

FORUM



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President's Message:

Summertime and the Living is Easy!



Well it was a perfect day for a Picnic. Seventy-eight members enjoyed the day playing games before chowing down on delicious food supplied by Troy's Diner and topped off with ice cream bars. After eating, Kelly challenged us with 26 Trivia questions. Then the game winners were announced and received their prizes - lottery tickets! Did anyone win? Thanks to Marg Jones and the entire social committee for a great day!

The backbone of the club is our members, and Dawn presented two new members and one not-so-new member with their name badges. Evelyn Lim joined just before Covid shut us down and Richard Pearen and Pat McIntyre joined in May and June.

Remember if you see a member with a red dot, go up and introduce yourself to the first-year members.

Kudos to Chris for lining up Joanne and Kelly to take the place of the July speaker who had to cancel at the last minute due to a work commitment. They did an excellent presentation on the recent Mediterranean trip. Joanne then talked about the changes in travel while Kelly showed some photos from previous trips to Ireland, Austria, and Africa. Now drum roll please — the September 2023 trip will be to Norway & Sweden. Read all about it in Joanne's article further down in the Forum.

In August, Wayne will announce the slate of new management candidates. We are still looking for a Secretary and encourage anyone interested to speak to Wayne Herder. To learn more about the position, look under FILES on the website ([Click Here to go to FILES](#)) or talk to our current secretary Barb Campbell. As Wayne said, he does not want to have to pick a name out of a hat.

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, *The Majestic CN Tower overlooking the Rogers Centre*, was contributed by Beth Barnes.

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



ACTIVITIES

Welcome August!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

It's hard to believe we are facing the end of summer soon! Time is flying by, but the activities keep on coming!

I was hoping to have details to share with you for Murders Tastefully Executed on Tuesday, November 17th, but that will have to wait until next month. Don't forget to Save the Date!

Check out the articles on what your fellow Probian's have been up to and what is coming soon for activities!

Activities Committee
Members:

Ruth Gagnon

Anne Gibbard

Kelly Ground

Irene Hiebert

Ron Millichamp

Jenny O'Brien

Michelle Tschirhart

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. Lunch is planned for 11:30 at The Hemlock Barn - 1217 Lobsinger Line, Waterloo. It's a short 5 minute drive to the Playhouse, located at 40 Benjamin Road East.

Their menu can be found at :[The Hemlock Barn Menu](#) and there's an interesting article, sharing their locally sourced commitment at :

[Waterloo Smash Burger Hits Local Scene](#). Members are encouraged to bring a cooler and stroll through the St. Jacobs Market at 878 Weber Street North, after lunch and before the play starts at 2 pm..

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:

New Date! Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls – Friday, September 23th 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.

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 DATE! VIVA Life – Retirement Communities (Nutrition, Mental Health & Wellness) – Thursday, September 29th at 10:00 am



Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

We have finally been able to get this rescheduled. If this date does not work for you and you had previously registered for this event, we will refund you the \$5/member.

As we head into the Fall and Winter and the cold dark nights, let's do a check in about our mental health and wellness? Let's hear some gentle reminders on nutrition, mental health and wellness! This event will be held

at Grace Anglican Church and the cost for this event is \$5/member and is limited to 48 members.

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, micronutrient 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!

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. 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!

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

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).

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Menopause The Musical – Thursday, November 10th at 7:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

The cost for this show is \$77.50. Please note there will be no refunds given for cancellations. If there is a waitlist, I will be happy to share it with you.

From the Website:

Come see what millions of women worldwide, have been laughing, cheering and raving about for years! Set in a department store, four women with nothing in common, realize they have a lot more to share, than they ever thought possible!

The Canadian All -Star Cast makes fun of hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, wrinkles, not enough sex, too much sex, chocolate binges and much more!

"Menopause" is hysterical & leaves you singing & dancing in the aisles. A brilliant comedy staged to 25 Classic Hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s. See It For The 1st Time or Come Love It Again!

Please note that if we get 20 members registered, we will receive a discount which will be refunded to you the night of the show.



