

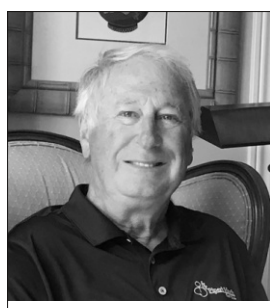
FORUM

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President's Message:

One month closer to spring



We managed to get through January with very little snow so we move into February one month closer to Spring. Our PROBUS January was very successful with many successful and very busy club meetings and activities. Our January general meeting had over 100 members attend in person with only a few on Zoom. Our January speaker Paul Diaz presented a very chilling talk on Famous Femmes Fatales in History.

Our January saw some old clubs re-established, Bridge and Movie night. As well as a couple of new clubs, line dancing and sports night. Please check the FORUM for further details.

Also there has been an amendment put forward to revise our membership by law. We will be voting through Wild Apricot so please plan to send your vote in.

As always please keep vigilant on our protections to keep COVID spread under control. Keep safe.

— Russ Cousins

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Photo of the Month

This month's photo, "*My favourite winter walk, sunny, snow covered, no wind and relatively mild*", was contributed by Gloria Pennycook.

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



ACTIVITIES

February – Short & Sweet...Summer is Coming!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Let's think of warm thoughts and enjoy some of the fun activities we have planned. So "weather" you warm up with *A Minute to Winit* or you are participating in the *Discovery Wine Tasting* or going to *The Prom*, check out the activities coming your way!

An incentive to encourage in person attendance at the General Meeting is being able to "pre-register" for "activities". To pre-register you need a code which is only available to members attending the General Meeting. When an email is sent from Wild Apricot, it goes to all members with a ticket type name of "pre-register" or "member". If you are at the General Meeting, select the pre-registration tab and enter the code. Pre-registration is typically from Wednesday (General Meeting day) until Saturday. Another email will go out to members who have not registered on the Sunday. I would encourage members to use the 'waitlist' functionality as it helps when there are cancellations or planning future events. We do recognize that a lot of us who travel, have other commitments or get sick and can't always make it out to a General Meeting.

I also have a 'save the date' for you. On Wednesday, April 5th at 10 am we will be heading to Crawfords Garden Centre to do an Easter Spring Planter. Details will be shared as soon as they are finalized.

Just a reminder that Saturday Night LiveS is a Social Club. If you aren't currently on the distribution list, please send me an email to gagnonruth@gmail.com to be added. We will be going to Turtle Jacks on February 4th and Anna Strachan will be your host.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

An Evening with Jann Arden – Friday, February 3 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.

Activities Committee

Members:

Ruth Gagnon

Kelly Ground

Ron Millichamp

Jenny O'Brien



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 Lorrette 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.

Kahoot's Trivia Live – Thursday, February 23rd at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

It's time to step out and challenge yourself! Do it on your own, join a team! Come on out and join your fellow Probians.

We will be meeting at Ned Devine's for a couple of rounds of Kahoot Trivia and dinner!! **Cellphones or iPads are needed!**

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. New Items have been added to the meal choices! Drinks & Dinner at your own expense. For menu pricing, please check out Ned Devine's menu at <https://www.neddevines.ca/menu.html>



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 The Ivy for 8 pm for dessert and coffee and a couple of games. 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.

MARCH ACTIVITIES:

Minute to Winnit – Thursday, March 9th at 2 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Are you ready for your next adventure?

Got a minute? You can Winnit! Come out for some side splitting laughter, fun and a little competition. No skill is required just good old fashioned sense of humour and fun. Teams of four will be randomly chosen, each team member will have an opportunity to best their competitors.



Pre-registration will start at our January General Meeting. This adventure costs ten non-refundable dollars for all the fun you could manage in an afternoon.

Upon the event's conclusion we will head for a fantastic preset dinner at Casa Americo. Please make your selections on Wild Apricot. Dinner and beverages are at your own expense.

This promises to be one of our best yet!

