

FORUM



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President's Message:

June was HOT!



What a way to start Summer 2022! HOT, HOT, HOT! So much so that the PROBUS Pin Seekers cancelled one of their scheduled golf games – but there are still plenty of days ahead to get that elusive hole-in-one. I was told it was even hotter in the Mediterranean. If you have not done so already, head over to our website (<https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/Travel-May2022>), login, and read about our fellow members' adventures in Cinque Terra, Sicily, Malta, Cyprus, and Athens. Beautiful pictures as well!

Sorry, I don't recall your name! Wow – I didn't recognize you! Now that we are getting together in person for the general meetings, these are statements we may hear often. How do we remedy that? Wearing our name badges will help, but also by uploading a current photo to our website profiles. To help with that, we have two members who have volunteered to take head shots at our July and August general meetings. You can then upload the photo or have it sent to me and I will upload it for you.

As Russ stated in our June meeting, we would like more of the membership to attend our general meetings in person. Come on out and socialize with members you have not seen in a while. Do you know some good restaurants in town? We are looking for convenors for the Lunch Bunch or Saturday Night Lives.

For those that go to cottages or travel during the summer, I wish you safe journeys and warm weather. For those that stay close to home, don't forget about our Picnic on July 7th, the various activities and social clubs, and our general meeting on July 20th.

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

— Diane Comstock

MILTON'S GOT TALENT!

by Wayne Herder, Past President

That is right, Escarpment PROBUS Club of Milton has a lot of talent and we need some on our management team! We are looking for candidates to fill the following positions:

Vice-President: This a three-year term. (One year each as Vice-President, President and Past-President). As this position alternates between female and male, this year we are looking for a female candidate.

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Secretary: Two-year term to record minutes of management meetings, general election, and various other correspondence as required.

Program Chair: Two-year term to source and arrange guest speakers and greeters.

Social chair: Two-year term with the fun job of organizing our annual picnic, anniversary dinner and dance and Christmas luncheon. As well to be the liaison with convenors of the social clubs.

Your talents will be enhanced with the help of out-going members. Help and guidance is there.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me or any other board member.

Wayne.herder@sympatico.ca or cell: 416.949.5015

Photo of the Month

This month's photo, *Blue Rowboat*, was contributed by David Marion.

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



ACTIVITIES

Hot Fun in the Summertime!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Summer time is here and we have exciting activities lined up. We are busy planning activities into the fall. Check out what's coming up and see the articles so you can see what you have been missing!

An exciting Save the Date for you! Tuesday, November 17th we will be having Murders Tastefully Executed help us detect which Probian has been murdered this time and by whom. This time around it will be at Ned Devine's. More details and sign up will be shared at our August General Meeting.

Activities Committee
Members:

Ruth Gagnon
Anne Gibbard
Kelly Ground
Irene Hiebert
Ron Millichamp
Jenny O'Brien
Michelle Tschirhart

JULY ACTIVITIES:

Historic Martin Street – Tuesday, July 12th at 1:00 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Explore one of Milton's oldest neighbourhoods on this guided tour of Historic Martin Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton. The cost for this event is \$10.50 and is limited to 10 members. This walk will take about an hour and a half.

Meet at Centennial Park at the Millpond.



Historic Victoria Park Square Area – Thursday, July 14th at 1:00 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Explore the heart of Milton's civic precinct on this guided tour of the historic Victoria Park Square area. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton. The cost for this event is \$10.50 and is limited to 10 members. This walk will take about an hour and a half.

Meet at the parking lot on the corner of Mary and Brown Street by Town Hall.



NEW DATE! Adventure Village Mini Golf & Lunch – Thursday, July 21st at 11:00 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

It's been awhile since we have gotten out to play Mini Golf together! Join us for another round of fun! Check in will be at the Lighthouse (mini golf station). Lunch details to follow and will be at your own expense. Please use Wild Apricot to indicate whether you can drive or need a ride. We will do our best to accommodate.

Weather: Only closes if there is going to be a long period of rain.



Tune In to Probus' Newest Scavenger Hunt – July 26th at 3 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Music makes the world go around. Whistle while you work, sing a little song, hum a little ditty. We all have our favourites and a few new ones too! Join us for a new downtown scavenger hunt with a twist!