AUGUST CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Kahoot Trivia	August	4	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Kelly Ground
Executive Meeting	August	10	7:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Sweet Delilah Swim Club	August	11	2:00 PM	Hemlock Barn, Waterloo	Jenny O'Brien
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	August	17	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Diane Comstock
Lunch Bunch	August	17	12:00 PM	Keenan's Irish Pub	Bonnie Lennox
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	August	2	1:00 PM	Jones Home	Diane Comstock
Trail Walkers	August	2	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	August	3	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	August	3	7:00 PM	Shermet Home	Chris Strachan
Books – First Edition	August	8	1:00 PM	NO August Meeting	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	August	8	7:00 PM	Capper Home	Martin Capper
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	August	9	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Movies - Oscar Nights	August	9	7:00 PM	TBD	Petra Halk
Trail Walkers	August	9	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Books – Sequel	August	10	1:15 PM	NO August Meeting	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	August	10	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Nosh & Natter	August	12	5:30 PM	Watkiss Home	Jenny O'Brien
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	August	12	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Euchre	August	15	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Trail Walkers	August	16	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Cards - Bid Euchre	August	18	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	August	18	10:30 AM	CANCELLED	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	August	18	5:30 PM	NO August Meeting	Lorrette Shermet
Cards -Canasta	August	22	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	August	23	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Trail Walkers	August	23	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	August	24	2:00 PM	TBD	Michael Hooker
Friendship Club	August	24	10:00 AM	NO August Meeting	Judy Krauss
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	August	25	7:00 PM	CANCELLED	Looking for new convenor
Nosh @ Nite	August	26	5:30 PM	Strachan Home	Paul Crawford
Dining - Appy Hour	August	27	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins
Trail Walkers	August	30	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read

New information

Temporary change

* Permanent location

MEETING: AUGUST



Christine Ibbotson - Financial Advice

Christine Ibbotson writes for over 630 Newspapers in Canada and the United States with over 20 million readers and is heard on 327 radio stations across Canada.

Christine does not sell investment or financial products, insurance or bank services any more. Now she only provides personalized, unbiased financial advice in an honest, nonjudgemental, and straightforward manner.

RECENT EVENTS

July Meeting

Our July general meeting was held Wednesday July 20th. Our speaker cancelled out on short notice so Joanne and Kelly spoke about the recent Club Trip and changes to travel.

This meeting was not on Zoom, hence no recording was made.

Our 50/50 winner was Lois Osborne who won \$92. (Bottom left photo)

Our new members received their badges from Dawn Ross : **Evelyn Lim, Richard Pearen, and Pat McIntyre**. Evelyn actually joined back in 2020 just before COVID-19 stopped everything. (Bottom right photo)



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.

Historic Milton

By Kelly Ground, Convenor

Victoria Park sits in the center of “Old Milton”, and holds a lot of the history of our town. It is beautiful with the renovated jail, that now serves as Town Hall, the gazebo that was moved when Allendale was expanded and the historical homes that are truly remarkable. Seven probians toured Mary, King, Sarah and Charles streets and learned about the history of the homes and their former residents.

The most interesting thing we learned was that in the early days before there was a town planning office, two different developers were responsible for building the town. These two did not confer resulting in the two sides of Main Street not having cross streets that meet. There are no through streets from the north to the south side of Main Street. Huh, go figure!



Mini Golf, the 2022 edition

By Kelly Ground, Convenor

A beautiful sunny day at Adventure Village in Hamilton brought out twenty “competitive” mini-golfers. Cheers were heard around the course as multiple holes-in-one were had by many. Winners sharing the lowest scores of day were Rosalind Jordan and Marg Jones, way to go girls! And defending her title as “Most Honest” golfer, despite having the first hole-in-one on the very first hole was Norma Capper!

Awards and prizes were handed out at Kelsey’s where we enjoyed a lovely lunch and lots of laughs.



More photos >>>>



Musical Scavenger Hunt

By Kelly Ground, Convenor

A knowledge of music was not necessary for our newest scavenger hunt, one just had to make use of their pocket google boxes.

After giving instructions and leaving the teams to themselves, Ruth and I walked away feeling a sense of accomplishment. However after about twenty minutes and not seeing a soul out and about, worry started to seep in. On our return to Victoria Park to our surprise all the teams were still huddled, heads together continuing to work out clues! Then they were off!

Pictures flooded in as the teams trooped up and down Main Street and the surrounding area. Right answers, wrong answers and some very wide guesses kept us on our toes. The Herder team, with Marg Jones and Frank Dawe gave us the biggest laugh with their answer to the clue: The Coasters say “You Can Look But You Better Not Touch” - The answer was Poison Ivy – which meant the Ivy Arms was the answer, see the pictures below for their answer!



