

FORUM



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President's Message:

Summer is Almost Over



As I am writing this last article, I am preparing for our last fishing trip. Sad to say summer is almost over, but PROBUS is alive and I look forward to the upcoming Anniversary Dinner/Dance and the activities that Ruth and her committee have planned for us. If you have not yet registered for the Anniversary Dinner Dance (September 30), go to our website and sign up - Marg Jones and her social committee have a great evening planned. Jokers is starting again and the Friendship club will be meeting in person at Seasons starting in September.

Our next meeting on September 21 is our AGM where the annual finance statement will be presented and voted on as well as the new slate of management candidates. If there are no further nominations, they will be acclaimed. A quorum of 25% of the membership is required for voting. All members are encouraged to attend, either in person or via Zoom. In addition, a year-end review will be given by each member of the Management team.

This is my last month as President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Management team and the many dedicated convenors and volunteers who are the backbone of the Escarpment PROBUS Club of Milton. It has been said over and over again, it is the members that make our club vibrant. I have truly enjoyed the years I have been in PROBUS and look forward to many more. This club really keeps me active!

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

— Diane Comstock

Recruitment 2022/2023

by Wayne Herder, Past President

The following tentative slate of names was approved by the Management Committee and presented at our August general meeting to fill the vacant positions, for Year 10 – 2022 to 2023.

- *Vice-President: Maggie Boothe*
- *Secretary: Kelly Ground*
- *Social Chair: Jenny O'Brien*
- *Program Chair: Roy MacKay*

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Any further nominations (with prior consent to stand) shall be conveyed, in writing or by email, to Nominating Chair: Wayne Herder and copied to the President: Diane Comstock at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting (Tuesday Sept. 6 11:59pm).

Photo of the Month

This month's photo, *Buddha amongst the roses*, was contributed by David Marion.

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



ACTIVITIES

Make it a September to Remember!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Hey Probian, don't just check out the "new" activities we have planned, check them all out! Lots of fun and variation of activities planned especially for you!

For those of you attending the General Meeting, we are giving you the advantage of registering for **NEW** 'activities' before the announcement goes out to the rest of the group enabling them to register.

Please remember to use the waitlist. We have last minute members having to cancel for a variety of reasons including when they have flu or cold symptoms, or a scratchy throat, or have been with someone who tested positive for COVID. So, we appreciate that members are respectfully not attending an activity, but we'd love to be able to include someone else in their absence.

Activities Committee
Members:

Ruth Gagnon

Anne Gibbard

Kelly Ground

Irene Hiebert

Ron Millichamp

Jenny O'Brien

Michelle Tschirhart

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:

NEW! SNL (Saturday Night LiveS) at Keenan's Irish Pub –
Saturday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Hey everyone, instead of sitting at home on a Saturday evening why not meet up with some of your fellow Probian for some social time and good food and drinks! This time we will be meeting at Keenan's Irish Pub. Please note that this Saturday is on Labour Day Weekend. Sign up using Wild Apricot.



Oh yeah, we are looking for a Social Convenor to take this on. What does that mean? You pick a restaurant, make a phone call and we head there on the first Saturday of the month. If you have enjoyed this event in the past, why not step up and take this on?

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.

V!VA 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:

NEW! SNL (Saturday Night LiveS) at La Toscana Ristorante – Saturday, October 1st at 5:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon



Ambiance. Great Food. Great Friends. It sounds like La Toscana Ristorante! Come and join us for a social evening of laughter and food! As they say, you eat with your eyes first so come out and enjoy a beautiful four course preset meal that you can select from when registering for this event. Please note that all meals include daily soup and dessert with coffee/tea/espresso ... maybe something else! The cost for this event is \$55/member plus your drinks.



