

FORUM



Volume 10 - Issue 11 - November 2022

President's Message:

Welcome to our beautiful Ontario fall



Your Escarpment PROBUS team is excited to plan for 2022-2023.

Our membership is thriving. We have 244 returning members and will add 6 new members from our wait list to bring our total numbers back to our maximum 250. We still have approximately 23 on our wait list.

We are cautiously continuing our indoor activities always mindful of the possible increase in COVID.

The October general meeting had 94 in-person participants. How exciting to be back to seeing each other in person.

Ruth Gagnon is busy planning great activities.

Jenny O'Brien has the Christmas lunch well in hand. She will be sending out the details shortly.

For our demographic, Dr. Cohen's presentation on Alzheimer's disease was very informative.

Joanne Millichamp has announced an exciting trip to Norway and Sweden for 2023.

We want to keep all members healthy and safe and keep our club thriving!

— Russ Cousins



Celebrating our 9th anniversary with cake

Contents:

Activities.....	3
November Calendar.....	9
Recent Events.....	10
November Meeting.....	10
Social Clubs.....	15
Club Travel.....	26
News and Views.....	27
Management Page.....	28

Visit Our Website: www.escarpmentprobus.com

Photo of the Month

This month's photo, "*From a walk in Kelso and Rattlesnake Point*", was contributed by Gloria Pennycook. Send your photos to peterlasota@gmail.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES

November – It's going to be a busy month!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Gee whiz, we only have six activities lined up for November! I hate to disappoint...lol! I hope you are getting out to some of these activities and getting to socialize with your fellow Probians! It has been nice to see new faces joining in some activities and I hope that continues. And just so you know, there are only two activities happening in December. So whether you are joining us for Saturday Night Live(S) or are going to participate in the first time ever Christmas Scavenger Hunt, I hope to see you!

I have a Save the Date for you! Mark your calendars for Drury Lane Music Hall on Sunday, March 26th at 2 pm with dinner after in Milton (somewhere). We will have a limited number of tickets and the cost is \$31.70 per member. Sign up will start at our November General Meeting.

I'd like to let you know that Irene Hiebert has decided to step down from the Activities Committee and to take a moment to thank her for the work she has done on the committee since 2017. From the Tall Ships to New Year's Eve to Bowling Extravanzas to visiting gardens and beyond! Thank you Irene!

I would also like to thank those members (and friends) who stepped up to register for Murders Tastefully Executed! We are good to go!

Activities Committee
Members:

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

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

SNL (Saturday Night LiveS) at La Toscana Ristorante –
Saturday, November 5th 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.



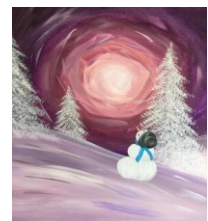
Paint & Cocktails - Tuesday, November 8th at 4 pm

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!



Continued >>>>>

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

This event is now closed and tickets have been purchased.

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!

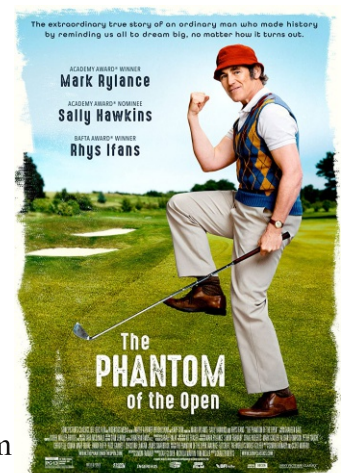
NEW! Phantom of the Open – Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Come on out and support the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton by attending one of the film festival shows. We have a limited number of tickets (for \$10) and only until November 5th. Golfers or not, you will get some laughs from this show!

From the website:

The Phantom of the Open is a 2021 British biographical comedy-drama film directed by Craig Roberts, about the exploits of Maurice Flitcroft. The screenplay by Simon Farnaby was based upon the biography The Phantom of the Open: Maurice Flitcroft, The World's Worst Golfer by Farnaby and Scott Murray. The film stars Mark Rylance, Sally Hawkins, Rhys Ifans, Jake Davies, Christian and Jonah Lees, Mark Lewis Jones and Johann Myers.



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 **PLUS** dinner and drinks. **The Skip The Dishes group is joining us for this event. Be sure to sign up for the murder!**

Hints, Hacks & How To's – Tuesday, November 22nd at 2 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

It's time for that refresher or to learn something new! Learn how to get the most out of your Apple iPhone. We'll look at how to effectively use SIRI and how to take even better pictures and keep them organized for easy retrieval.

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

This event is limited to 25 members. The cost for this event is \$2/member at the door. Please have exact amount, change will not be available.

Please note that the tips and tricks work better with iPhone 6 and above. This activity is for Apple products only. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kelly at kmground@gmail.com.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Saturday Night Live(S) at Lone Star Texas Grill – Saturday, December 3rd at 6 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Hey you, SNL Probiants, it's time for us to get out and socialize. This time we are headed to Lone Star Texas Grill. Check out their menu at www.lonestartexasgrill.com. We are still looking for a Social Club convenor to take this on!



From their website:

Lone Star Texas Grill is Ontario's original Texas-inspired restaurant, serving Canada's award-winning fajitas for over 35 years! Enjoy sizzling wood fire grilled fajitas, steaks, ribs, burgers, Tex-Mex and more. We serve them with only the freshest ingredients, including our house-made signature sauces, and freshly baked tortillas to complete our authentic recipes. Experience the big & bold tastes of Texas, right here at home.

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.



JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

Ali Hassan: Does this Smell Funny? – Thursday, January 19th at 8 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Are you ready for a laugh? Join us at the MinMaxx Theatre at FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton located at 1010 Main Street East, Milton. **Tickets are only available until October 20th and the cost is \$52/member.**

From the website: *Deconstructing a chef's journey from food to comedy Ali Hassan's career plans started off as simply as anyone's: become a chef, get a food show on television, get a second food show on television, be the face of the network and have oven mitts with his face on them. This show is a hilarious exposition of Ali's journey in and out of the culinary world in which he spent 12 years. Think Eat, Pray, Love. Minus the Prayer.*

ClearEstates – Estate Planning & Settlement - Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 at 10 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

When was the last time you looked at your Will and POA? What is Probate anyway? Has someone named you as an Executor?