Third place team was Suzanne and Wayne Herder with Marg Jones and Frank Dawe.. Second Place was Martin and Norma Capper with Anna and Chris Strachan. The winners of the day were Barb Finnie, Fred Ground and Avril O’Reilly. The afternoon was capped off with a delicious dinner at Casa Americo, and of course the usual probian conversation and laughs.



A Successful Picnic & What's Next

by Marg Jones, Social Chair

Whew! The Summer Picnic 2022 went off without a hitch, thanks to excellent weather, good food and 78 happy Probus members joining in the fun. *See photo gallery below.*

I would like to once again thank both my awesome social committee for their hard work and all the members who provided games, a microphone, took pictures, stood in as games convenors, etc...you know who you are!

Next up...The Escarpment Probus Annual Dinner and Dance on Friday, September 30th, 6:30 pm at The Grand Chalet on Steeles Avenue.

If you haven't already done so, please mark it on your calendars.

The registration form will require you to choose your entrée, your table companions if you wish to do so, and songs that will be sure to get you up on the dance floor! More info to follow.



More Photos >>>>



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	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre	3rd Thurs. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Tues. - 1 pm	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	2nd 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	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	Looking for new convenor		
Tastings - Whisky - D'Stillers	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Mon. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Thurs. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	2nd Wed. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Travel - Annual Trip	Scheduled by convenor	Joanne Millichamp	289-878-2969	jmillichamp@hotmail.com
Travel - Wanderlust	2nd Thurs. - 7 pm (bi-monthly)	Gloria Pennycook	905-659-7789	gpennycook@icloud.com
Walkers - Trail Walkers	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca

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

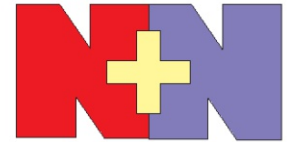
If you need help with the Zoom program, - check out our Zoom page at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

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

Clubs: Food and Drink

Nosh & Natter Goes Poolside

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor



It was a truly stunning evening, when the Noshers gathered at Bob Stringer's home for the July N&N.

The weather co-operated with one of the finest evenings of the summer, and the appy's and treats also scored a perfect 10! A wonderful selection of finger foods befitting a beach setting, tempted our palates, with chicken wings and chicken bites, meatballs and devilled eggs, veggies and dip, shrimp bruschetta and shrimp on nachos, a charcuterie board and pizza!! But wait .. there was more. A lovely array of desserts awaited those with a sweet tooth, including strawberry-rhubarb pie, nanaimo bars, butter tart squares, lemon squares, chocolate chip cookies, peanut butter cookies, banana loaf and watermelon. Suffice to say, no one went home hungry!

We all enjoyed sitting outside, admiring the gorgeous pool and catching up with special friends. A few daring souls dangled their feet into the 85 degree pool, but no one was brave enough to take the plunge (maybe next time :)

Next month, Noshers will follow the bread crumb trail all the way to Mississauga, and be welcomed into the home of Chris and Kate Watkiss.

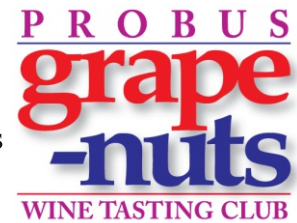
Until then, eat well, drink better and stay healthy!



And the winner is ... France ... and Anna!

by Martin Capper, Correspondent

By a slim margin France topped Spain and Italy in a taste-off of the old world wines at the Cappers' al fresco wine tasting in July. With a white and red from each country participants were asked to state (guess!) country and price to the nearest 50c! With less than a point on the Tschirhart scoring system between each wine both wines from France came out tops in their colour and overall!



Taking bragging rights for the highest number of correct guesses was Anna. It must have been the Scot in her because of her score of 7 out of a possible 12 - four points came from getting the right price!