NEW! Halton Police – Scams Presentation – Thursday, October 6th at 10 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Join us at Grace Anglican Church as the Halton Police come back to give us an update on what's going on in the world of Cyber Security and Safety. Two of Halton's Regional Police will be sharing what the police are seeing and how to deal with various SCAMS and Cyber Security Tips. Both officers are Older Adult Abuse Investigators and also deal in financial crime and with vulnerable persons. The cost of this event is \$5/member and limited to 50 members.



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

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

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

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

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

We will be hearing a wide range of tips from Smart Social Media Practices, Wi-Fi Security, Online Safety for Children, Secure Computers and much more!

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. This will take place at the Burlington Legion, 828 Legion Road. We will be heading to a local restaurant at noon so please indicate if you will join us for lunch (at your own expense).



NEW! Kahoot! Trivia LIVE! – Thursday, October 26th at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

We're keeping this going! 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.



NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Paint & Cocktails - Tuesday, November 8th at 4 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

It's the most wonderful time of the year and what better to get your Christmas shopping started by painting a very special picture that you can give to your loved ones or that extra special friend!

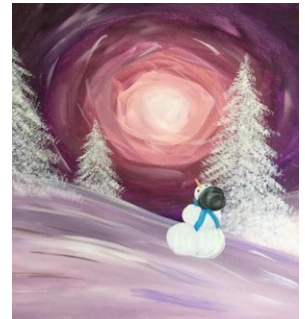
We will be heading back to Shoeless Joes to have a Paint & Cocktail session with our instructor, Gary, followed by a wonderfully fun dinner!

Grab a paintbrush, have a drink and enjoy the socializing!

We will be painting from approximately 4 - 6 pm and then enjoying a dinner of your choice.

The cost for the painting portion of this activity is \$41/member and is limited to 12 members. Drinks and dinner are at your cost!

Let's see how artistic you are - or how much you are improving!



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!

A dinner reservation at Shoeless Joe's is being made for 5:15 pm. Please confirm with Ruth if you plan to go!



NEW! Murders Tastefully Executed – Fowl Play – Thursday, November 17th at 5:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Just as you were looking forward to an evening of genteel dining and sophisticated socializing with Dr. Percival Popinjay, Dr. Goldie Finch, and others of the bird watching society, FOWL – Friends of Ornithologists World League – death enters as an unexpected guest and the cat is amongst the pigeons.



Is it a joke? Is it the food? Or is it FOWL play? Join the inspector as he ruffles feathers and eggs-amins countless clues in relentless pursuit of answers to increasingly ominous questions. Witness the stunning climax and perhaps share in the rewards of another successful investigation, another triumph of justice.

We will be meeting at Ned Devine's and the cost for this interactive murder is \$33.50/member.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

NEW! A Christmas Scavenger Hunt – Tuesday, December 6th at 2 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Tis the season to get out there with a heart of giving and fun and experience a truly unique scavenger hunt that can happen only once a year. Has your interest been piqued? This event is limited to 24 members. Step into the Christmas season with us and meet us at Grace Anglican Church to have a sleigh full of fun! There will be prizes!



Please note the following:

- the cost of this event is \$15/member and is non-refundable. Plus your dinner and drinks at Casa Americo.
- you will need to be in a team of four – no more no less. Please indicate whether you have your own team or need to be put into one.
- you will need a car.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

An Evening with Jann Arden – Friday, February 3, 2023 at 8 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Join us for a wonderful evening with Jann Arden at the FirstOntario Arts Centre in Milton. Here is what you can expect from their website:

Jann Arden is a multi-platinum, award-winning singer, songwriter, actor and author. Arden has released 15 albums with 19 top ten singles. Her most recent project, Descendant was released in January 2022 and features a 15-song collection representing the last 18 months of Arden's life and headspace. A bold, beautiful, and empowering sound of Jann Arden, Descendant signifies a return to form for the multifaceted artist, reflecting on where she came from and where she is headed.



This event is restricted to 20 members and is \$118.75/member.

Heteronyms

Contributed by Fred Ground

Heteronyms (or homographs) are words of like spelling, but with more than one meaning or sound.