Tuesday, July 26th, at 3:00 pm we will be meeting at Victoria Park and then sent on our way. Music will guide us and make us look for things with brand new eyes. Do it by yourself or on a team, it is bound to be a good time.

Kelly and Ruth will be waiting for you at Casa Americo at 5:30 pm for a preset dinner selection. Register your participation and make your meal selection using Wild Apricot. Casa Americo is located at 144 Main Street East.



AUGUST ACTIVITIES:

Kahoot! Trivia LIVE! – Thursday, August 4th at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Coming to you Live (again)!! May 4th was a great evening of fun so we hope you can join us again. We will meet at Ned Devine's for a couple of rounds of Kahoot Trivia and dinner! **Cellphones or iPads are still needed!** There will be prizes for the top three on the podium. Play by yourself or make a team!

The cost is \$2 per player for this event payable the door (see Ruth). We will be having a preset menu so please make your selection using Wild Apricot. Drinks & Dinner at your own expense. Please refer to Ned Devine's website for more info.



THIS EVENT IS FULL! The Sweet Delilah Swim Club – Thursday, August 11th at 2 pm

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien

We will enjoy a fun afternoon of laughter as we enjoy The Sweet Delilah Swim Club. The cost for this event is \$65/member. A lunch in advance is being planned and details communicated at a later date.

From the website:

Five Southern women who met years ago on their college swim team set aside a long weekend every summer to reminisce and reconnect.

Free from husbands, kids, and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other's lives. Over the years, the five feisty ladies increasingly rely on one another, through advice and boisterous banter, to get through the challenges that life flings at them – including men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, and ageing – with some hilarious and unexpected twists and turns.

Part Steel Magnolias, part Designing Women ... with just a hint of Golden Girls, southern-fried humour abounds in this rollicking comedy about the enduring power of friendship.



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:

For the Love of Chocolate Tasting Experience – Tuesday, September 27th at 2:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

For the LOVE of Chocolate is a FUN and INTERACTIVE chocolate education and tasting EXPERIENCE which includes a curated chocolate tasting kit provided to participants so they can experience the tutored tasting along with the host. The cost of this event is \$43 and is limited to 50 members. It will be held at Grace Anglican Church.

During the LIVE event you'll learn;

- *about the key ingredients in chocolate*
- *a brief history of chocolate*
- *how chocolate is made*
- *how to taste and evaluate chocolate through all your senses*
- *and finally, you'll be guided through a structured tasting of six different chocolates; both milk and dark.*



In the end you'll have a smile on your face and feel-good endorphins coursing through your veins.

Host Oliver Woodburn is your Tasting Tutor for this chocolate experience. With 20+ years in the chocolate industry both in North America and Europe, he has first-hand experience in the development of chocolate recipes, chocolate production and the global chocolate industry.

NEW! Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls – Friday, September 30th at 11 am

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien

Join us for a walk at Hilton Falls and enjoy a weiner roast with chips followed by roasting marshmallows over the campfire. The cost for this event is \$8/member. Don't forget to bring your own beverage! Telescopic "sticks" will be provided. This event is restricted 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!



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.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Line Dancing, Thursday, October 13th at 2:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Let's get physical! Join us on Thursday, October 13th at 2:30 pm to be active! The cost for this event is \$10.50 and the class is for approximately one hour. We will be heading to a local restaurant at noon so please indicate if you will join us for lunch (at your own expense).

ESCARPMENT PROBUS SUMMER PICNIC 2022



The Summer Picnic will take place at the Town of Milton Community Park - Site C
- behind the Sports Centre on Thursday July 7th

Greetings, games and get togethers start at 11:00 am

Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, with your choice of one Hamburger, Hot dog,
Sausage in a bun or Veggie burger.

There will be freshly cooked French fries, Caesar salad and Garden Salad to
accompany the meal, with an Ice Cream treat for dessert.

The luncheon will be catered by Troy's Diner for a cost of \$25 per person

We encourage you to bring your own chair so you can rest between games or
watch other games in progress under the shade of our pop-up tents

Don't forget sunscreen and hats, but you can leave the water bottle at home
because we will be providing lots of extra water

Don't forget to register.....and pray for SUNSHINE!