Ron James – Back Where I Belong - Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

It's time to laugh with Ron James a Shantero Production coming to you at the FirstOntario Arts Centre. The cost is \$68.50/member and tickets are non-refundable as they will be purchased well in advance of the show.

From the FirstOntario Arts Centre Website:

Canada's stand-out amongst 'stand-ups', award-winning comedian RON JAMES has been selling out theatres for over 20 years with his marathon, side-splitting performances. Marshalling a comedian's eye for satire and a writer's ear for language, Ron takes his audience on a breath-taking, non-stop roller coaster ride, cutting a wide swath through contemporary culture with a razor-sharp wit, uncompromising standard and unique, poetically honed delivery.

Along with five seasons starring in his own series, "The Ron James Show", his record breaking nine critically acclaimed one-hour comedy specials fast became a New Year's Eve viewing tradition for millions of Canadians. Not to be sidelined by the pandemic, he capitalized on lockdown after lockdown and wrote his first book, 'All Over the Map: Rambles and Ruminations from the Canadian Road', released by publishing giant Penguin-Random House, September 28th. With the light looking brighter every day at the end of the tunnel, Canada's #1 road warrior is back where he belongs: live onstage delivering laughs face to face to audiences sitting shoulder to shoulder, coast to coast clear cross the Big Wide Open!



[Click here to check out some of his video clips.](#)

NEW! Kahoot's Trivia Live – Thursday, March 23th at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

And Trivia keeps on coming to you! If you haven't come out to one of these, join us for some fun, competition and laughter!!

We will be meeting at Ned Devine's for a couple of rounds of Kahoot Trivia and dinner!! **Cellphones or iPads are needed!**

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. New Items have been added to the meal choices! Drinks & Dinner at your own expense. For menu pricing, please check out Ned Devine's menu at <https://www.neddevines.ca/menu.htm>



Drury Lane Music Hall – Sunday, March 26th at 2 pm

Convenor: Ron Millichamp

Tickets are available until February 5th. We will head to The Symposium in Milton for dinner. Join us for the FINAL show of the 42nd Annual Drury Lane Music Hall 2022. We will head back to Milton for dinner. Please let us know if you will join us for dinner. Details will follow at a later date.

From their brochure: Venture out with the most entertaining, comedic and wildly outstanding annual variety comedy musical this side of the pond. Booing and cheering are positively encouraged! Medleys, feature songs, skits and a variety of specialty numbers are the hallmark of this variety show that both harkens back to the days of British and American Music Halls and Vaudeville, but also wows the audience with a modern twist including current music, dance, and comedy from a wide variety of styles.

Parking is available on site. We will do our best to accommodate requests for carpooling.



APRIL ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Discovery Wine Tasting – Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Our sommelier, Oliver Woodburn, is going to take us on a journey from Old World versus New Comparison and Discovery Wine Tasting.

This promise to be a fun and informative evening designed to delight your taste buds by experiencing wines made from the same grape variety yet grown and styled in two completely different countries.

Discover how climate, soil and wine making philosophy affect the tastes we enjoy in the glass. In addition, our focus will be on 6 different wines that are both 'hidden values' and everyday favourites of our guest presenter. Together we'll enjoy tasting 2 red wines and 4 whites; perfect to add to your repertoire for the summer of 2023 and beyond.

This wine tasting is going to be held at Art on Main in the party room located on the 7th floor. Thank you Theresa Spano for arranging! The cost for this event is \$42/member and is limited to 26 members.

You don't need to belong to the wine tasting club to join us for the event. Come and enjoy a very special evening from the wine to the charcuterie board to the chocolate. Guaranteed to be a elegant evening. Weather permitting, we will be able to enjoy the outdoor terrace and fireplace.



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CAUTION: For those of you that belong to a **PROBUS** wine tasting group, please note that this wine tasting does not include dessert/coffee/tea. So deal with it!

MAY ACTIVITIES:

NEW! The Prom – Wednesday, May 31st at 2 pm at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien

Join us for a smart, big-hearted musical comedy that celebrates the love that unites us all.