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store
- 5) He could lead if he could get the lead out.

6) The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.

7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought that it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.

- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object that he showed me.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid in the hospital bed.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about who would row.

My job search

Contributed by Ron Millichamp

This is quite clever. I wonder who thinks of all this stuff.

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned .

Couldn't concentrate .

2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe .

3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.

5. Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.

6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it.... I couldn't cut the mustard.

7. My best job was as a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.

8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience

9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory.

Tried hard but just didn't fit in.

10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.

11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.

12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

13. After many years of trying to find steady work , I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

15 . SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT

AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

SOCIAL

Calling Santa's Elves

by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent

Did you know there are only **105 more days 'til the Probus Christmas Luncheon?!** If you would like to be on the organizing committee for the luncheon, please reach out to Jenny O'Brien at: jenny0103@rogers.com. Remember, many elf hands make light work for all! HO! HO! HO!



Anniversary Dinner/Dance

Friday, September 30, 2022, 6:30 PM, at The Grand Chalet, 324 Steeles Avenue East.

Come out and enjoy the company of your fellow PROBUS members at our annual Anniversary Dinner/Dance. The price this year is \$70 and non-member spouses/partners will pay \$78.

Registration opens on Thursday August 18th and closes on Monday September 19th. No refunds after September 19th.

We are again offering assigned seating for tables of 8, so please have one member of your table gather the names and email them to Bonnie Walsh bonwalsh@hotmail.com. If you have no preference of table mates we will put you at a good table!

There will be 2 bottles of Wine on the table for every 8 people, Cash Bar, Pop, & Juice.

Our Disc Jockey this year is Phil @ Music in Motion and he is taking any and all requests. Please let us know which songs...fast or slow...that will get you up on the dance floor.

Please select your main entrée from the menu below, and indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Saturday Night LiveS	September	3	5:30 PM	Keenan's Irish Pub	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	September	14	7:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	September	21	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Diane Comstock
Lunch Bunch	September	21	12:00 PM	Turtle Jack's	Joy Castello
Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls	September	23	11:00 AM	Hilton Falls	Jenny O'Brien
For the love of Chocolate Tasting Experience	September	27	2:30 PM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
VIVA Life - Nutrition, Mental Health, Wellness	September	29	10:00 AM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
Anniversary Dinner/Dance	September	30	6:30 PM	Grand Chalet	Marg Jones
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	September	1	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	September	6	1:00 PM	J. Nelson Home	Diane Comstock
Trail Walkers	September	6	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	September	7	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	September	7	7:00 PM	NO Sept Meeting	Chris Strachan
Games - Jokers	September	8	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	September	9	5:30 PM	Flynn home	Jenny O'Brien
Books – First Edition	September	12	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	September	12	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	September	13	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Movies - Oscar Nights	September	13	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex	Petra Halk
Trail Walkers	September	13	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Books – Sequel	September	14	1:15 PM	Rumley Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	September	14	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Sports – Golf - PROBUS Pin Seekers	September	14	11:00 AM	Oakville Executive Golf	Roy MacKay
Cards - Bid Euchre	September	15	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	September	15	5:30 PM	Best Western Hotel	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	September	15	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Euchre	September	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Trail Walkers	September	20	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	September	22	10:30 AM	Finnie Home	Christine Willekes
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	September	22	7:00 PM	CANCELLED	Looking for new convenor
Nosh @ Nite	September	23	5:30 PM	Finnie Home	Paul Crawford
Dining - Appy Hour	September	24	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins
Cards -Canasta	September	26	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	September	27	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Trail Walkers	September	27	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Sports – Golf - PROBUS Pin Seekers	September	28	11:00 AM	Oakville Executive Golf	Roy MacKay
Games - Jokers	September	28	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	September	28	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement	Judy Krauss

New information

Temporary change

MEETING: SEPTEMBER



Raj Balasubramanian - Protect your Money

Raj leads the investor engagement and outreach team at the Ontario Securities Commission. His team is responsible for providing unbiased financial resources to investors and leading the outreach to communities across Ontario.