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.

JULY CALENDAR

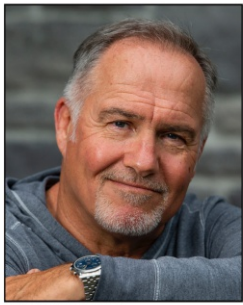
EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Picnic	July	7	11:00 AM	Community Park, Site C	Marg Jones
Historic Martin St. Tour	July	12	1:00 PM	Centennial Park@ Millpond	Kelly Ground
Executive Meeting	July	13	7:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Historic Victoria Park Square Area	July	14	1:00 PM	Mary & Brown St. Parking Lot	Kelly Ground
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	July	20	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Diane Comstock
Mini Golf	July	21	11:00 AM	Adventure Village Mini Golf	Kelly Ground
Scavenger Hunt	July	26	3:00 PM	Victoria Park	Kelly Ground and Ruth Gagnon
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	July	5	1:00 PM	Currie Home	Diane Comstock
Trail Walkers	July	5	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	July	6	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	July	6	7:00 PM	TBD	Chris Strachan
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	July	8	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Nosh & Natter	July	8	5:30 PM	Stringer Home	Jenny O'Brien
Books – First Edition	July	11	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	July	11	7:00 PM	Zoom until spring	Martin Capper
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	July	12	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Movies - Oscar Nights	July	12	7:00 PM	TBD	Petra Halk
Trail Walkers	July	12	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Books – Sequel	July	13	1:15 PM	Strachan Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	July	13	1:00 PM	CANCELLED	Diane Comstock
Cards - Euchre	July	18	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Trail Walkers	July	19	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Cards - Bid Euchre	July	21	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	July	21	10:30 AM	CANCELLED	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	July	21	5:30 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Nosh @ Nite	July	22	5:30 PM	Capper Home	Paul Crawford
Cards -Canasta	July	25	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	July	26	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Trail Walkers	July	26	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	July	27	2:00 PM	TBD	Michael Hooker
Friendship Club	July	27	10:00 AM	Zoom	Judy Krauss
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	July	28	7:00 PM	Zoom	Pete Shermet

New information

Temporary change

* Permanent location

MEETING: JULY



NEIL CRONE

Neil Crone - Cancer Survivor / 2nd City Actor

Neil has performed in dozens of television and radio commercials. His most current television and feature film credits include guest starring appearances in 'Murdoch Mysteries', 'Saving Hope', and 'Nurses' as well as regular roles in CBC's Endlings for which he received an Emmy Nomination and the hit series 'When Hope Calls'. He also enjoyed six wonderful seasons playing the role of Radio Redneck Fred Tupper in CBC's hit sit-com 'Little Mosque on the Prairie'. Neil is a cancer survivor and is a National Spokesperson for both the Colo-rectal Cancer Association of Canada and Colon Cancer Canada.

RECENT EVENTS

June Meeting

Our June general meeting was held Wednesday June 15th. Our speaker, Paul Dias, talked to us about Rembrandt.

[Click here for a Zoom recording of the meeting \(Speaker not recorded\).](#)

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Our 50/50 winner, Carolyn Keyworth, shown with Jenny O'Brien who was our 50/50 ticket seller. Carolyn won \$67.



Backed By Bees

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

A group of seven Probians met at Backed By Bees on four acres of land along with two million bees. What are the odds that someone would get stung? Well, no one did! It's the worker bees that have the stingers and if 2,000 bees stung you at once you would no longer "bee" here! Interestingly Backed By Bees has 20 locations all over Ontario where they have a parcel of farmland in return for the bees pollinating the land.

How busy is a queen bee you ask...she lays 1,500 to 2,000 eggs in one day! Check it out in the photo – she has a yellow dot on her head. Lots and lots of daddys!



It was a very organized event and we were given a lot of information from beekeeping to the making of meads. We were able to taste three different kinds of honey – raw, liquid and smoked – and told how each one was made. We also got to taste three different kinds of meads. It was a very informative day and very interesting. We all came home with a jar of honey and knowing that it will last 1,047 years, I'd say we are good to go and can leave it for one of "ours" to inherit!