Four narcissistic Broadway stars are in desperate need of a new stage. So when they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town prom, they know it's time to put a spotlight on the issue – and themselves. The town's parents want to keep the high school dance on the straight and narrow, but when one student just wants to bring her girlfriend to prom, the entire town has a date with destiny.

Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical, and created by the geniuses behind *The Book of Mormon*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Mean Girls*, *The Prom* expertly captures all the humour and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences now more than ever.

Don't miss the show that *Variety* raves "...is so full of happiness that you think your heart is about to burst!"

The cost for this event is \$50 and tickets are non-refundable. You will have until March 6th to request a ticket. This musical comedy is limited to 40 members. St. Jacobs Country Playhouse is located at 40 Benjamin Road East in Waterloo.

Optional lunch will be planned for pre-show enjoyment. Please use Wild Apricot to register your interest in both show and lunch or show only.



The Irish Lumberjack

Contributed by Fred Ground

A large Canadian lumber company advertised that they were looking for a good lumberjack.

The next day a skinny Irishman showed up at the company with his axe, and knocked on the foreman's door.

The foreman took one look at the little Irishman, and told him to leave.

"Just give me a chance to show you what I can do", said the Irishman.

"Okay, see that giant redwood over there?", said the foreman. "Take your axe and cut it down".

The Irishman headed for the tree, and in five minutes he was back knocking on the foreman's door.

"I cut the tree down", said the Irishman.

"Holy smokes!", said the foreman, "Where did you

get the skill to chop down trees like that?"

"In the Sahara Forest", said the Irishman.

Confused, the foreman asked "... don't you mean the Sahara Desert?"

"Oh, is that what they call it now?".

Pets

A German Shepherd, a Doberman, and a Cat have died. All three are faced with God, who wants to know what they believe in. The German Shepherd says: "I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my master." "Good", says God, "then sit down on my right side." "Doberman, what do you believe in?" asks God. The Doberman answers "I believe in the love, care and protection of my master." "Aha" says God, "You may sit on my left side." Then God looks at the cat, and asks "And what do you believe in?"

The Cat answers "I believe that you are sitting in my seat."

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
An Evening with Jan Arden	February	3	8:00 PM	First Ontario Arts Centre	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	February	8	7:00 PM	Zoom	Russ Cousins
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	February	15	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Russ Cousins
The Lunch Bunch	February	15	12:00 PM	Keenan's Irish Pub	Joy Castello
VIP Bowling	February	16	4:15 PM	Champs	Ruth Gagnon
Kahoot's Trivia live	February	23	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Kelly Ground
A Progressive Dinner Party	February	28	5:00 PM	Various	K Ground, R Gagnon
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	February	1	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	February	1	7:00 PM	Dawe Home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	February	2	7:00 PM	Boss Home	Jim Tschirhart
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	February	2	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Bridge	February	2	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Chris Lloyd
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	February	4	6:00 PM	Turtle Jack's	Ruth Gagnon
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	February	6	7:00 PM	Capper Home	Jim Tschirhart
Trail Walkers	February	7	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	February	7	1:00 PM	Gilbert Home	Diane Comstock
Books – Sequel	February	8	1:15 PM	Kotack Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	February	8	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Games - Jokers	February	9	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	February	10	5:30 PM	Lloyd Home	Jenny O'Brien
Sports Club	February	12	6:00 PM	Flemming Home	Garry Flemming
Books – First Edition	February	13	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	February	13	7:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Books – Trilogy	February	13	10:00 AM	TBD	Dawn Ross
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	February	14	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Movies - Oscar Nights	February	14	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex	Petra Halk
Trail Walkers	February	14	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	February	14	2:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Cards - Bid Euchre	February	16	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	February	16	10:30 AM	HIATUS	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	February	16	6:00 PM	Champs Sports Grill	Lorette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	February	16	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Euchre	February	20	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorette Shermet
Trail Walkers	February	21	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Friendship Club	February	22	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement	Judy Krauss
Games - Jokers	February	22	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	February	23	7:00 PM	CANCELLED	Looking for new convenor
Nosh @ Nite	February	24	5:30 PM	TBD	Paul Crawford
Line Dacing with Tammy	February	24	12:30 PM	Grace Church Bsmt	Ruth Gagnon
Dining - Appy Hour	February	25	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins
Cards -Canasta	February	27	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	February	28	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Trail Walkers	February	28	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read