The presentation, Protect Your Money will provide information about: fraud prevention (common scams and warning signs of fraud), working with a financial representative (questions to ask, what to do if you have a problem), available resources.

RECENT EVENTS

August Meeting

Our August general meeting was held Wednesday August 17th. Our speaker was Christine Ibbotson who gave us financial advice. *See page 24 for more info about her.*

[Click Here for a recording of our meeting.](#) Our speaker was not recorded.

Passcode is: **mr1!5j8d**

Our 50/50 winner was Lorrette Shermet who won \$104.

Ginny Johnson won a Picnic basket (photo to right).



Lorrette Shermet receives Lifetime Membership Award

by your Editor

At the August General Meeting, Lorrette Shermet received the Lifetime Membership Award for her outstanding service to the club. Following, is a comment she posted on her Facebook account:

I am a member of the "Escarpment PROBUS" group in Milton. At our monthly meeting last Wednesday, I was awarded a "Lifetime Membership" I was totally shocked and needless to say lost for words. The plaque reads "In wholehearted appreciation and recognition of your significant contribution to both the growth of The Escarpment Probus Club of Milton and its success during the past nine years." I am humbled to have received this award. Thank you so much. I have made so many wonderful friends through this group, Love you all.



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.

Sweet Probus Club meets Sweet Delilah Swim Club

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor

It was a glorious, sunny summer day for a drive to St. Jacobs, where 27 members gathered for lunch, and then attended a wonderfully hilarious, live production at the St. Jacobs Playhouse. The Sweet Delilah Swim Club was both sweet and sentimental, as it portrayed the life journey of 5 middle aged women who gathered annually at a cottage, to regale each other, and us, with stories about their personal triumphs and tragedies. From boob jobs to pregnancies, bad kids to bad husbands, soaring careers to the painful re-entry into the job market, divorce to re-marriage, and illness to dementia, this poignant play resonated with all in attendance. It was a wonderful turnout and everyone headed home with a smile on their face. Kudos to the 2 men who braved the day with 25 women! Talk about good sports.



Kahoot Trivia

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

Which language has the most words in the world?

a) German b) English c) Spanish d) Chinese

A small but spirited group assembled for our second in-person trivia night at Ned Devine's. Despite the name change mid game, new winners were crowned. The winning team was first known as Jodaca and then for the second game, Cadaja, It turned out to be various acronyms for Jones, Dawe and Capper! They led in both games with a total of 148 questions answered correctly.

Second place went to team Roan, made up of Roy and Anne McKay with sisters Jacqui Gerrard and Stephanie Hammett, with a total of 138 questions answered correctly. This team was followed closely with the third place team having 135 correct answers! Our third place finishers were Anna and Chris Strachan, with Barb Finnie and Fred Ground.

A new trivia night is planned for October 26th, hopefully we will see you out to it where the camaraderie, chatter and competition will continue!



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	1st & 3rd Thu. 2:00pm. ZOOM	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	Joy Castello	416-844-9404	alegriav@cogeco.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 Travels to England (or so it felt)!

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor

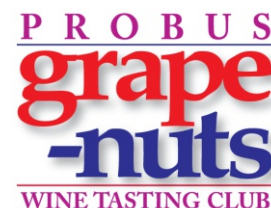


Picture if you will, sipping a cool glass of wine while munching on an assortment of tantalizing appetizers, while being surrounded by a perfect English garden. For some of us, we didn't have to picture it at all, since we were living the dream in the stunning backyard of Chris and Kate Watkiss. The August Nosh & Natter saw 17 members enjoy an evening outdoors, exchanging stories and laughter and of course topping it all off with what else, but "English Trifle". I would love to share with you pictures of the yummy food and happy guests, but turns out this author was having too good a time to remember to take any pictures. However, please do enjoy a few backyard shots and envision the smiling faces of your friends under a canopy, as we toasted yet another wonderful evening of fellowship. New members are welcome to join the Nosh & Natter group by sending an email to jenny0103@rogers.com.