Who did you name as your Executor? Does it need to be updated? Maybe your favourite, you are named an Executor!! So what is your role? Did you know it typically takes 16 - 24 months to resolve an Estate? Get some expert guidance on Estate Planning and Settlement.

Join us on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 at 10 am at Grace Anglican Church as ClearEstates gives us a refresher on these topics and covers many more from foreign assets to assets / liabilities and their distribution, taxes and their clearances.

ClearEstates is going to help us to demystify the responsibilities of an estate executor and explain the process as painlessly and efficiently as possible. Settling a loved one's estate can be emotionally draining, time-consuming, and even expensive if you're not careful.

Heavy reliance on lawyers and accountants can add up quickly and eat away at a sizeable part of a loved one's estate. We will be given some guidance to empower you to settle a loved one's estate efficiently and confidently.

Continued >>>>>



This is not a sales pitch, but for our awareness, ClearEstates will share how they can help to support grieving families by completely removing estate settlement from their concerns. ClearEstates will empower estate executors and pre-planners and serve as a helping hand through the all estate processes.

The cost for this event is \$5/member. We will head out for lunch at Ned Devine's after this session so please register and make your meal selection using Wild Apricot.

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.



NEW! VIP Bowling in partnership with Skip the Dishes! -
Thursday, February 16th at 4:15 pm

Convenors: Ruth Gagnon (with the help of Cindy Penfold!) and
Lorraine Shermet (Skip the Dishes)

BOWLING (INCLUDING SHOES) IS \$10.50!

It is going to be a great afternoon/evening and what better way than combining a "VIP Bowling Activity" with "Skip the Dishes". Here is what your afternoon/evening will look like:



4:15 pm Head to Champs to get a drink and your bowling shoes on.

4:30 pm Be in the VIP Champs private bowling room.

6:00 pm Whether you have just finished bowling or are joining Skip the Dishes, head to Champs Sports Grill to enjoy preset dinner options

Champs is located at 300 Bronte Street in Milton. Please note that Champs doors only open at 4 pm.

We have 36 VIP Bowling spaces available. You will be randomly placed into a lane of six members. Prizes for those who make it to the podium!

You will be able to sign up for Skip the Dishes only when the announcement goes out.

NEW! A Progressive Dinner Party Escarpment PROBUS Way! – Tuesday, February 28th at 5 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

It's time to try something different! A new way to enjoy a dining experience at some of Milton's finest restaurants. Our progressive dinner party will start at 5 pm at Casa Americo for an appetizer. From there we will head over to La Toscana for 6 pm to enjoy an entrée. Wrapping up our evening we will head over to another restaurant for 8 pm for dessert and coffee. Maybe more! Of course drinks can be enjoyed throughout your dining experience.



Meal and drinks are at your cost and please make your meal selections using Wild Apricot. This event is limited to 30 members. Registration will start at our November General Meeting.

How many loaves?

by Wayne Herder

1960 and I am in the dough! That summer I worked for POM (Pride of Montreal) bakeries. I do not recall how I obtained this job as my mother had Wonder bread delivered to our home. It was a long day for the driver as he had to pick up his truck at the bakery at 7am. By 8:15am he picked me up and my day began.

Saturday was our busiest day as we covered two neighbouring cottage towns, Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-lac and Pointe Calumet. We always carried our customers' regular needs in our dessert basket as well as extras. This gave us a chance to upsell them with cakes, pies, doughnuts, etc. Actually this was my first sales job!

The next step was telling my boss what the customer bought including crusty bread or desserts. He then entered the sales in the "bible". All items were listed on the customer's page and added to the ongoing balances.

What is a contronym?

Contributed by Fred Ground

Single words that have two different meanings (they are their own opposites), are known as contronyms, and they are quite rare.

Here are ten of them:

- 1) Apology: a statement of contrition for an accident, or a defence of one.
- 2) Bolt: to secure, or to flee.
- 3) Bound: heading to a destination, or restrained from

Saturday was normally collection day with their tabs being settled. Cottage towns were great as people purchased more items than usual, mostly doughnuts and pies. They were also much better tippers. Our truck was very similar to a large UPS truck. Regretfully some of the snacks got damaged or returned by customers (wink, wink) so we ate parts of them, then returned the balance to the bakery for credit.

During very hot summer days I was permitted to drive. Wow! The two doors slid wide open while my favourite song played on the radio, "Venus in Blue Jeans". I discovered if you pulled the choke out, it acted as cruise control. WHO KNEW!

Last call was the local tavern for dinner. I was dropped off at 6:30pm and the driver returned the truck to Montreal to be cleaned and restocked for Monday.

All this for 5\$ including tips. It was GREAT!

movement.

- 4) Cleave: to adhere, or to separate.
 - 5) Dust: to add fine particles, or to remove them.
 - 6) Fast: quick, or stuck, or made stable.
 - 7) Left: remained, or departed.
 - 8) Peer: a person of the nobility, or an equal.
 - 9) Sanction: to approve, or to boycott.
 - 10) Weather: to withstand, or to wear away.
-