MEETING: FEBRUARY



Dr. Sarah Alexander - In Sickness and Health, How Society Impacts Wellness

Dr. Sarah Alexander is a social scientist and educator with Ph.D. in Development Sociology from Cornell University. She specializes in community development and environmental issues. Sarah enjoys sharing different ways in which lessons from sociology and other social sciences can help us understand our everyday lives.

RECENT EVENTS

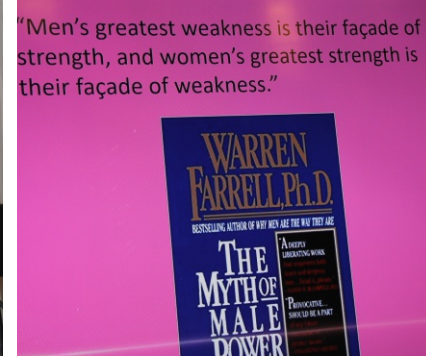
January General Meeting

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday January 18th. Our speaker was **Paul Dias** who talked about Famous Femmes Fatales in History.

[Click here for a video of the 1st part of the meeting.](#)

[Click here for a video of our speaker.](#)

The passcode for both videos is **n^7Cq5BS**



Our 50/50 winner, Bob Stringer



Greeters Jim and Gail Coulson



Trivial Pursuits

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

'You walked into the party' is the opening line of WHICH 1973 hit?

A) *Top Of The World* B) *Killing Me Softly* C) *Can The Can* D) *You're so Vain*

Back at Ned's were the die hard trivia buffs as well as new comers Richard and Nancy Lee. Seven teams battled throughout the night for the trivia "crown". Competition was fierce as the lead changed hands on a regular basis.

The night's "crown" went to Paul and Ellen Crawford with Ted Chlisczyk, as they outright won both games played, with 71 and 75 questions out of 100.

Second place went to Anna and Chris Strachan with Barb Finnie, they apparently didn't miss Fred . They managed 69 and 75 points respectively.

Third place team was Marg Jones, Frank Dawe and Barb Chlisczyk. They answered 69 and 65 questions correctly. They beat defending champions Liz Read, Margaret Murphy and Kate Watkiss by 1 point!

Dinner was good, as was the *craic*! We are all looking forward to next month's trivia set for Thursday, February 23rd. Mark your calendars.



Ali Hassan – Thursday, January 19, 2023

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Ali had it right when he said we all could use a laugh! Especially in January!!! The laughing was definitely plentiful! It was good to leave the Arts Centre with a smile on our faces!

His career in the restaurant industry included being a chef, caterer and cooking instructor. Some of us will think about all the cheese and tomato sandwiches he ate (maybe?) and the feelings that brought out.

Maybe the next time we go through the Tim Horton's drive through we will think of Ali as we bite into a Sausage Egg McMuffin or, eat a pepperoni pizza!!

Of course, we are left wondering whether there will be bacon in Heaven. Maybe those who purchased his

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book could reveal if he comes clean on this topic!!

Ali is the host of Canada Reads, “the annual book-battle celebrating the best of Canadian literature” which happens in March on CBC as various participants champion books they think Canada should read. Check it out!

Dinner at Shoeless Joe’s had compliments all around with a recommendation for the Parmesan Crusted Chicken Caesar from Anna Strachan.

Clear Estate – Tuesday, January 24, 2023

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Clear Estate was once again with us to give us some tips on estate settlement, probate, executors, POAs, etc. There was great interaction with the 29 Probians who attended. Great questions, great information and the general consensus was that we want them back again down the road. I think we all appreciated the information they shared and brought to our attention.