And men, just so you know the female bee's GPS is 15 kilometres and she knows exactly where her hive is! So listen to your woman when she gives you driving directions!

Car Rally - Movies, Movies and More Movies

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

Wednesday, one of the hottest days of the year so far, saw 36 people and 9 cars head off on a quest around town, the only clues they had were movie titles.

With their thinking caps on and google in the passenger seat, movie titles took them around town, for instance some clues followed were:

The only place in town where Paul Newman or Jackie Gleason could possibly Hustle you. **Or**, on a summer day in 1981 you might have found Henry and Jane Fonda here. **Or**, this infamous child has an uncanny resemblance to Pippi Longstocking.

Fun was had by all, once the team of six managed to get in and out of Martin's Land Rover, and Margaret got herself off of mute. Tough love was the order of the day as certain members tried their best to be "creative".

Prizes were had by all teams; with the first place team of Jack Hanna, Wilma Peer, Barb Finnie and Fred Ground with a total of 245 points winning 8 bottles of wine. Second Place with 205 points winning 7 bottles of wine, was Debbie and Willy Ceelen with Ron and Lynda Johnston. Third place went to Sandy and Robert Ewing with Bonnie and Steve Walsh, with 200 points, winning 6 bottles of wine.

Everyone really enjoyed themselves, it was a fun day, a great activity and a wonderful meal back at Ned Devine's.



Historical Walking Tours

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

It was a week of historical walks, friendly bonding and good coffee. Tuesday the 21st saw six of us cruise Main Street and revisit days of the past. We reminisced, marvelled at the architecture and noted the commercial improvements from a small farm town to a bustling larger community. Despite the heat we enjoyed the day and ended up at The Barn Door Studio to have iced drinks and a wee chat.

On Thursday, the 23rd another half dozen of us walked Victoria and Mill Streets. On Mill Street we learned where not to stand, so close to a bus stop, when sight seeing! The century old homes and their historical pasts were a bit more enlightening into the past of our town. Most of these homes have had their structures and pasts preserved by the Milton Historical Society. I highly recommend these tours for everyone to get to know our town a little better. Iced coffees and camaraderie were again a great way to finish the morning's activity.

The next historical walks are on July 12th and 14th, Martin Street and Victoria Park. There is still room to sign up.



Golf Tales

Contributed by Fred Ground

Wife - "Where the hell have you been?"

You said you'd be done with golf by noon

" Husband - "I'm so sorry Honey. but you probably don't want to hear the reason.

" Wife - "I want the truth, and I want it NOW !

" Husband - "Fine. We finished in under 4 hours, quick beer in the Clubhouse, I hopped in the car, and would have been here at 12 on the button..... On the way home, I spotted a girl half our age struggling with a flat tire.

I changed it in a jiffy, and next she's offering me money.

Of course I refuse it - then she tells me she was headed to the bar at the Sheraton - and begs me to stop so she can buy me a beer.

She's such a sweetie, I said yes.

Before you know it - one beer turned to three or four, and I guess we were looking pretty good to each other.

Then she tells me she has a room at the Sheraton less than 50 steps from our table.

She suggested we get some privacy while pulling me by the hand.

Now I'm in her room....clothes are flying the talking stopped....and we proceeded to have sex in every way imaginable.

It must have gone on for hours because before I know it the clock says 5:30.

I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car, and here I am.

..... There. You wanted the truth....you got it.

Wife - "Bulls--t! You played 36 holes, didn't you?"

Welcome Home Travellers

by Joanne Millichamp, Convenor

This is a group photo taken from the rooftop of our hotel in Athens where we enjoyed our final dinner, with a view of the Acropolis.



The Importance of Underwear

Contributed by Michelle Tschirhart

In BURLINGTON of all places ? (Wonder which store.)

If you don't laugh out loud at this one, I give up... Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle...From the Hamilton Spectator Daily News comes this story of a Burlington couple who drove their car to Walmart, only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis. Although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned private parts into glaringly public ones.

Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place. She then took a deep breath and stood up boldly to face the crowd. When she looked across the hood, she found herself staring at her husband, who had been standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

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. - 1:15 pm	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	2nd Fri - 2 pm & 4th Wed - 2 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	pauallengcrawford@gmail.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	Looking for new convenor		
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
Games - Jokers	4th Wed. - 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Movie Club - Oscar Nights	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Petra Halk	647-913-6041	petra.halk@gmail.com
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
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 Shermet (lorrette@sympatico.ca) before planning your event.

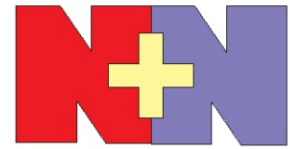
If you need help with the Zoom program, - check out our Zoom page at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

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

Country Air makes Noshers Hungry!

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor



It was a perfect, early summer evening in the beautiful hamlet of Campbellville and more specifically, the park like setting of the Wallhouse country estate!

Twenty three Noshers arrived right on time (oh wait, some were even early :), and were greeted outside by Chris and Alan, parking attendants extraordinaire! Folks made their way inside and soon arranged themselves on the back porch overlooking perfectly groomed gardens and open fields beyond. Rumour has it a bit of a rain storm blew through a few hours earlier, and outdoor cushions were quickly pulled inside to ensure a dry "you know what for all".

The joint hosting talents of Ellen W and Rosalind J (and of course their respective hubbies), did a great job in creating a lovely setting for all in attendance who were once again treated to a fine selection of appys including meatballs, grilled shrimp, spicy shrimp, spring rolls, deviled eggs, salad, pizza, spinach dip, puff pastry snacks, mini quiche and more. And then the piece de resistance ... dessert! What a fine selection of mini cheesecakes, loaf slices, lemon cookies, to-die-for blondies, fruit and wait .. Ellen's world famous pudding shots in chocolate/rum, strawberry/Baileys and pistachio/O'Caseys flavours. Some members were seen downing 5 and 6 of these little puppies. Hiccup!

All too soon it was time to go home, but not before hugs and good-byes were exchanged, with much anticipation for next month's N&N, where bikinis may be on the menu!! Noshers are encouraged to book early for the July 8th Nosh hosted by Bob Stringer and Jenny O'Brien in Bob's backyard and pool!

See you there.



Nosh at Night

by Robyn Balfour, Correspondent

A perfect summers evening shared by 16 Noshers, hosted by Robyn Balfour in her tiny back yard.

Delightful finger food treats, good wines and good company were enjoyed by all. Desert was fresh fruit, miniature cupcakes and ice cream cones.



Sensitive Men

Contributed by Fred Ground

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial - it strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface, like a grass path.

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that

shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes ?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag?"

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?

(THIS LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY CAN'T BE TAUGHT)

Appy-tites will have to wait until July!

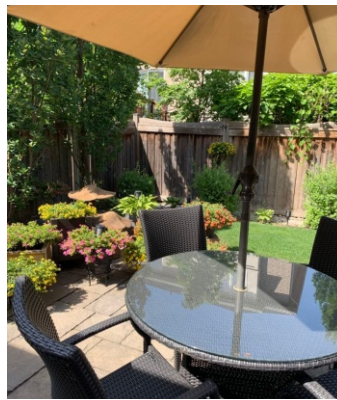
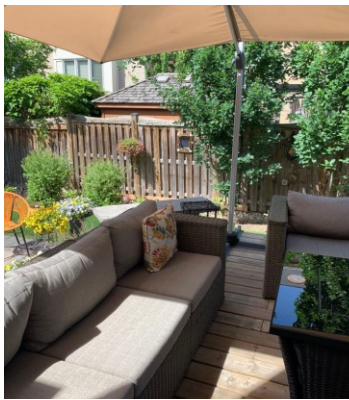
by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent

The food was ready, the lawn was cut, the flowers watered and the chairs were set ... it promised to be a spectacular summer evening until the day of the event when one of the hosts tested positive for Covid.

With much chagrin, the other host notified the registered participants and offered porch pickup doggie bags to interested members. And so began the doggie bag assembly line, replete with chicken kebobs, sausage, rice, pasta salad, caesar salad, asian slaw, buttered buns, butter tarts, cookies and watermelon. The only thing missing was the wine, but I think our members know where to find that! 15 dinners were packed and various Uber Eat drivers arrived at the door for dinner pickup.