The wines from France were a Dopff Reisling from the Alsace area at \$16.95 and a Gerard Bertrand Languedoc also at \$16.95. From Spain we tasted an Ontanon Vetiver Viura (predictive text tried to change that to virus!) from Rioja also at \$16.95 and an El Angosto La Tribuna from Valencia at \$13.95. In third place Italy gave us a Brigaldara Soave from Veneto at \$14.95 and a Ferro 13 Hipster from Puglia at \$14.25

Participants were asked to dress in the national colours of one or even all of the three countries and the fashionistas of the night award goes to the Millichamps, who even hummed The Marseillaise as we greeted them!

Good friends, good fun, good weather and wine showed us what we had been missing over the last couple of years!



Skip the Dishes Skipping August

by Lorette Shermet, Convenor

Skip the Dishes will not meet in August but will resume in September. Skip the Dishes will be heading to "*Journey Cuisine Inc*" located at 161 Chisholm Drive at the Best Western Hotel. The menu will be depend on the number of people attending. The average price for a meal: salad, entrée, and dessert is around \$30 before taxes and gratuity. [Click here to see the menu](#). This will take place on Thursday September 15th at 6p.m.



It will be available on Wild Apricot for sign-up, if you would like to attend, please do so before Sunday September 10th.

A Glut of Glenlivet

by Chris Strachan - Convenor



The D'Stillers decided to forgo the June meeting so I hosted the July 6th meeting. I initially intended to host it in my backyard under the Gazebo but the weather looked a little ominous so I didn't want to take any chances of having to move the food, especially the drinks, inside if it rained. However, our loss was the DD's gain, as the ladies enjoyed the outdoors and the weather cooperated. Also at this time, we had a guest, Bill Willcocks brother Michael, who was vacationing from England. Michael fitted right in with the group, he told us he would love to join us again when it was Bill's turn to host. So, we may be seeing him back again soon.

To change things up I decided to select one brand of single malt, The Glenlivet.

Following is the order in which we rated the whiskies.

1 The winning whiskey was '*The Glenlivet 15 Yr Old*' the average score was 75.0, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$100.20 per bottle.

2 Second of the evening was '*The Glenlivet 12 Yr Old*' the average score was 74.0, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$70.20 per bottle.

3 Third was '*The Glenlivet Captains Reserve*' the average score was 70.75, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$76.20 per bottle.

4 Fourth was '*The Glenlivet Caribbean Reserve*' the average score was 69.0, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$60.05 per bottle.

5 Fifth was '*The Glenlivet Founders Reserve*' the average score was 68.25. with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$70.20 per bottle.

After the Tasting, we joined the DD's for tea, coffee and goodies. It turned out to be a beautiful summer evening. Thanks to Anna for hosting the DD's and thanks to our DD's for doing the driving and getting everyone home safe and sound.

The August 10th meeting will be at the home of Pete and Lorrette Shernet.

The D'Stillers will not be holding a meeting in September as some of us will be on vacation. We will resume our Tastings on the 5th of October.



Before



After

Noshing at Night in the Summer

by Martin Capper, Convenor



July 22nd saw more than a dozen noshers gather on our back deck to enjoy good food, good wine and good fun. We know the food was good - everyone contributed! We know the wine was good - everyone brought their own and we know the fun was good because everyone made it so! Even Rory sort of behaved himself — that is apart from introducing himself to Don and taking over where Seamus left off!

We were missing a few of our number as cottages, family visits, etc, kept some of the usual suspects otherwise engaged. Conversation ranged from gardening to travel with discussions on how to help the bees pollinate our tomatoes and recent and upcoming Club travel! Appetizers were of the usual high standard and variety and no one seemed to mind that the key lime pie was in fact a lemon meringue! Thanks to Peter for standing in for the other Peter as our photographer!



Things to ponder

Contributed by Fred Ground

I never found out who let the dogs out...

The way to get to Sesame Street...

Why Dora doesn't just use Google Maps...

Why we don't ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"...

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word...

Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavour yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons...

Why they sterilise the needle for lethal injections...

Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"

Where's that extra penny going to...

Why do The Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune...

Why did you just try to sing those two previous songs...

and just

What is Victoria's secret?

Lunch Bunch at the Thai House

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent



After the July general meeting the "Bunch" convened at the Thai House. (See photos below.)

The August Lunch Bunch will be on August the 17th, right after the general meeting. It will be at **Keenan's Irish Pub**, 51 James Snow Pkwy N, Milton. [Click here to check out the menu.](#)

You can register for Lunch Bunch when you register for the General Meeting



Never trust an Irishman

Contributed by Fred Ground

Murphy goes to his friend Pat and says ... "I'm sleeping with the Pastor's wife. Can you hold him in church for an hour after services for me."