Some interesting (?) take aways for us were:

- On average it takes 400 hours to settle an estate and it is considered one of the worst things to deal with in life (the first being going through a divorce) and it typically takes 16 months to settle an estate and can easily can take two years.
- Choose your executor and POA very carefully
- If you have named an executor and haven’t told them, please tell them! 70% of people named as an executor do not know it. An executor cannot be forced to be an executor and therefore, not liable for an estate (and any debt that may be attached to it).
- Make sure your decisions are legal and binding.
- Compile all your information – location of your signed will, bank accounts, investment details – so that your survivor/executor can find them easily. Having your (unsigned) instructions/directions on your password protected computer is not a will!
- If you name an executor and that person dies while settling your estate, their executor automatically becomes your executor. *Whhaaattt?!*
- If you decide that involving a trust company or Clear Estate to settle your estate is the way you want to go, be sure to read the small print on fees and what they outsourced to third parties.

For those of us who headed out for lunch at Ned Devine’s, we again enjoyed a great meal (and drinks) lively conversation and a lot of toasting!



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.

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@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	paulellencrawford@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 Thu. - 1:15 pm	Chris Lloyd	416-402-7464	Cldmi95@gmail.com
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	jenny0103@rogers.com
Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	1st Sat. - various times	Ruth Gagnon	905-462-4740	gagnonruth@gmail.com
Dining - Skip the Dishes	3rd Thurs. - 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Dining - Supper/Dinner Club	Scheduled by convenor	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Friendship Club	4th Wed. - 10 am	Judy Krauss	289-878-8194	judyckrauss@gmail.com
Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	4th Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	2nd Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.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
Line Dancing with Tammy	4th Fri. - 12:30 PM	Ruth Gagnon	905-462-4740	gagnonruth@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
Sports - Sport Club	Special sports events	Garry Flemming	905-878-6738	danagarryflemming@gmail.com
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.

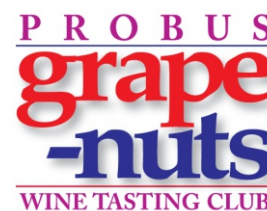
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Clubs: Food and Drink

Wine tasting with Marg and Frank, Jan 9 2023

by Marg Jones, Correspondent

The Grapenuts Wine Tasting hosted by Marg Jones and Frank Dawe on January 9th produced 2 favourites: **Bread and Butter Chardonnay** from USA scored 14.2 for the top white and **Doppio Passo Primitivo** from Italy was a close second at 14.1 for the top red.



The other scores were as follows:

Vineland Cab Franc from Canada: 13.8

Fazi Battaglia from Italy: 13.0

Vineland Chardonnay from Canada: 12.6

The Tragically Hip from Canada: 10.3

Next Lunch Bunch at Keenan's

by Joy Castello, Convenor

After January's meeting 28 members went to Swiss Chalet for lunch. The restaurant is used to managing large groups so extra staff were on hand to make sure lunch went smoothly. And it did! Afterwards one of the wait staff thanked us for coming and said we were a delightful group. So true!

On February 15th, the Lunch Bunch will be going to Keenan's Irish Pub, Maingate Plaza, 51 James Snow Parkway N (Main Street and James Snow Pkwy). You can check out the menu at keenansirishpub.ca



Appy Hour at the Read's

by Liz Read, Correspondent

There was a small but dedicated group that met at the Read household for the latest Appy Hour session. Participants were able to enjoy stories, tell jokes and relish the appetizers in a comfortable evening overall.



Saturday Night LiveS at The Ivy – January 7th

by Ruth Gagnon, Convenor



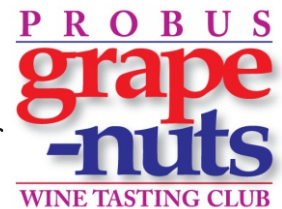
Twenty-two Probians started off 2023 at The Ivy for a night of lots of chatter, great food and great service. It was a great turn out so let's keep that going! I do need to give a shout out to Frank Dawe. Great picture of his arms – sorry I missed your face!