Not the Appy Hour we had planned, but what a great group of 'go with the flow' people we are surrounded by! Until next month folks, eat well, drink lots and stay healthy!

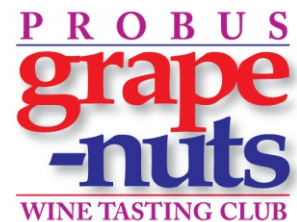
Pictured below ... a quiet crowd assembled at the O'Briens!



A Boss Tasting

by Maggie Boss, Correspondent

June wine tasting at Boss Backyard Bar was a celebration of all things good – a return to in-person gathering, a return to summer and a return to cheap wine! Our theme for this month's tasting was inspired by a recent Toronto Star article, 5 ultra-affordable summer season wines at the LCBO. Maggie and David brought it up to six by adding one of their summertime regulars that fit the category. All wines came in at well below \$20.00.



The winners for the evening were the **2021 Doppio Passo Botter Primitivo Puglia IGT** (Italy) and the **2020 Radio Boka Verdejo** (Spain). The Primitivo scored an impressive 4.13 for a lovely red at \$11.00. The Verdejo white not far behind at 3.62 for \$11.95. In fact, there were no wines in the line-up that would cause you to “lose friends if you put any more in the glass”. The lowest scorer of the evening was unfortunately the only Canadian wine in the collection and the most expensive (but still only \$16.95).

One of the most unusual entries of the evening was the **NV Fresita Orange Sundown** (Chile). Following the recommendation in the article, this one was frozen and served granita-style. A lovely palate cleanser before we started on our summertime desserts of ice cream and fresh fruit treats to continue our celebration of a return to summer.



Wine tasting at Ellen and Paul Crawford's on June 21

by Paul Crawford, Correspondent



Eleven enthusiastic wine lovers congregated at the Crawford's for an evening of wine tasting to sample wines that are considered versatile. All of the wines were recommendations of John Szabo, one of the Wine Align experts who taste and rate wines for the LCBO. These wines are considered versatile as they can be served with many different food. White wines are usually crisp and dry. Red wines are not too oaky and have low tannins, they are not overly mouth puckering. The versatile wines are usually less expensive and generally more easy going.

We tasted 3 whites and 3 reds. We used the original score method.

The winning white wine was *Moselland Bernkasteler Kurfurstlay Riesling* from Germany, LCBO #15875, score 13.8. *Robertson Winery Chenin Blanc* from South Africa, LCBO #495507, score 13.7. *Villa Sandi Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie* from Italy, LCBO #580324, score 13.3.

The wining red wine was *Casillero del Diablo Merlot* from Chile, LCBO #427088, score 14.2. *Fantini Sangiovese* from Italy, LCBO #512327, score 14.0. *La Vieille Ferme Cotes du Ventoux AOC Grenache* from France, LCBO #263640, score 13.1.

Special acknowledgement to Ron Millichamp who guessed exactly the grape and country for the Riesling and the Sangiovese. A few others were able to guess the grape varietal of some of the wines.



Clubs: Books & Classical Music

Daisy Jones and the Six - by Taylor Jenkins Reid

by June Leach - Correspondent



The Sequel Book club gathered in June to discuss this fictional novel about a 70's rock band. According to the author she was inspired by the classic rock band Fleetwood Mac. The book focuses mainly on the love hate relationship between the two main characters, Daisy Jones and Billy but it also covers all the "goings on" among the other band members. This often made for a highly strained, uncomfortable situation and work environment for everyone.

We mostly agreed that reading this novel was a lesson in how intense, complicated and challenging it is to create, produce, and bring music and song to fruition, especially in the shadow of difficult relationships. How this band managed to make such iconic and beautiful albums and music in this toxic environment of drugs, alcohol and affairs was a mystery to our group.

Although Reese Witherspoon was totally smitten with this book our group had more diverse reactions. We all appreciated learning about the extreme difficulty in the creation of music. However the style of writing did not appeal to everyone. We felt that this book would be enjoyed by a reader interested in the creation of music and the development of rock bands.