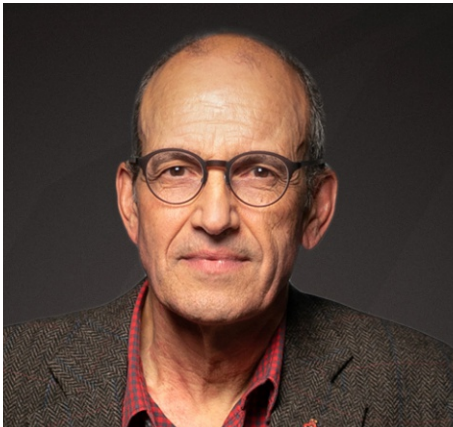
NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Saturday Night LiveS	November	5	5:30 PM	La Toscana	Ruth Gagnon
Paint & Cocktails	November	8	4:00 PM	Shoeless joe's	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	November	9	7:00 PM	Zoom	Russ Cousins
Menopause The Musical	November	10	7:30 PM	Mattamy Theatre	Ruth Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	November	16	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Russ Cousins
Lunch Bunch	November	16	12:00 PM	East Side Mario's	Joy Castello
Phantom of the Open	November	16	7:30 PM	First Ontario Arts Centre	Ruth Gagnon
Murders Tastefully Executed - Fowl Play	November	17	5:30 PM	Ned Devine's	Ruth Gagnon
Hints, Hacks & how To's	November	22	2:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Kelly Ground
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	November	1	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	November	2	1:00 PM	CANCELLED for Nov.	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	November	2	7:00 PM	TBD	Chris Strachan
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	November	3	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	November	8	9:00 AM	Road Trip	Diane Comstock
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	November	8	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Movies - Oscar Nights	November	8	7:00 PM	9Milton Cineplex	Petra Halk
Trail Walkers	November	8	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Books – Sequel	November	9	1:15 PM	TBD	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	November	9	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Games - Jokers	November	10	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	November	11	5:30 PM	TBD	Jenny O'Brien
Books – First Edition	November	14	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	November	14	7:00 PM	Capper Home	Martin Capper
Books – Trilogy	November	14	10:00 AM	TBD	Dawn Ross
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	November	15	2:00 PM	Capper Home	Martin Capper
Trail Walkers	November	15	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Cards - Bid Euchre	November	17	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	November	17	10:30 AM	TBD	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	November	17	5:30 PM	Ned Devine's	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	November	17	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Euchre	November	21	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	November	22	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Trail Walkers	November	22	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Friendship Club	November	23	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement	Judy Krauss
Games - Jokers	November	23	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	November	24	7:00 PM	CANCELLED	Looking for new convenor
Nosh @ Nite	November	25	5:30 PM	Crawford Home	Paul Crawford
Dining - Appy Hour	November	26	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins
Cards -Canasta	November	28	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Trail Walkers	November	29	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read

New information

Temporary change

MEETING: NOVEMBER



Ted Barris - Days of Victory

Ted Barris's presentation offers accounts of Canadians' participation in the liberation of Holland – Operation Market Garden, the Scheldt estuary, taking the German surrender at Wageningen and the famous food drops of Operation Mana in the 1945 "Hunger Winter." While the pandemic erased 75th anniversary observances of Dutch liberation overseas, the stories that remain from veterans and civilians of that time can never be erased. They live on in the remembrances of those who were there.

RECENT EVENTS

October Meeting

Our October general meeting was held Wednesday October 19th. Our speaker was Dr Sharon Cohen who talked about "What's new in Alzheimer's Disease". (See photos next page).

Due to technical difficulties, Zoom links to this meeting will be published at a later date.



Left to Right: Dawn Ross with our newest members: Simone Serra, Theresa Caristena and Karen Latremoille



Our greeters, Judy Kraus and Avril O'Reily



Retiring from the management team, left to right - Marg Jones, Barbara Campbell and Wayne Herder



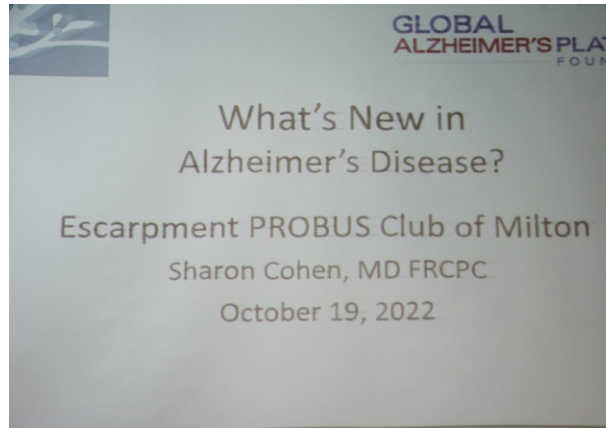
Julie Flynn was the lucky 50/50 winner

More photos >>>>

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.



Dr Sharon Cohen ...



... and her assistants

Halton Police Scam Presentation – Thursday, October 6th

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

I was trying to keep this article short, but I don't know how! Whether you went to this session or to the one we had a few years ago, there is so much going on out there that we need to keep hearing about it and reminding ourselves on how easily being scammed can happen! Did you know that a high majority of scams happen to people who are over the age of 70?

Detective Constable Kevin and Detective Constable Krisandra gave us a lot of really solid information and helped us to be more aware of what is going on not just in the world but Halton! They also noted that home phones are more likely to get scam calls as it is easy to look up the phone number and address.

Here are some of the recent situations that the Halton Police have encountered:

- On October 5th the Halton Police received over 700 phone calls for people being defrauded of amounts up to \$10K (an amount not flagged by banks) and of those only three were successful in not losing their money.
- If you are doing online shopping – whether it's for vitamins, beauty products, or whatever, make sure you check the terms and conditions. Sometimes they are hard to find, but you want to make sure you aren't going to be charged a monthly subscription for fake pills.
- Emergency scam targeting family members will play upon your emotions. They had three of these on October 5th alone. Don't identify the child's name as this is just giving the scammer a piece of information (or even one of your passwords). Ten years ago a grandson fraud for an Ontario based fraud ring got \$3MM out of American citizens in three months!!
- Dating and Single Scams – they will appeal to your romantic and compassionate side. One woman in the Halton Region got sucked in twice. The first time it cost her \$1.2 million – her life savings were lost and she had to mortgage her house. She was so sure her fiance – whom she had never met – loved her and was being honest with her! The second guy, the police had to convince her that it was fraud. Yikes!

What are some of the red flags to be aware of:

- Be alert to the vocabulary and grammar used in messages. Be aware of high pressured and aggressive calls and people calling with a foreign accent.
- Remember when you get emails that you are not a “taxpayer” or a “customer”- you have a name!!
- If someone wants to validate who you are, do not give your name, social insurance number and date of birth. You shouldn't have to validate who you are! And be ever so careful in not responding with a “yes” and risk it being recorded. You may find out down the road that you now have a mortgage in your name! One of

Continued >>>>>

our own members has a family member who just went through this and there is nothing the police can do. The loss was in excess of \$100K.

- You should always consider validating the caller. Is it really Princess Margaret or Readers Digest calling you? Does CRA phone you? NO! They are not that progressive and they use Canada Post – always!
- You just won the lottery, but you don't play the lottery and lotteries don't need to collect taxes because in Canada we don't pay tax on lottery winnings (the USA does).
- Someone walking on the street offers to do your two car driveway for \$2,000 and puts down garbage meaning not even asphalt. They will be long gone by the time you figure that you were scammed. By the way, it currently costs \$7,000 to do a two car driveway. Call reputable companies and get quotes – they are usually the ones promoting themselves with their trucks with logos.