Pat doesn't like it but, being Murphy's longtime friend, he agrees.

After service, he starts talking to the Pastor, asking him all sorts of stupid questions, just to keep him occupied.

Finally the Pastor gets annoyed and asks Pat what he's really up to.

Pat, feeling guilty, finally confesses to the Pastor.

"My friend is sleeping with your wife right now, so he asked me to keep you occupied."

The Pastor smiles, puts a brotherly hand on Pat's shoulder and says... "You'd better hurry home. My wife died two years ago!"

Two old Irish drunks were stumbling home from the pub, along a country road, when Seamus called out to Patrick. "I think we are in a graveyard".

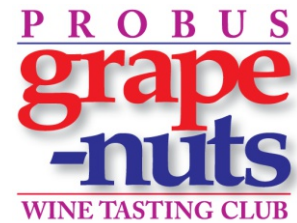
Patrick says "Why is that?". Seamus says "I saw a stone that says 105!". Patrick says "Glory be, is he from round here?"

Seamus says, " No, he's Miles from Dublin".

Mediterranean Wines

by Pete Shermet, Correspondent

We recently returned from our Probus trip "Islands of the Mediterranean" where we visited Sicily, Malta, Cypress and Athens.



The trip was fabulous and we visited wineries and had tastings in each location, unfortunately due to customs and airline weight restrictions it was not possible to bring wines from each winery, we decided to select wines available in Ontario that came from the countries we visited.

We hit another road block, there were no wines at the LCBO from Malta, so we selected 2 grape varieties, an Assyrtiko which is a white grape From Greece, and a Nero D'Avola which is a red grape from Sicily.

The first white was *Assyrtiko Mylonas abv* of 13.5% and a sugar content of 3 g/l @ \$15.95/ bottle, it scored 12.83/20

The second white was *Domaine Hatzmichalis Assyrtiko Alepotryp*, abv of 14% and a sugar content of 6 g/l @ \$18.95 / bottle, it scored 12.08/20

The third white was *Nikolaou Assyrtiko Organic 2019* abv of 12.7% no sugar content was listed @ \$22.50 / bottle, it scored 10.33/20

The first red was *18 Feudo Maccari Nero D'Avola* abv of 14.5% and a sugar content of 5 g/l @ \$17.95 / bottle, it scored 14.38/20

The second red was *18 Cosmo Sicilia Rosso IGT N* abv of 14.5% and a sugar content of 8 g/l This wine was awarded 99 points in an official tasting, @ \$23.95 / bottle, it scored 15.79/20

The third red was *20 Nero D'Avola Nerd Sicilia DOC* abv of 14.5 % and a sugar content of 8 g/l @ \$13.75 / bottle, it scored 16.63/20

In summary The winning white was *Assyrtiko Mylonas* , the wines from this variety of grape typically have a higher alcohol content than most whites and apparently the ones from Santorini are suitable for ageing typically 6-10 years but some from mainland Greece are best consumed within 4-6 years.

The winning red was *20 Nero D'Avola Nerd Sicilia DOC* .

We finished the evening off with a selection of baklava , tea and coffee.

We had a great evening of friendly conversation and finally in person socialization!



Clubs: Books

The Great Alone, by Kristin Hannah

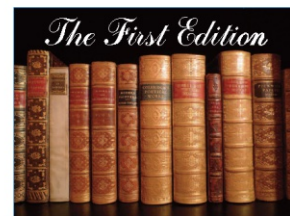
by Rosalind Jordan - Occasional Correspondent



Have you ever been to Alaska or want to return there? Then “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah is a book for you.

Alaska is certainly a central character in this book . . . but there is so much more in the book. It’s a book of survival from homesteading in those harsh environs. It is also about toxic family dynamics and a community coming together to support newcomers.

Our group gave it a range of 6.5 to several 9s. Kristin Hannah is an excellent writer with a Pulitzer to her name. If you haven’t read any of her books, it’s time you did. You won’t regret it.