Perfect Score at the Reads

by Cliff Read, Correspondent

Last evening a group of Grapenutters met at Cliff and Liz's place to sample a variety of wines. The theme for this tasting is that all the wines chosen had been given a five star rating from reviewers who posted on the LCBO website.



The white wines chosen were all *Pino Grigio* varietal and we tried to make selections from the same country. In this case it was Australia. Unfortunately there were only two wines listed meeting the 5 star rating, so an Italian *Pino Grigio* was selected. This Italian wine from *Cavit Collection* (# 99218) received our highest rating for white wines (3.6/5).

Regarding the red wines, all were the *Cabernet Sauvignon* varietal from Australia. The wine receiving the highest score and our overall favourite for the night was from *Red Knot Wineries* (#91702). It scored an average of 4.01/5.

In looking at the results none of our tasters gave any wine a perfect score as all of the LCBO reviewers did. However, the Grapenutters range of scores went from a low of 3.3 to a high of 4 indicating that all wines were well received. When you add in the interesting conversation, fun, and laughter the evening scored a perfect five.



Skip the dishes

by *Lorrette Shermet, Convenor*

For the month of January 20 Probians dined at The Thai House in Milton (photos below). Great company and food was had by all. For February we are joining the Bowling activity group at Champs Sports Grill. One can bowl and eat or just come out and eat. Only register on Skip the Dishes Wild Apricot if you are NOT bowling.

Your choice of meals are: a) Champs Nachos; b) Quesadillas; c) Champs Jumbo Wings; d) Greek Salad; e) Champs Smashed Burger; f) Chicken Caesar Wrap; g) Carnivore Pizza.

Please register by Thursday February 9th.

For March 16th, I am planning a St. Patrick's theme. Stay tuned.



D'Stillers report for January

by *Chris Strachan, Convenor*

Hello Probians, the first D'Stillers meeting of 2023 was held on Wednesday, Jan 4th at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp. Ron supplied five whiskies for our tasting pleasure. Ron purchased four of them while travelling therefore they are all unavailable at the LCBO.



They were rated as follows:

The winningest whiskey was **'Haig Dimple'** a blended Scotch whisky. The average score was 76.8 with an (ABV) of 43%. Cost approx. \$50. Not available at the LCBO.

The second whiskey of the evening was **'Balvenie'** a single malt Scotch whisky. The average score was 76.7 with an (ABV) of 44%. Cost approx. \$80. Not available at the LCBO.

The third was **'Angels Envy'** an American Bourbon. The average score was 74.0 with an (ABV) of 43.3%. This one can be purchased at the LCBO at a cost of \$80.

Fourth, was **'Passport'** a blended Scotch whisky. The average score was 68.5 with an (ABV) of 40%. Cost approx. \$21. Not available at the LCBO.

Coming in at the end of the pack was **'Jameson Lively'** an Irish blended whiskey. The average score was 67.7 with an (ABV) of 40%. Cost approx. \$75. Not available at the LCBO.

Thanks to Joanne for hosting the DD's and thanks also for the goodies we had along the way. Everyone had a

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lovely time socializing over coffee etc. once the guys had finished their tasting. I'd also like to thank the DD's for once again getting everyone home safe and sound.

The February 1st meeting will take place at the home of Marg Jones and Frank Dawe.

Barb and Ted Chliszczyk will host the March 1st Meeting.



Nosh at Liz and Cliff's

by Elizabeth Read, Correspondent

A Nosh at Night was held at Cliff and Liz Read's home on January 27th. This was a chance to catch up after Christmas and talk about plans for this coming year. A full house meant lively conversations and variety of delicious appetizers to share.



Clubs: Books & Crafts

Recipe for a Perfect Wife

by Margaret Anne Fehr, Correspondent



Trilogy book club members gathered on January 9th at Avril O'Reilley's home to discuss our January 2023 book club selection *Recipe for a Perfect Wife* by Karma Brown. Thanks to Avril for a warm welcome and tasty refreshments.