Be calm. Be your own Sherlock Holmes and remember, you can always HANG UP!



Line Dancing – Thursday, October 13th

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Before we went to our Line Dancing class we headed to The Judge and Jury restaurant on Walkers Line. We all thoroughly enjoyed our lunch – food and service was great! Thank you again Dianne Tomson for the restaurant recommendation. Then sixteen cheerful Probians participated in the advanced line dancing class with exuberant footwork displaying style and technique worthy of being on Dancing with the Stars! Okay, I'm kidding!! It was a beginner's class (again) that had us smiling and laughing and letting the cowgirls in us come out! A few of us are even considering going to Tammy's classes in Acton and I'm trying hard to get Tammy to come to Milton!



SNL at the Ivy Arms – Saturday, October 1st

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

It was the evening after a wonderful PROBUS anniversary dinner and dance! Meeting at the Ivy Arms was a great idea for the 13 of us venturing out (and not wanting to cook)! Good conversation, the food did not disappoint – even though Ginny was served her meal last for the second night in a row! We will be going back again!

Be sure to check out our next SNL at La Toscana Ristorante at 165 Main Street East, Milton. Hope to see you join the group!



Trivia

By Kelly Ground, Convenor

Brussel Sprouts originated where?

- a) Eritrea b) England c) Belgium d) Canada

Seven teams came out to make a run for the podium. Competition was fierce as new teams were forged. The Reads, Watkiss', and Murphys split the spouses and made up two competing teams. It was all good competitive fun!

Two games were played and between the two was a delicious dinner. The podium at the end of the night saw Roy and Ann McKay in third place with 141 of 200 questions answered correctly. Second place, was the team of Marg Jones, Frank Dawe and Paul and Ellen Crawford of the 200 questions, they had answered correctly 147. The big winners of the night, winning both games were Liz Read, Margaret Murphy and Chris Watkiss with 149 points.

Congratulations to all, stay tuned for a new trivia date in January.

Silly Spelling Poem

Contributed by Fred Ground

Why is it that some birds and fish,
And animals as well,
Are given such peculiar names,
So very hard to spell?
The "h" that's in rhinoceros is plainly quite absurd,
Three "p's" in hippopotamus,
When two's enough for any word.
We know that pigeon needs a "d".
While lamb doe not require a "b"

One "d" in haddock we would write
The "l" in salmon is not right.
Such names as pheasant, we would veto,
And also oyster and mosquito.
While in hyena there's a "y"
When it should surely be an "i"
There's zebra and there's jag-u-ar,
You never can tell where you are.
Why do they start a gnat with "g"?
It makes it hard for you and me.

Our 9th Anniversary Dinner - Dance, a Photo Gallery

Celebrated at the Grand Chalet on Friday, September 30th.



Why English is tough

Contributed by Alan Jordan

Occasional Correspondent

Twenty-one reasons why English is hard to learn for both English speaker and foreigners.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there was no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
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.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen on how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my intimate friend?

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 Mon. - 10 am	Dawn Ross	905-636-9838	sdawnross55@gmail.com
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. - 2:00 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	pauleny0103@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

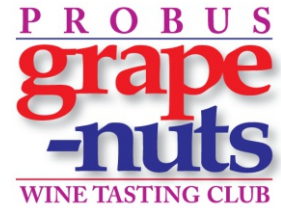
Wine Tasting at the Wallhouses on Oct. 5th

by Chris Wallhouse, Correspondent

Eleven members came to the Wallhouse's home Wednesday evening from 7:00pm to 10:30 to enjoy a fun evening of nibbles and wine. The theme was wines we haven't tried before. All the wines scored well with the *Philippe De Rothschild Chardonnay Pays d'Oc 2020* (\$16.95) scoring highest for the whites, *Nederburg Sauvignon Blanc* (\$15.95) a close second and *Pelee Island Late Harvest Vidal* (\$14.95) would be a pleasant dessert wine.

For the reds, *Pelee Island Bourbon Barrel Reserve Baco Noir 2019* (\$16.95) ranked highest and again the next wines, *Château Larroque Bordeaux Superior 2018* (\$15.95) and *Nederburg Shiraz 2019* (\$13.95) were both well received.

With Ellen's pudding shots and dessert, much conversation and laughter the evening was a success and ended around 10:30.



Next Lunch Bunch at East Side Mario's

by Joy Castello, Convenor

After October's meeting 29 Probuss members went to Montana's for lunch (photos below). The staff were pleasant and accommodating, the food was delicious and served promptly.

On November 16th, we will be going to East Side Mario's, Milton Common Shopping Mall, 860 Main Street East. It's located in the Real Canadian Superstore plaza near Starbucks and the Dulux Paint Store. You can check out the menu at eastsidemarios.com



Winetasting at the Tschirhart's

by Michelle Tschirhart, Correspondent

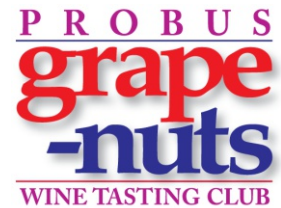
Eleven Probians gathered around the table preparing to commence the activities, but not before catching up with each other.

There was plenty to nibble on while tasting samples from three Erie North Shore wineries. We used the simple score sheet, rating the wines 1 to 5, then multiplying the scores by 4 to bring them in line with the original score sheet out of 20.

The three wineries we sampled from were *Aleksander Estate*, *Viewpointe Estate* and *Mastronardi Estate*. Our first red was a **2013 Chambourcin**, which we chose because we had been told that this wine is usually added to others, rather than used as a stand alone varietal.

The highest scoring wine of the night was *Viewpointe Big Bluff White*, with a score of 15.9. It was also the least expensive wine at \$13.35

The next highest score happened to be a red, *Mastronardi 2016 Syrah*, scoring 12.9 and has a cost of \$24.95.



Skip the Dishes joining the Mystery Dinner

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor



Twelve Probians met at Khazana (photo at left) for a spicy dinner and wonderful conversation and camaraderie.



For November skip the dishes will be joining forces with the social committee on November 17th, at Ned Devine's on Derry Road for a "Mystery Dinner" night.