Wines from Portugal

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent



The Millichamps hosted wine tasting August 19th at our home. The wines were all from Portugal and recommended in the Toronto Star's wine column. The winning white was Casal Garcia Vinho Verde at \$10.00 (according to the Star this is what all the cool kids are drinking), and the winning red was Babu Reserva 2018 at \$14.95. 10 chattering whiners, whoops that's winners held various opinions as they discussed powdery floral notes, spicy cigar box scent, and mouth-watering acidity. It was a fun evening with lots of laughs.



Lunch Bunch going to Turtle Jack's

by Joy Castello

After the August general meeting, 25 people enjoyed the delicious food and quick service at Keenan's Irish Pub.

After our September meeting, please join us at Turtle Jack's Muskoka Grill at 1101 Maple Avenue, near the Cineplex Cinemas. [Click here to check out their menu.](#) Please indicate if you will be joining us when you register for the in-person meeting.



The Friendship Club

by Judy Krauss, Convenor

The Friendship Club is made up of a welcoming small group of Probus members who want to get to know you better,

If you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and cookie accompanied with conversation, then you are perfect to join this club!

Our first meeting, in person, since Covid started, will be on Wednesday, **September 28th, 2022 at 10:00am** at **Seasons Retirement Community, 760 Bronte St. S.**

Any former members, please sign up again, so we can all make a fresh start. There will be a signup sheet at the September 21st General Meeting.



Skipping the Dishes at Journey Cuisine Inc

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

Skip the Dishes will finally meet in September after a two month hiatus. Skip the Dishes will be heading to "Journey Cuisine Inc" located at 161 Chisholm Drive at the Best Western Hotel. This month it will be a buffet. There will be lots to choose from. The buffet will include three entrées, several salads, rice and potatoes. The dessert will be ice cream. The cost is \$30 per person but does not include taxes and gratuity. [Click here to check out their menu.](#) This will take place on Thursday September 15th at 5.30 p.m.



Please register on Wild Apricot, if you would like to attend, please do so before Sunday September 11th.

English language as it should be

Contributed by Fred Ground

These insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

1. "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde
2. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)
3. "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder
4. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx
5. The exchange between Winston Churchill & Lady

Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison." He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

6. "He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." - Abraham Lincoln
7. "There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure." -- Jack E. Leonard
8. "They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." -- Thomas Brackett Reed
9. "He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forebears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them." -- James Reston (about Richard Nixon)
—Robert L Truesdell

D'Stillers' August Meeting

by Chris Strachan, Convenor



The August meeting of the D'Stiller's was held at the home of Pete and Lorrette Shermet. After a couple of months' absence, we welcomed Ted and Barb Chlisczyk back to the fold, welcome back guys.

Pete chose the following Whiskies for our tasting pleasure, they were rated as follows:

The winning whiskey was **'Bridge 13'** a local blended whisky made in Welland. The average score was 77.8 with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$65.00 per bottle.

Second of the evening was **'Lindores Lowland Single Malt Scotch'** the average score was 71.3, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 46% at a cost of \$96.95 per bottle.

Third was **'Clynelish 14 Yr Old Single Malt Scotch'** the average score was 69.5, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 46% at a cost of \$99.95 per bottle.

Fourth was **'Green Spot Irish Whisky'** a blended whisky, the average score was 68.9, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$80.20 per bottle.

Fifth was **'Tandhu Speyside Single Malt Batch Strength'** the average score was 68.0, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 58.8% at a cost of \$129.95 per bottle.

As usual, cheese and crackers, among other things were served during the tasting with the (Designated Drivers) DD's also being treated to the same. After the D'Stillers had finished the Tasting they got together with the DD's to sample some of Pete's wonderful baked goods. Hmmm, Yummy.