The book toggles between two decades, depicting the nostalgic impressions of the 1950's lifestyle when housewives were saddled with societal expectations for cooking, entertaining, keeping an immaculate home and becoming mothers while their husbands relied on them to be perfect help-mates and the reflection of their own success.

Fast forward to 2018, where Brown challenges the reader with her portrayal of Alice Hale, a late-'twenty-something' wife who finds herself recently out of a high-powered PR job and reluctantly leaving her Manhattan apartment for a fixer-upper in the 'burbs.' Alice finds herself lukewarm about the move and tells herself that it might be an opportune time to write her first novel and to become pregnant, as her husband is eager to assume fatherhood.

By happenstance, Alice discovers letters and a cookbook from her house's previous inhabitant, Nellie Murdoch, and realizes that their lives might not be so different. But as readers see in chapters from Nellie's point of view, her life wasn't just a parade of fancy desserts and dinner parties—she was harshly controlled by her cruel and physically abusive husband.

This book brought back memories from most of our group who can recall the fifties as youngsters and the role of fathers as 'kings of their own castles' and how most women were dependent on their husbands (bread-winners) for feathering the domestic nest and the raising of children.

Each chapter starts with an archaic quote about women's place in the home (including recipes and depressingly hilarious marriage advice) as well as actual recipes from the *Purity Cook Book* that some of us recall our mothers using back in the day.

This book prompted a vigorous discussion going off in many directions and the overall rating was a solid 7 out of 10 qualifying as a book worthy of recommending.

Craftaholics

by Dana Weatherell, Convenor



Due to low sign up (1 person), I decided to cancel the January Craftaholics session. I did however find out afterwards that others wanted to attend. Please remember to confirm your attendance by registering when the email comes out so I know you will be there. Thanks and I hope to see some of you at our next meeting on February 1st!

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).

Pinwheels and Triangle Demos

by Diane Comstock, Convenor



On Tuesday, January 3rd, the PieceMakers gathered together at Dawn's home. For our monthly show and tell, Dawn had cute Gnome mug rugs and Sandi showed us the quilting she did on her Mochi quilt as well as star and pinwheel blocks made from batik fabrics. Carol Ann brought some pillow cases and a Dresden Plate quilt (notice the prairie point binding!). Judi J showed us a block made using the Hourglass pattern and fabrics from her stash. Diane showed us a credit card holder and new quilting rulers she received as a Christmas present.

Carol Ann then gave us a demo on how to use the Lil' Twister tool and showed us a Christmas wreath wall hanging made using the tool. Diane showed us how to create 8 half square triangles at one time by sewing two squares of fabric on the diagonal and then making four cuts; horizontal, vertical, and diagonal. Judi J said that she recently found Thangles among her quilting supplies used to sew half-square triangles using a paper-piecing method.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

Lil' Twister: Unique quilting tool allows you to piece pinwheels using fabric squares. Comes in 6 sizes using 2.5" up to 10" squares.

Thangles: Paper strips marked with guides for sewing half-square triangles from strips. The papers stabilize the bias seams, resulting in perfectly-joined triangles every time. These little papers pack quite the punch with quilters who are looking for faster, more efficient ways to cut their triangles.

Sandi Gilbert will be hosting our February meeting on the 7th. Carol Ann will do a demo on paper-piecing.

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



Clubs: Games & Cards

Lots of Friendly Competition

by Maggie Boothe, Correspondent

On Thursday, January 12, 2023 we started off the New Year with twenty four eager Jokers players at Grace Anglican Church and began to enjoy four games of Jokers.

We dealt the cards and came out from our starting places.

The boards were heated up once again with marbles flying past each other and players racing to get to their individual homes. Friendly competition was all about and the laughter was contagious.

The victorious champions of all four games were Jenny O'Brien and Bill Turnbull - congratulations to both of you, well played.

We all look forward to more fun and good times on the "boards" in February.