Apparently there is a TV series being made based on this novel.

Mozart and Friends – Here Comes Broadway!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor



Asoka hosted June's Zoomer, and entertained us to a selection of overtures and songs from six Broadway musicals from around the 1950s, (the heyday of this genre), mostly from the original cast recordings. The six gems being: West Side Story; Gigi; The Sound of Music; South Pacific; The King and I; My Fair Lady. What a great musical treat that was; Thank You, Asoka!

For me, this brings back fond memories. From 1956 to 1959 I was living in London, and was able to see the original London presentations of both "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady", with their original casts! That really WAS a musical feast!

Here's a YouTube video clip from the original movie of West Side Story: "America" sung by Rita Moreno, words by Stephen Sondheim, music by Leonard Bernstein. Five minutes of frenetic energy, dance, singing and FUN! Buckle your seat belts! [Click here for the video.](#)

English is Strange

Contributed by Fred Ground

English is the only language where you drive in parkways and park in driveways.

It is also the only language where you recite in a play and play in a recital.

Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips. Yet you can tiptoe but you can't tipfinger.

The word "Queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

Jail and prison are synonyms, but jailer and prisoner are antonyms.

When you transport something by car, it's called a shipment-but when you transport something by ship, it's called a cargo.

Clubs: Crafts

Retreat at the Farm

by Carol Ann, Dawn, Diane, and Louise - Quilt Retreat
Participants



Four ladies travelled up to Mulmur to quilt, laugh, eat, talk, and share ideas and tips. We spent 4 days in a beautiful old farm house set up perfectly for quilters, from the sunny bright sewing room, to an ironing/cutting room with a display wall, to a great kitchen for preparing/eating meals together. Highlights were a meeting of friends, laughter, and sharing of ideas and techniques. Occasional sewing frustrations were overcome with help from the group members. Our road trip to visit a couple of quilt shops was amazing and very inspiring – to the point that two members signed up for a quilting ruler workshop in September. A couple of games in the evening were fun and ended each day on a happy note.



We each worked on a Mug Rug project challenging us to cut and sew small 4 patches and a flying geese star as well as applique I {heart} Quilting! In addition, Carol Anne worked on Dresden Plate blocks and HST Pillow Star blocks, Dawn cut and pieced a Pointing Pillow block, Louise sewed more HST blocks and produced some stitch samples, while Diane created a Sparkle block, a Japanese Knot Bag, and some Fan blocks.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

Quilting retreat: *A retreat is a place of refuge, seclusion, or privacy. In its truest definition, a quilting retreat is merely a group of quilters getting together in a room for any length of time to quilt. These gatherings could be for one day or one week. They could be at a quilter's house or in a fancy hotel conference room.*

Mug Rug: *A coaster seats a cup and nothing more whereas a mug rug usually accommodates a mug and a cake or cookies. A mug rug is a mini quilt varying in size from 4" x 7" to as large as 12" x 8". As such a quilter can fit more detail onto a mug rug and have more fun creating them.*

Next meeting: Carol Ann will host an in-person meeting in her oasis garden on Tuesday, July 5.

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



More Photos >>>>>>



Back Together in July

by Dana Weatherell, Convenor

Unfortunately Craftaholics did not meet in June so July 6th we will finish our woven fabric baskets and look at a possible future next project. New members welcome. Bring a craft to work on at your own pace while we finish ours.



Craftaholics

Muses

Contributed by Fred Ground

Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke. Go ahead and try it.....

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

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? (taxes)

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

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?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

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?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

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

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

HOW DID THE MAN WHO MADE THE FIRST CLOCK, KNOW WHAT TIME it was?

Clubs: Games

Joker Start Up

by Auriel Halliday, Convenor

With our lives opening up again, it is time to add to the fun.

LET THE JOKER LAUGHS BEGIN.

If you are interested in playing Joker again, please contact Auriel Halliday at aurielh@gmail.com

We plan on having two sessions a month. You may choose to join one or the other. Days to be announced soon.



Euchre

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

On Monday June 20th, sixteen of us, were meant to gather at Grace Church for our regular monthly game of Euchre.