Many have already signed up for this event. Skip the Dishes will be skipping December as it falls the day after the Christmas lunch. We will reconvene in 2023 on January 19th.

At PROBUS we want to keep in touch, we are all friends. If you know of anyone who is ill, moving away, lost a loved one, etc., or someone with a new grandchild, great grandchild or special anniversary, please let Lorrette Shermet know and she will gladly send a greeting card from PROBUS (contact lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293).

D'Stillers at the Herders

by Chris Strachan, Convenor



It was a small but lively group that met at the home of Wayne and Suzanne Herder for the October 5th meeting of the D'Stillers. Since we had cancelled the September meeting we were all anxious to get back into the swing of things.

As per our custom, Wayne supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure, three Irish, one Scottish and one Canadian, we rated them as follows:

The winning whisky of the evening was '**Bushmills 10 Yr Old' Single Malt Irish Whiskey**. The average score was 83.0, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at the cost of \$53.95 per bottle.

Second was '**Lindores Lowland Single Malt Scotch**'. The average score was 77.2, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 46% at the cost of \$96.95 per bottle.

Third was '**West Cork Single Malt Rum Cask Finish**' which is an Irish Whiskey. The average score was 74.2 with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 43% at the cost of \$58.40 per bottle.

Fourth was '**Roe & Company**' an Irish blended whiskey. The average score was 71.4, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 45% at the cost of \$49.95 per bottle.

Fifth was '**Canadian Club 12 yr Old**' a blended whiskey. The average score was 63.2, with an Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at the cost of \$34.00 per bottle.



Thanks to Suzanne for keeping the DD's entertained. Thanks also for the goodies, one never tires of the sweet stuff. After the guys are finished tasting we get to mingle, which is always lovely. I'd also like to thank the DD's without whom these kinds of getting together would not be possible.

The November 2nd meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Russ and Mary Cousins.

Hopefully, we shall have a full compliment as we missed Russ, Martin, Bill and Frank this time around.



Noshing at the Millichamps

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent



The Millichamps hosted 28 people for Nosh @ Night on Friday evening. There was a great variety of food, lots of it and it was delicious. We all enjoy the opportunity to get together socially, visit and exchange stories. Judging by the amount of noise and laughter, everyone had a good time. A great evening with friends.



WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN - Their thoughts are so uncomplicated.

Contributed by Fred Ground

1) **NUDITY** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) **OPINIONS** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) **KETCHUP** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) **MORE NUDITY** A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing

towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) **POLICE** It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally, he said, 'What'd he do?'

6) **ELDERLY** While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

Clubs: Books & Crafts

Doing their own thing together

By Dana Weatherell, Convenor



Our October crafters were working on many different projects while chatting away. Sharon was removing patches from various garments to repurpose. Auriel was also working on a sewing project while Sandra was tidying up some quilting squares. Rest assured, Diane was telling her all about the quilting group. Diane was making more paper flowers for her vases and I was making many treat boxes for an upcoming Christmas market.

As I write this a week before our next meeting, unfortunately I currently have Covid so will be cancelling the November 2nd meeting to be safe.

Our next meeting will be December 7th. I can prepare some holiday tags for decoration if you want to make some or you can bring your own project. Minimal cost TBD to cover supplies.

Quilts – All Shapes and Sizes

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the PieceMakers gathered together at Judy N.'s new condo. After a tour of her condo, we went around the room displaying our current projects. Judy N, showed us her log cabin that was quilted by Jane (long-armed) as well as a lovely quilt ladder that she got from a friend. Carol Ann brought a table runner that she had made for her niece. She made it special by adding her father's aviation crests, birth/death dates, and name. Dawn had completed a green/yellow place mat, two cute acorn mug rugs, and a pillow for her granddaughter. Judi J. had a lovely picket fence landscape with fussy-cut flowers and butterflies appliqued on. Diane showed the sample squares from the quilting with rulers course she attended in September. Not to brag, but I also showed the quilting ribbons I won at the Milton Fall Fair. I encourage all the ladies to enter their projects next year - if I can win so can you.



Quilting Terms of the Month: **Quilting rulers:** Quilting rulers help you quilt smooth lines and execute uniform designs such as arcs, circles, ovals, squiggles, waves, curves, and spines. Quilting rulers are thicker than the acrylic rulers used for cutting with a rotary cutter. They are used with a free motion ruler foot.

Next meeting will be on Nov.8 where we will be taking a road trip to several quilt shops.

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



Two for One

by Carolyn Rumley, Correspondent



Our Book Club was unable to meet in September so we reviewed two books at our October meeting.

Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice

This novel is set on a small First Nations reserve in northern Canada during the Fall and harsh Winter. The story follows a group of community members after they are cut off from the rest of the world by some unknown event. They lose all forms of communication, transportation and connection with others beyond their village. As time passes they experience fuel and food shortages all while enduring extreme winter weather. There is a breakdown of their society which is further exacerbated by the arrival of a white man who seeks to capitalize on the dire circumstances. In many ways the story is a metaphor for the colonization of the First Nations people by the Europeans. Their ways of life, their language and their community structures were severely threatened by the arrival of the white man both historically and in this novel.

Our group had mixed feelings about the book however it generated a lot of discussion. Elements of the story were difficult to read as they highlighted the many negative influences that have impacted the First Nations people of our country.

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

This novel tells the story of twin girls Stella and Desiree who grew up in a small black, southern community of very light skinned people, a characteristic that was valued. The girls ran away from home in their teen years to live and work in New Orleans. As the story develops the girls move apart and Stella decides that she will pass for being white, while Desiree continues to live her life as black. Stella cuts off communication with her family and the years pass with Desiree looking for her sister. There are many elements to this story as the lives and families of the two girls follow very different paths. Their circumstances are very different economically, socially and emotionally. Stella constantly worries about being 'found out'.

This novel was interesting and raised a number of questions regarding race and prejudice. It was felt that there were some unnecessary story lines but overall the book was well received.

Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga

by Kelly Ground, Correspondent



Trilogy Book Club met at the home of Kelly Ground on Monday, October 17th to discuss our book club pick, Seven Fallen Feathers, by Tanya Talaga.

Talaga is a Toronto Star award winning investigative journalist who looks at the disappearances and deaths of seven First Nations high school students in Thunder Bay. It is a work about systemic racism, education, the failure of the policing and justice systems and Indigenous rights.