There will be no September meeting as many of the group will be on vacation. We are looking forward to the October 5th meeting to be held at the home of Wayne and Suzanne Herder.



Noshing by the Pool

by Anna Strachan, Correspondent

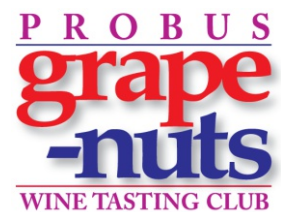


Chris and I were delighted to host the August 26th Nosh @ Night group in our backyard. After an iffy start to the day, it looked as if the weather was going to hold up, so we set up outside. Our group was smaller than usual due to vacations etc, but it was indeed great to see everyone, especially some of the group that we haven't been able to see for a while. As usual, there was great food and great conversation. We just love these get-togethers.



An August Tasting

A gallery of photos from the wine tasting hosted by Marg Jones and Frank Dawe.



Clubs: Books

Girl Runner, by Carrie Snyder

by Margaret Anne Fehr, Correspondent

Trilogy book club members met for the first time in over two years since our imposed COVID hiatus, on Monday, August 8th.



Judy Kraus hosted our meeting in her front yard and it had all the elements of a garden party! Refreshments were delicious, and along with the tea and coffee, our conversation flowed as our group lost no time in launching into our selection *Girl Runner* by Carrie Snyder, an award-winning writer from Waterloo, Ontario.

We first meet Aganetha (Aggie) Smart at 104 years of age living in a long term care facility. Born in 1908, she has lived through many of the early twentieth century trials including WWI, the 1918 world-wide flu pandemic, the stock market crash and the heartbreaking loss of family members as a result.

We learn of Aggie's unique talent. She is a born runner who is exhilarated by loping along the fields and roads of her family's rural acreage. She takes delight in risky physical feats that both amaze and worry her family.

It may have all come to naught, except that Aggie moved to Toronto where her extraordinary talent is recognized and through a series of fortunate events and friendships, she is chosen to represent Canada at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam, as a member of the first female team of athletes ever to compete. Not only does she compete, but she wins a gold medal and instantly achieves celebrity status both in Europe and in Canada upon her homecoming.

It might seem that with such a stellar accomplishment that Aggie's life would unfold seamlessly, but she encounters events she can't predict like an unplanned pregnancy, a loss of her relationship with the father and the disappointment with her fleeting fame as an athlete.

Girl Runner stoked a lot of comments during the discussion ranging from the particularity of our own unique intelligences, the plight of young women seeking the help of midwives in ending unexpected pregnancies and the ethical issues surrounding them to the relegation of women seen as the 'weaker sex' in Olympics past and present. Our members gave *Girl Runner* a rating of 7 to 8 out of 10 and agreed that it was a book well worth reading.

Why English is hard to learn - A Poem

Contributed by Fred Ground

We'll begin with box, the plural is boxes

But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

You may find a lone mouse or a house full of mice,

But the plural of house is houses, not hices.

The plural of man is always men,

But the plural of pan is never pen.

If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,

And I give you a book, would a pair be a beek?

Of one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,

Why shouldn't two booths then be called beeth?

If the singular's this, and the plural is these,

Should the plural of kiss be ever called keese?

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,

But although we say mother, we never say methren.

The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine...she, shis and shim!

Clubs: Crafts

Craftaholics

By Dana Weatherell, Convenor



For our August 3rd meeting a few were away however there were 4 of us twirling paper, stems and floral tape into beautiful flowers to place into our paper vases. Everyone picked up the process quite nicely and Rosalind finished in just over an hour. I was quite impressed. She had an appointment to get to so she had incentive to get it done! There was much chatter and we all left with a little glue on us somewhere but with a smile on our face and feeling proud of our accomplishment! Diane liked it so much she requested I cut a few more flowers to fill up the vase.