Only 14 showed up and we were desperate for two more players. I made a few phone calls, my husband Pete graciously showed up.

After a few failed attempts of phone calls my dear friend Teresa (a non-Probud member) filled in.

We still played six games of eight hands, but, it went a little longer than usual but no one minded.

The big winner was Diane Comstock with a high score of 46 and the honest player was Lorraine Randall.

Bob S, Teresa W, Harold G, Lynda J, Jim C, and myself all had a single lone hand. No one seemed to be able to make a second one even though there were many tries.

The next game will be played on July 18th.



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).

NEWS AND VIEWS

Membership Report for July

by Dawn Ross, Membership Chair

Our Membership renewal is being delayed until September 1, 2022.

This way it will align with our financial fiscal year, and all payments will be in the 2022-2023 year.

We were able to welcome 2 new members. They are Pat McIntyre and Trish Langero.

We currently have 213 Waiver forms on file.

We have 23 people on the waitlist.

Mensa versus The waitress

Contributed by Fred Ground

MENSA, as you know, is a national organization for people who have an IQ of 140 or higher.)

Several of the Mensa members went out for lunch at a local café. When they sat down, one of them discovered that the salt shaker contained pepper & the pepper shaker was full of salt.

How could they swap the contents of the two bottles without spilling any & using only the implements at hand? Clearly this was a job for Mensa minds.

The group debated the problem, presented ideas & finally came up with a brilliant solution involving a

napkin, a straw & an empty saucer.

They called the waitress over, ready to dazzle her with their solution. "Miss," they said, "We couldn't help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt & the salt shaker.... "

But before they could finish, the waitress interrupted, "Oh! sorry about that."

She leaned over the table, unscrewed the caps of both bottles & switched them.

There was dead silence at the Mensa table.

Kinda reminds yaof the government, doesn't it.

Don't confuse IQ and education with common sense.

Farming Wisdom

Contributed by Fred Ground

A group of people from the city came to visit a farm to know more about how it works. The farmer greeted them and started showing them around, explaining this and that.

As they reached the animals in the pasture, a young lady in the group spoke up.

"Why doesn't this cow have any horns?" she asked.

The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began

in a patient tone, "Well, ma'am, cattle can do a powerful lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep 'em trimmed down with a hacksaw.

Other times we can fix up the young 'uns by puttin' a couple drops of acid where their horns would grow in, and that stops 'em cold.

Still, there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns.

But the reason this cow don't have no horns, ma'am, is 'cause it's a horse.

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).

PROBUS Canada is Looking for a New Managing Director

Call for Expressions of Interest, PROBUS CANADA Managing Director Position

General Position Description

The Managing Director is an independent contractor responsible for overseeing the administration of PROBUS CANADA's Constitution, Bylaws, Directors' Manual 2020, Strategic Plan initiatives and the day-to-day administration of Board and Club-related business. Other essential duties include marketing and Club assistance. The part-time position reports directly to the Board of Directors.

Position Qualifications

The successful applicant will demonstrate all or most of the following:

1. Demonstrated transparency, leadership, initiative, and strong work ethic.
2. Ability to think and plan strategically to effectively communicate the PROBUS CANADA Mission to clubs and the overall community.
3. Senior non- or not-for-profit management experience.
4. Experience and skill in working with a Board of Directors.
5. Ability to plan and organize regular activities such as may be required by statute, constitution, and bylaws.
6. Proficient written and oral communication skills.
7. Technological skill using software such as Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Quicken and ZOOM.
8. An ongoing membership in a PROBUS CANADA Club. (This is a must.)

Contract Arrangements and Compensation

1. The Managing Director will provide independent contract services to the PROBUS CANADA Board of Directors for one year with the option for renewal, as determined by the Board.
2. The Contractor is paid monthly according to the monthly payment schedule.
3. The Contractor will provide all facilities and supplies to perform the required services such as office and supplies/printing, telecommunications, internet connections, transportation, and support services.
4. Necessary travel and Board-related meeting expenses will be reimbursed.

Next Steps

If you are interested in the Managing Director position, please contact PROBUS CANADA Board Secretary Inga Thomson Hilton at ingathomsonhilton@gmail.com for more information.

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