Over the span of eleven years, seven indigenous high school students die in Thunder Bay, Ontario. They were hundreds of kilometres away from their families, forced to leave home because there was no adequate high school on their reserves. Five were found dead in the rivers surrounding Lake Superior. Talaga delves into the lives of the students as well as the history of this northern city that has come to manifest Canada's long struggle with human rights violations against indigenous communities.

Our group discussion hit all the hot topics that have graced the news in recent days, seeing both sides of the argument was hard to admit for some of us. Though the consensus was that the history written about is indeed an ugly one, that has no easy fix. It was agreed that the book was very hard to read due to its subject matter, but for the same reason it is a very important read for Canadians.

All in all we would recommend the book to others.

Clubs: Games & Cards

Euchre

by *Lorrette Shermet, Convenor*

At this session we had 12 players. Sharon White joined us as a new face at the euchre tables. Harold Grace won overall with 44 points. Carol Marion won lone hands (2) and Barb Campbell was low woman.



Sequences in play

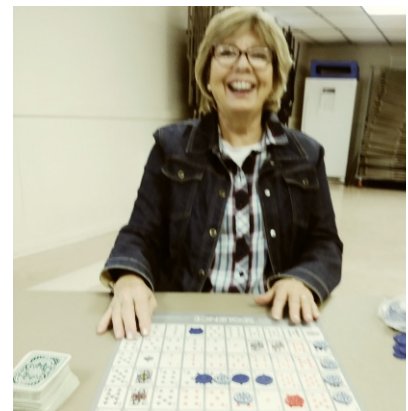
by *Diane Comstock, Convenor*

For our October game play, Sequences was chosen by Marg Jones. We had 6 players so we played head-to-head at 3 tables. After 2 games, all 6 of us had won a game: Dana, Beth, Danielle, Lorraine, Marg, and myself. We played a third game, but I neglected to write down who won. Overall, it was fun afternoon.



Our game for November is Splendor suggested by Beth. Splendor is a game of chip-collecting and card development. Players are merchants of the Renaissance trying to buy gem mines, means of transportation, shops—all in order to acquire the most prestige points. If you're wealthy enough, you might even receive a visit from a noble at some point, which of course will further increase your prestige.

Anyone interested in board games, come on out. This will be a new game that we have never played before at BeeGees, so we will all be learning.



Jokers

by Ron Millichamp, Correspondent

Wednesday Oct. 26th brought out 16 keen Joker players to Grace Anglican church for a fun afternoon. Some were more proficient/lucky than others with the end result after 3 games of having Avril Reilly and Lorraine Randall undefeated at 3 wins and 0 losses. Unfortunately, your correspondent along with Patricia McIntyre didn't do as well and ended up just the opposite score, 0 wins and 3 losses. A good time was had by all. Looking forward to our next outing.



Canasta

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor



I am glad we played Canasta at Grace Church, as we had six tables in one large room. It started off 45 minutes earlier than the usual time, so Lorrette gave lessons.

Expecting to teach four people, seven showed up. We had 24 people playing. Some tables played two games but most only completed one game. Canasta can be a long game, but, a lot of fun.

If you would like to learn a new game, Lorrette is always willing to teach. Canasta is played the 4th Monday at Grace Church.



High Rollers

by Pat Vogt, Convenor

Yahtzee

After a summer break Yahtzee resumed with 2 players in October, Diane and I played two games each winning one. The dice were not co-operating giving us low scores and getting a Yahtzee was hard to come by! We had a fun afternoon playing and getting in a visit.



Continued >>>>>

Farkle

Three players signed on, Diane, Marg and a first timer Jean George, they were able to get in two games. Jean had good teachers, her first game she started with a straight (1500 points) later in game she rolled two triplets (2500 points) this enabled her to be the winner with 10250 points. Lady luck was with Jean for her second game as she rolled 4 of a kind with a pair to give her (1500 points) later rolling 3 pairs for another (1500 points) and ending up winning the second game with a total of 10050 points. Well done Jean, sorry I had to miss your Farkle debut!

Clubs: Classical Music

A Month of Musical Variety!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

For our first October musical excursion, I presented a program devoted to the music of the Austrian composer, Gustav Mahler (1860 – 1911), who many would regard as a “difficult” composer to listen to. His music fell out of favour after his death, but was slowly rediscovered in the 1950s, and he is now recognized as one of the western world’s major composers.



Mahler’s major work we heard was “Das Lied von der Erde (Song of the Earth). Described as a “symphony” when published, it comprises six songs for two singers who alternate movements.

When composing this work (after completing his Eighth Symphony), Mahler was aware of the so-called “curse of the ninth”, a superstition arising from the fact that no major composer since before Beethoven had successfully completed more than nine symphonies. Fearing the curse, he decided to subtitle this work “A Symphony for Tenor, Alto Voice and Orchestra”, rather than numbering it. His next symphony was numbered his Ninth, and was indeed the last he fully completed before his death!

Mozartians reaction to Mahler were mixed, from “beautiful” to “didn’t really like”. About what I expected; Mahler is certainly not everybody’s cup of tea!

As a counterweight to my Program, Jeanne Reid (our second October presenter), treated us to “Modern Canadian Singers and Songwriters”, songs by Gord Downie (The Tragically Hip), Jann Arden, Leonard Cohen, Anne Murray, David Foster. Reaction to Jeanne’s program was universally positive!

Jeanne wrote (about Gord Downie): “I was inspired to make this program by the Pope’s visit to Canada in June. I kept thinking how much Gord Downie would have enjoyed his presence and his words of apology and retribution. Gord worked so hard on behalf of our native people. I wished he was here to be a part of the visit.”

Gord became the lead singer of the Tragically Hip when he was 20 years old. He was one of the most influential and popular artists in Canadian music history, and was heavily involved in environmental and human rights issues. Gord died of brain cancer on Oct, 17, 2017, at 53. Upon his death he was widely honoured by both by Justin Trudeau and the Canadian public. At the Toronto Maple Leaf game Oct. 18, a moment of silence was held in his honour.

Two of Gord’s songs we listened to were from his album “The Secret Path”, about a native boy, Chanie Wenjak, who tried to escape a Residential School and died trying to get home. Gord Downie championed his cause and wrote an album of music called “The Secret Path” which was released in 2016 and won many awards.