The Nickel Boys - by Colson Whitehead

Correspondent, Chris Strachan

For the Sequel Book Club’s July meeting we read The Nickel Boys which describes life in a reform school from the point of view of a young Black teenager, Elwood Curtis. The author, Colson Whitehead, based Nickel Academy on the real life Dozier School, a Florida facility that ran for over a century, until a university investigation publicized its racist and abusive practices.



Elwood Curtis has taken the words of Dr. Martin Luther King to heart: he is as good as anyone. Abandoned by his parents, brought up by his loving, strict and clear-sighted grandmother, Elwood is about to enrol in the local black college. Given the time and the place, one innocent mistake was enough to destroy his future, and so Elwood arrives at The Nickel Academy, which claims to provide 'physical, intellectual and moral training' which will equip its inmates to become 'honourable and honest men'.

In reality, the Nickel Academy is a chamber of horrors, where physical, emotional and sexual abuse is rife, where corrupt officials and tradesmen do a brisk trade in supplies intended for the school, and where any boy who resists is likely to disappear 'out back'. Stunned to find himself in this vicious environment, Elwood tries to hold on to Dr. King's ringing assertion, 'Throw us in jail, and we will still love you.' But Elwood's fellow inmate and new friend Turner thinks Elwood is naive and worse; the world is crooked, and the only way to survive is to emulate the cruelty and cynicism of their oppressors.

The tension between Elwood's idealism and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision which will have decades-long repercussions.

All of the Book Club Members gave the book a thumbs up for the high quality of the writing and storytelling. However, the theme of the book was very upsetting to all and somewhat reminiscent of what was happening in the Residential Schools here in Canada.

Clubs: Crafts & Walking

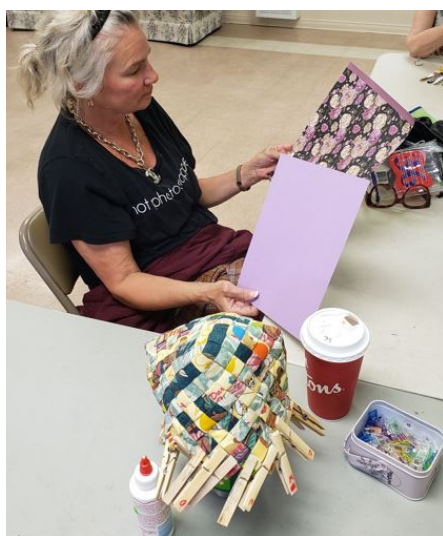
Perserverence & Helping Hands

By Dana Weatherell, Convenor



Our July 6th meeting saw 5 crafty (or wannabe crafty) ladies returning to finish our woven fabric baskets which turned out great. While some of us struggled more than others with this project, we persevered and with helping hands, managed to finish them off nicely (left two photos below). I know I am quite please with how mine turned out! Missing from pictures are Lorette and I.

We also selected our project to work on next month which is a paper vase with paper flowers in it. The cost for this project is \$1.25 per piece i.e. one vase and three flowers would be \$5. All you need to bring is a pair of tweezers (the ones that lock closed work best but regular is fine). If you would like to join us and create one, send your preferred colour to me at dweatherell@yahoo.com by July 31st and I will bring all the pre-cut pieces to the August 3rd meeting. The base of the vase will be assembled for you (right photo below).



Lie Vs LIAR...

An 83-year-old elderly woman, lying on the bed, said to her 87-year-old elderly husband: "Listen.. I just looked out the window and thought the garage light was on. Will you go and turn off the garage light?"

The old man got up from the bed, opened a window and saw five or six thieves trying to break into his garage door.

The elder called the nearest police station from there. "Look... write my address. We're the only two elderly husband and wife at home. Right now five or six burglars are breaking into our garage door. Send a police team quickly"

From the other side came the dispatcher's voice:

"We've written your address. We don't have any free teams right now.* As soon as we get in touch with a team, I'll send them to your home."

Hearing this, the elders were disappointed but on the other

hand, thieves were still engaged in breaking the lock of the garage.

Two minutes later, *the elder again called the police station: "Listen... there's no need to send anyone now. I've shot all five thieves..."

There was panic on the other side of the line. Within five minutes, a police team, along with a helicopter, a paramedic, three doctors and two ambulances, reached the old man's house. The 5 thieves were soon overpowered and arrested.

Later the in-charge of the police team reached the elder and said:

"You said that you shot those five thieves, but we caught them alive?"