Note that I have a couple leftover kits (one pink and one yellow) if you would like to make one at our September 7th meeting. Cost of the project is \$5 and will be first come, first serve. Otherwise we will be working on our own projects this time around. Come sit a spell with us and craft away on whatever project you have on the go. Please just bring a loonie to donate to the church for use of space.



THE STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% ON AN EXAM. I wanted to give him 100%.

Contributed by Ron Millichamp

Q1.. In which battle did Napoleon die?

*His last battle

Q2.. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

*At the bottom of the page

Q3.. River Ravi flows in which state?

*Liquid

Q4.. What is the main reason for divorce?

*Marriage

Q5.. What is the main reason for failure?

*Exams

Q6.. What can you never eat for breakfast?

*Lunch & dinner

Q7.. What looks like half an apple?

*The other half

Q8.. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea, what will it become?

*Wet

Q9.. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

*No problem, he sleeps at night.

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

*You will never find an elephant that has one hand.

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would

you have?

*Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

*No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

*Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Under the Wisteria Tree

by Diane Comstock - Convenor



On Tuesday, August 2, the PieceMakers gathered under the Wisteria tree in Judi Jones backyard. Judy N. showed us her completed Red and White quilt top. She plans to back it with the white fabric and use the red plaid for the binding. She also brought some log cabin blocks that she is working on. Dawn had completed her Pointing Pillow top that she started at our June quilt retreat – now to quilt and bind it. She also brought a tulip place mat that she completed with a piano key border. Diane showed her Sparkle quilt top that she started at the June quilt retreat. She plans to use her ruler work skills (that she will learn at an upcoming quilt class) to quilt the lap throw for her husband. Carol brought several blocks she has paper-pieced for her New York Beauty quilt. WOW – very intricate, beautiful, and colourful.

Quilting Term of the Month:

***New York Beauty** – Since the 1930's, the name "New York Beauty" has been associated with all quilts made with the same basic design of spiked quarter circles wedged in the corners of square or rectangular blocks, and retroactively applied to pre-1930 quilts. The New York Beauty pattern used up many very little scraps of fabric that would normally could not be used for anything else.*

On September 6, Judy Nelson will host the PieceMakers meeting in her new condo.

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



Clubs: Games & Cards

Canasta

by *Lorrette Shermet, Convenor*



Thirteen people played canasta on Monday August 23rd. It was an odd number as someone forgot to sign up on Wild Apricot.

A gentle reminder if you are planning on attending please sign-in through Wild Apricot and the same applies if you cannot play then please cancel your registration.

We made it work and had great fun.

There were four to a table and one table five, as Lorrette decided to be a coach. By the fifth round Patricia and Terri had a lead of 1,965 points and thought they were in for a sure win. The table turned and by the seventh round Ita and Zella started slowly moving forward a little faster than expected and took the win on round eight with a lead of 1,090. One can never tell as it's all in the cards.

Stephen was the only male playing this month and decided it is best not to argue with the ladies and was on the team that had the least points. He kept on smiling.

We are willing to teach if you are willing to play. Come out and have some fun.



Euchre

by *Lorrette Shermet, Convenor*



Euchre is played the 3rd Monday of each month.

We had twelve members play this month, including a newbie to our group, Rick Pearan.

Welcome Rick, we hope you will be back. Rick and Lorraine were the most honest players with a score of 23. Barb and Jenny were fighting for first place, but Barb with 4 lone hands took the lead with 49 points and Jenny followed in second place with a score of 41. Fun was had by all.



Clubs: Classical Music



Mozartians Head for Europe (in spirit)

Michael Hooker, Convenor



Asoka took us on a (non-classical) musical tour of WALES. It is with good reason that Wales is famous as the 'Land of Song'; its tradition goes back over one thousand years, when the first 'eisteddfod' was held under local royal patronage (Prince Rhys ap Gruffud of the House of Dinefwr) at Cardigan Castle. The formal tradition eroded under English domination, but within the deep isolated Welsh valleys sparks of musical tradition still burned brightly. Song was tied to church, salvation, and hope; and also provided entertainment. Each valley developed its own musical traditions and had its own eisteddfod.