Here’s a link to Gord’s song “Secret path”. [Click to listen \(4 minutes\)](#).

Clubs: The Great Outdoors

Probus Pin Seekers

by Roy MacKay, Convenor

Probus Pin Seekers, the 2022 version, was a series of 10 golf outings held on Wednesdays from late April to late September.

We had a small, but enthusiastic Group of 8 to 12 Golfers turn out for each event.

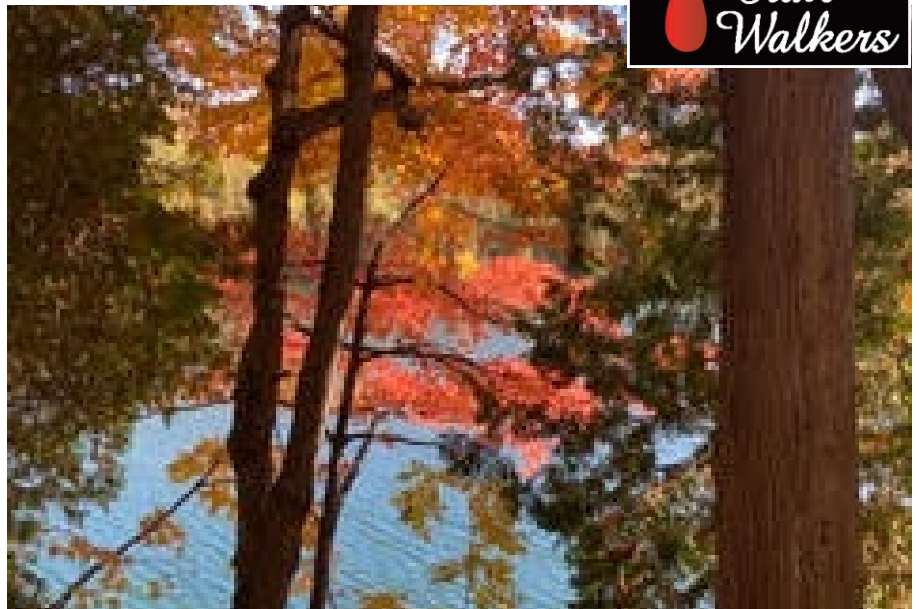
Outings took place at Oakville Executive Course and were nine holes for ladies and gentlemen.

I will be in contact with the Membership in February or March to determine the interest for the 2023 Golf Season.



Magnificent day at Crawford Lake

Photos by Cliff Read, Convenor



Not Changing Course

Contributed by Fred Ground

A captain notices a light in the distance, on a collision course with his ship. He turns on his signal lamp, and sends "Change your course, 10 degrees west".

The light signals back "Change yours, 10 degrees east".

The captain gets a little annoyed. He signals "I'm a US Navy captain. You must change your course, sir"

The light signals back "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir".

Now the captain is mad. "I'm an aircraft carrier. I'm not changing my course".

The light signals back "I'm a lighthouse. Your call"..

Doing the Rounds

Contributed by Fred Ground

While making his hospital rounds in Dublin Hospital, a doctor points out an x-ray to a group of medical students.

"As you can see", she says, pointing to a patient, " the patient limps because his left fibula and tibia are radically arched."

The doctor then looks at one of the medical students and says "Patrick, what would you do in a case like this?"

"Well," ponders Patrick "I suppose that I would limp too."

CLUB TRAVEL

Trip to Norway and Sweden

by Joanne Millichamp, Travel Convenor

The dates for our next Probus trip are September 8th to 21st, 2023, and we will be visiting the countries of Norway and Sweden.

We fly via Iceland Air to Bergen where we have a 3 night stay. A walking tour of the town takes in the colourful waterfront, the home of the composer Edvard Grieg (including a short concert) and a funicular ride up Mt. Floyen.

Norway is most famous for two things, their fjords and the Flam Railway trip and we will enjoy both on Day 4 of our trip. Sognefjord is the longest and deepest fjord and one of the most beautiful. During the 20 km. journey on the Flam Railway we will travel from the fjord up to snow covered mountains, passing by beautiful waterfalls and farms.

The second fjord we visit is called Lysefjord, where we will enjoy a cruise on an electric boat. The famous Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) is located in this fjord, 604 metres higher than the boat.

A train ride takes us to Oslo, where we stay for 3 nights. The next day a city tour takes us to the many highlights, including Parliament, the Royal Palace, the Opera House and the City Hall. Afternoon visits include the Kon-Tiki museum and the Flam museum.

We visit the small town of Drobak in the countryside with its colourful houses and gardens. A visit to the Oscarborg Fortress is also on the agenda today plus a homemade lunch in a private home.

Next stop is Stockholm and a 4-night stay. We travel by high-speed train and our luggage goes by truck (same on the train ride to Oslo). This evening a Smorgasbord dinner is planned with Aquavit tasting.

Our tour of Stockholm includes a visit to Gamla Stan, the picturesque old town, plus the Royal Palace and the City Hall, where all the Noble prizes, other than the Peace Prize are presented. We also visit the Vasa Museum, home of the Vasa ship built in 1628. The afternoon takes us for a short cruise on Lake Malaren and a visit to Drottningholm Palace, a UNESCO world heritage site.

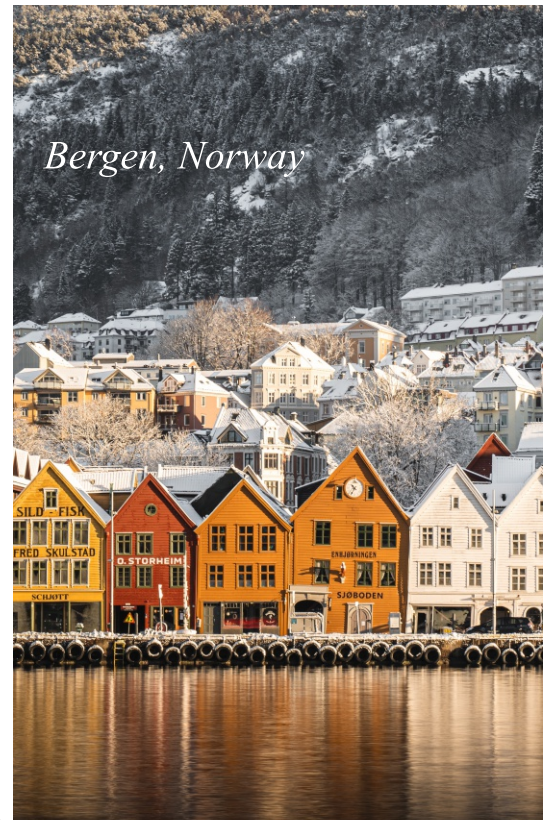
In the countryside we visit the picturesque town of Sigtuna, founded in the year 980. We see the town hall and have free time to wander around the cobblestone streets, markets, cafes, etc. The afternoon is at leisure back in Stockholm and that evening we will have our farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

The cost for this trip is \$6,980 per person and the single supplement is \$2,100. We are usually able to arrange for a room-mate for any singles so they don't have to pay the supplement.