The old man replied: *"And you also said that none of your teams were free."*

Don't underestimate Sr. citizens

Busy as Ever!

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

On Tuesday, July 5th, the PieceMakers gathered together at Carol Ann's home for their monthly quilting meeting. Judy started the show and tell with pictures of her Black & White quilt that was quilted by Jane (a long armer). Louise proudly showed



us her most recent half-square triangle block made from yellow fabrics. Carole brought a Santa wall hanging that she is making for a friend. Diane completed the quilting of her Pointing Pillow block. She also made two more Sparkle blocks and several more fan blocks for her granddaughter's temperature quilt. Carol Ann had completed her flannel rag quilt. She spent the weekend going to 7 stores participating in this year's July Shop Hop to gather the fabric and patterns. Only 4 more to get. Judi had no new projects to show as she was busy cruising the Mediterranean and finalizing the purchase of a house in Acton.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

Rag Quilt – *A type of piecework that has exposed seams on the front and finished seams on the back to produce a ragged look. Rag quilts have a top, batting and backing but are assembled differently than a traditional quilt.*

Symmetry– *When one-half of an image or block is the mirror image of the opposite half.*

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2 at Judi Jones home. Anyone interested in quilting whether it is large bed-size quilts or small table runners, consider joining the group.



Trailwalkers at Sawmill Valley Trail

by Cliff Read, Correspondent



A few weeks ago the Trailwalkers met at Sawmill Valley Trail in Mississauga. In the end it was a pleasant walk for the ten hikers who participated. The sun broke through and it wasn't uncomfortably warm. It was a good thing that earlier there had been a shower and people had a short wait in their cars for the walk to begin since the walk organizer got turned around and arrived somewhat later than expected. Cliff promised he would not let this happen again.



Clubs: Games & Cards

Cribbage Club back to normal - well almost!

by *Martin Capper, Convenor*



For the first time since March 2020 the Cribbage Club resumed its 2nd Monday night and the following Tuesday afternoon sessions. A little tentative at first as for the last 20 plus months *cardgames.io* had been scoring for us - now we were on our own. We soon got back into the swing of things although Norma did ask could she split a 7!



We had a maximum of 12 on Monday night and 8 on Tuesday including Lorrette who wasn't satisfied with her play on Monday so came back seeking improvement. Improvement was what she got teaming up with Barb Campbell she hit a winning streak of four in a row! Lorette's Tuesday streak beat that of Reg and Lorraine who managed 3 in a row on Monday. As always the craic (banter) was good and we managed to get several rounds in at both sessions.

COVID willing this will be our format going forward with a maximum of 12, first come - first served, at each session so looking forward to see more of our previous regulars come back in an attempt to find 29 and beat Joanne's Club record score of 28!

Exceptional Euchre Abounds!

by *Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent*



It was a steamy day outside, and inside the cards were just as hot for a few lucky players at our July euchre meeting. A perfect "12" players showed up, allowing for 3 full tables of card sharks. The ladies were to take the day, with Carol Marion taking high score, Lorraine Randall taking most loners (3), and Barb Campbell most honest (ok ... nice way of saying low score :) The "Harold's" (Grace and O'Brien) battled hard for the bottom position, but had to settle for positions 10 and 11! Jim Campbell had a record number of hands with 9's and 10's, but fought his way into the top third scorers, thanks mainly to a 12 point hand with Carol. Other notables were Ev Zanatta, Bob Stringer, David Marion, Patricia Kotack, Diane Comstock and Jenny O'Brien who were all in attendance but didn't make it to the leader (or loser) board. It was a fun afternoon with lots of laughter, and we'll do it all again on August 15th at Grace Anglican Church. Haven't signed up yet for the Euchre Club? It's never too late. Feel free to contact Lorrette Shermet, the Euchre club convenor, at lorrette@sympatico.ca.



Ticket to Ride

by Lorrette Shermet, Correspondent

Five members of the BeeGees group played Ticket to Ride in July. Ticket to Ride a board game is a cross country train adventure in which players collect and play matching train cards to claim railway routes connecting cities. The North American version was played. Lorraine had the longest train but Lorrette surpassed all by having the most route cards completed.



On August 10th the BeeGees will be playing Scattergories hosted by Dana at Grace Church at 1.15 p.m.



Do You Have a Full Deck?