Most of Asoka's selections were choral – solos, groups, choirs; but also included music played on the Welsh Triple Harp and Welsh Hornpipe. So much beautiful music. And as a final treat we had a song by Wales's greatest singer, Tom Jones – “The Green Green Grass of Home”. What a way to finish!

As a little Welsh Rarebit, here's a YouTube song to get your blood surging: “March of The Men of Harlech (Rhyfelgyrch Gwyr Harlech)” by The Morriston Orpheus Choir. 90 seconds. [Click here for the Video.](#)

For our second European Zoom stop, Beth Barnes dropped us in the Czech Republic, centered around its Capital, Prague, introducing us to the music of two of the greatest Czech composers, Antonin Dvorak and Bedrich Smetana. We started with Dvorak's Czech Suite and Prague Waltzes, then Smetana's evocative musical tribute to his country's major river, “The Moldau”, (better known as the Vltava) which flows through the centre of Prague, under the famous Charles Bridge, with its 30 statues, built in 1402. This gorgeous music swept us along through the Bohemian forest, the Czech countryside, and on under the Charles Bridge into Prague. Beth loves Czechia and Prague, having visited it three times.

Here's the opening of Dvorak's Czech Suite – 3 minutes. [Click here for the Video.](#)

Above is a picture of the Charles bridge, taken by Beth from the river.

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

Ecuador and the Galápagos travel BLOG

by Joanne Millichamp, Travel Convenor

Please follow the adventures of our group as we tour *Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands*. We hope to post photos and text every couple of days beginning September 8th or 9th.

Info can be found in the Escarpment Probus website. Login and look under the heading Travel - September 2022.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Starting a feathery family

by Marguerite Shellard, Correspondent

Several weeks ago I wondered why a mourning dove was paying particular attention to the mint flower pot on my balcony.

I quickly found out when I found 2 eggs in which was obviously a nest. It seemed rather strange to have a bird nesting at this time of the year, but evidently these particular birds produce young many times during the year. I also found out that the gestation time was approximately 14 days.

Lo and behold, in 14 days the baby chicks arrived as can be seen by one of them appearing from the shell. I was then taking pictures every few days to see how they were progressing. There was Day 1, Day 3 and Day 5. Then on Day 8 I noticed that they now had feathers so I think it will not be too long before they will be leaving the nest and flying away.

“Mama” has obviously taken good care of them as they are growing bigger every day. “Papa” has also shown an interest when Mama leaves the nest to forage for food. The nest is now empty. The birds have flown



Membership Report for September

by Dawn Ross, Membership Chair

Our Membership renewal starts September 1, 2022 and is due by October 1, 2022.

When you renew you can go into your profile and edit your waiver to the new one that will cover you, for in-person events, until December 31, 2023

We currently have 27 people on the Waitlist.

For more from The Money Lady

If you are interested in more information from our August speaker, Christine Ibbotson, check out her new YouTube channel. Her message:

Hello Friends – I have made the jump to YOUTUBE ... very scary and exciting!

Would love it if you could check it out and let me know what you think ... honestly.

I can only get better with your criticism ... (don't worry I can take it).

[Click here for The Money Lady's YouTube channel.](#)

Several people have commented that they found her argument against CHIP reverse mortgages of particular interest.

If your members have any questions or would like to chat with me about the topics in the presentation – they can email me at info@askthemoneylady.ca

More English language as it should be

Contributed by Fred Ground

These insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

1. "He had delusions of adequacy" - Walter Kerr
2. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill
3. "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure. - Clarence Darrow
4. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)
5. "Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" - Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)
6. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas
7. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain
8. "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde
9. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill
10. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response
11. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here" - Stephen Bishop
12. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright
13. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb
14. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson
15. "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. - Paul Keating
16. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker
17. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain
18. "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

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