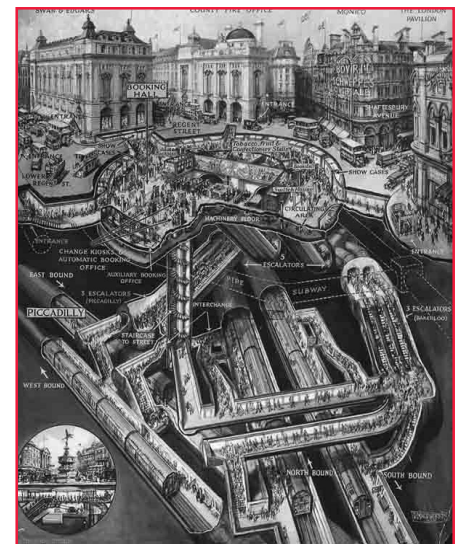
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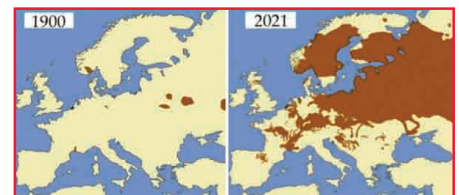
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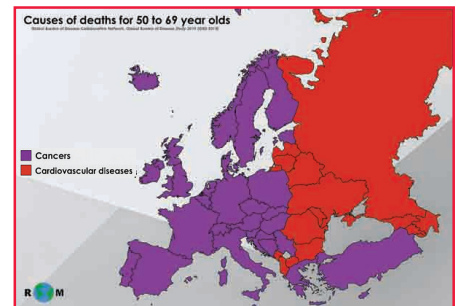
Blue, where prison escape is NOT a crime



London's Piccadilly Tube Station



Beavers in Europe, 1900 and 2021



Most causes of deaths for 50-69-year-olds

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