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor



Ten people gathered at Grace Church to play Canasta. Two tables of three and one of four. When playing with four, one is playing with partners. It is more difficult to be playing with three as you are on your own. You are playing with more cards, 13, and always picking two when it is your turn, and one needs two canastas to go out. Before one knows it they have a full deck in their hands. Take a look at one of the photos and check out how Judy Kraus shuffles (lol). If anyone is interested in learning how to play the game, please get in touch with Lorrette. Canasta is always played the 4th Monday at 1:15 at Grace Church.



Clubs: Classical Music

Mozart and Friends – Stan to Schubert

Michael Hooker, Convenor

For our first July musical romp, we listened to songs by the man I feel is Canada's BEST folk-singer / songwriter, Stan Rogers. For me, Stan's songs come closest to capturing the "down to earth" feeling about this great country we live in.



Stanley Allison Rogers (1949 –1983) was noted for his rich, baritone voice and his traditional-sounding songs which were frequently inspired by Canadian history and the daily lives of working people, especially those from the fishing villages of the Maritime provinces and the farms of the Canadian prairies and Great Lakes.

Stan died on 2nd June 1983, in a fire aboard Air Canada Flight 797 on the ground at the Greater Cincinnati Airport. A fire in the aircraft's aft washroom forced it to make an emergency landing. Upon landing, the plane's doors were opened, allowing the five crew and 18 of the 41 passengers to escape, but approximately 90 seconds into the evacuation the oxygen rushing in from outside caused a flash fire, killing Rogers and the 22 other passengers still inside.

Stan's songs are still frequently covered by other musicians, and are perennial favourites at Canadian campfires and song circles, and his music and lyrics have been featured in numerous written publications and films. When CBC's Peter Gzowski asked Canadians to pick an alternate national anthem, Stan's "Northwest Passage" was the overwhelming choice.

Here's the YouTube link to "Northwest Passage", 5 minutes. Canada's former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson quoted it's opening verse in her first official address. PLEASE listen to the words.

[Click here for the Video.](#)

Our second Zoomer was devoted to one of Classical music few "Greats", Franz Schubert, who lived from 1797 to 1828; specifically the music he wrote near the end of his short life. Ironically the year before Schubert died, he was a pallbearer at Beethoven's funeral in Vienna, and he was beginning to be regarded as Beethoven's true "successor". However, he was still able to compose almost a thousand pieces of music, including over 600 songs. It was as a composer of songs that he made his greatest impact; his work in this musical genre has never been surpassed, and probably never will be.

We listened to his final piano sonata, plus a selection of songs, both cheerful and sad, written as the Angel of Death already had him in it's gaze.

Rather than tempt you to a Schubert YouTube treat, I decided to sneak in another Stan Rogers gem, a jolly shipwreck song called "The Wreck of the Athens Queen", 3 minutes. [Click here for the Video.](#)

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).

CLUB TRAVEL

New Trip Announcement for 2023!

And now the announcement you have all been waiting for the destination for our Probus trip next year. We will be visiting *Norway and Sweden* in September 2023.

We fly to Bergen with Iceland Air, where we will stay for 3 nights. We will have a walking tour in Bergen and also visit the home of the composer Edvard Grieg and enjoy a short concert. Norway is famous for its fjords and we will visit two; Sognefjord, the largest and deepest plus Lysefjord in Stavanger, our stop for 2 nights. We travel by train to Oslo for a 3 night stay and will visit all the main sights of the city, including the Kon-Tiki museum and the City Hall where the Nobel Prizes are awarded. An outing to the countryside is also on the agenda where we will see a picturesque town with traditional small wooden buildings, colourful houses and gardens.

We travel by train from Oslo to Stockholm, where we spend the next 4 nights. A city tour takes us to Gamla Stan (old town), the Cathedral, Royal Palace and the Vasa Museum. We will also enjoy a Swedish Smorgasbord dinner one night with an Aquavit tasting. Sigtuna, considered the most picturesque town in Sweden is also on our agenda, as well as a cruise on Lake Malaren and a walking food tour of Stockholm.

The itinerary is currently being finalized and we hope to have brochures available for our October meeting.

– Joanne Millichamp



NEWS AND VIEWS

Membership Report for August

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 currently have 218 Waiver forms on file.

We have 26 people on the Waitlist.

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