Exclusions are \$510 departure & fuel surcharges and travel insurance.

Included are round trip flights, accommodation, all meals as per the itinerary, all portage at hotels and all gratuities for local guides, drivers, waiters, etc.

I would be happy to drop off a brochure for anyone unable to make it to the meetings. If you have any questions, please contact me at 289/878-2969 or jmillichamp@hotmail.com



NEWS AND VIEWS

Membership Report for November

by Dawn Ross, Membership Chair

I was happy to welcome in 7 new members last month. Pam Grundie, Simone Serra, Theresa Caristena, Maureen Therriault, Ian Therriault, Karen Latremouille and Nuala Harold.

We are having a Newcomers Meeting on Wed Nov 9 at 10am at Grace Church Upper Hall

We will have a presentation about our club and all the clubs and activities available to you. There will be time to socialize over coffee and tea and treats with other new members and some management team members and convenors. It is a really great way to get to see all that our club has to offer. And ask any questions you may have. I encourage you to sign up if you haven't already.

Speaker Program

by Roy MacKay, Program Chair

The term of Chris Wallhouse as Program Chair, ended on a positive note in October as Dr Cohen from Toronto Memory Program gave a very spirited and well received presentation on Memory Loss. Chris also arranged for Author and Historian, Ted Barris to speak to us in November on WWII Battle of the Atlantic. Thank you, Chris, for your good work.

As the New Program Chair, I will try to keep the momentum going. We recently conducted a Member Survey on what you would like to see in the future, and I have taken into consideration what topics you would like discussed in our four Speakers from January to April 2023.

We have an eclectic slate of speakers to speak on such topics as "Famous Femmes Fatales in History", "In Sickness and in Wealth, How Society Impacts Wellness In a Person" and a bit of Canadian history "The Home Children". In April we will have one of Canada's most pre-eminent Investigative Reporters, Kevin Donovan who will speak on "The Billionaire Murders"- The Sherman case.

Please feel free to submit any ideas you may have for future speakers.

LENNOX, Bonnie Lynn

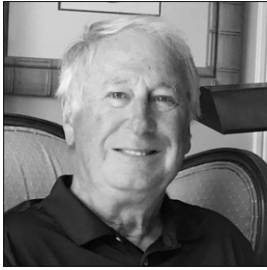
Passed peacefully on Wednesday October 19, 2022 after a short battle with cancer at Ian Anderson House at the age of 78. Loving wife to Barry Lennox. Beloved mother of Heidi (Rob), Billy and Virginia. Dear grandmother of Melissa (Dave), Rebecca, Katie and Dylan. Great grandmother to Lyla and Zoey. She was predeceased by, and now reunited with her husband Guenter Bartlik.

A Toronto East General Hospital graduate Registered Nurse, Bonnie worked for 20 years with the March of Dimes assisting brain injured patients. She was an exceptional gardener and will be sadly missed by her Bridge playing friends as well as those in the Escarpment PROBUS Club of Milton.

Bonnie joined the Escarpment PROBUS Club of Milton in April 2016. She was an avid card player joining the Bridge, Euchre, and Cribbage clubs. She enjoyed going to the movies with the Oscar Nights club. In October 2016, she took over as convenor of the Lunch Bunch and for 3 1/2 years she scouted out restaurants for us to eat at after our monthly general meeting. She always had a smile on her face and will be greatly missed. A donation will be made to Ian Anderson House.



MANAGEMENT TEAM



President
Russ Cousins
647-221-4080
rrcousins@outlook.com



Vice-President
Maggie Boothe
905-636-1564
mbdice5@gmail.com



Past-President
Diane Comstock
905-876-4909
meljenscc@sympatico.ca



Treasurer
Deb Harrold
(905) 876-3357
rharrold@sympatico.ca



Secretary
Kelly Ground
905-878-9212
kmground@gmail.com



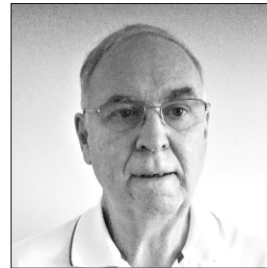
Activities Chair
Ruth Gagnon
905-462-4740
gagnonruth@gmail.com



Membership Chair
Dawn Ross
905-636-9838
sdawnross55@gmail.com



Social Chair
Jenny O'Brien
289-851-8477
jenny0103@rogers.com



Program Chair
Roy MacKay
416-953-0633
roy@roymackay.ca



FORUM/Web Editor
Peter Lasota
905-455-2737
peterlasota@gmail.com

If you need help with using our website, feel free to contact a member of the Technical Support Group:

Diane Comstock (meljenscc@sympatico.ca) – login, passwords, renewals, member applications

David Marion (DTMarion@hotmail.com) – events, online payments, mobile app for members

Bill King (gokingbee@gmail.com) – events, online payments, mobile app for members

Lorrette Shermet (lorrette@sympatico.ca) – events, Zoom, online payments

David Boss (bosscomm@rogers.com) – website page errors, passwords, mobile app for admins

FORUM - THE ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB OF MILTON NEWSMAGAZINE

This newsletter is published monthly in PDF format. If you know someone who you feel might be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club, please forward this publication with our compliments.

FORUM Deadline

The editor notifies the management team and all convenors of the deadline for articles and pictures for publication for each issue. Stories and articles may be emailed to the editor or submitted to any member of the management team. Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit, or change any copy or image submitted.