Tiles, Tiles Everywhere

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Jan. 11, eight members gathered at Grace Church Hall to play Rummicub provided by Sharon White. Sharon proved that she is a master of the game by winning 2 of the 3 games she played. It had been 2 months since we had played a game as our December game day was pre-empted by the PROBUS Christmas Luncheon.



Our game on Feb. 8th will be Frustration suggested by Dana. Anyone interested in playing games, let me know and I will add you to the group.



Hot Dice in January

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent



On Jan. 10, the High Rollers played Yahtzee and the dice were hot. Beth and Dawn both rolled two Yahtzees (5 numbers the same) and Lorhel rolled one Yahtzee. The most we have seen in one game. Beth was the overall winner as Dawn could not roll a Large Straight and had to cancel out her 3 of a kind and her 5's.

On the 24th, four members played Farkle. Dawn scored 1500 points on her first throw with A Four of a Kind with a Pair. Jean was able score 1650 and 2700 by adding to Lorhel's throws but fell short. Twice Lorhel was able to capitalize on Diane's points and twice she rolled Three Pairs ultimately winning the game with 10150 points.

YAHTZEE		Beth		Dawn		Diane		Lorhel	
Upper Section	Value	Roll	Score	Roll	Score	Roll	Score	Roll	Score
Aces	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
Twos	2	4	8	2	4	4	8	1	2
Threes	3	3	9	4	12	2	6	3	9
Fours	4	2	8	4	16	2	8	3	12
Fives	5	4	20	0	0	4	20	3	15
Sixes	6	4	24	5	30	3	18	3	18
Total Score:			71		64		61		58
Bonus:			35		35		0		0
Total Upper Section:			106		99		61		58
Lower Section	Value	Score		Score		Score		Score	
3 of a kind	1	19	19	0	0	26	26	23	23
4 of a kind	1	21	21	29	29	27	27	0	0
Full House	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25
Sm Straight (4)	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30
Lg Straight (5)	40	1	40	0	0	1	40	1	40
Yahtzee (5same)	50	1	50	1	50	0	0	1	50
Chance	1	15	15	15	15	9	9	20	20
Yahtzee bonus	100	1	100	1	100	0	0	0	0
Total Lower Section:			300		249		157		188
GRAND TOTAL:			406		348		218		246

Anyone interested in joining our Zoom dice games, drop me an email (meljenscc@sympatico.ca).



Cards, Cards and more cards!

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor



Canasta, Euchre and Bid Euchre

All three games are growing in numbers. The month of January we had six tables (24 players) of Canasta and Euchre.

Steve Comstock was the top euchre player with a score of 47. Ginny Galipeau had the most lone hands – 4 and the honest player was Lorraine Randall. At euchre we play six games, each game consist of 8 hands. The six games takes approximately two hours to play.

Lorrette continues to teach people willing to learn canasta. Beth Barnes joined the group as a newbie and she partnered with Sharon White and Ev Zanata for a fun afternoon. A game of canasta ends at 5,000 points which sometimes takes around an hour and a half to complete a game. It is very rare to play two complete games in an afternoon.

Bid Euchre is not growing as fast as the other two games but this month we had three tables – 12 players. Two newbies joined the group. Bid euchre is a little bit of euchre and a little bit of bridge.

Lorrette convenes all three card games, and she is always willing to teach anyone who wants to learn and join the group.

Monthly invitation to all three is through Wild Apricot. If you have signed up to play for a game but, if something should come up, please remember to cancel from Wild Apricot.

Clubs: Classical Music & Travel

Mozart and Friends – Two January Zoom Goodies

By Michael Hooker, Convenor

Our first 2023 Zoom program was “Songs of Kurt Weill”, the German / American composer (1900 – 1950). Every one of you knows at least one of his songs: “Mack the Knife”, from his breakthrough work, “The Threepenny Opera”, with words by the left-wing playwright, Bertolt Brecht, first performed in Germany in 1928. You also likely know his nostalgic look at love, “September Song”, premiered in the Broadway musical “Knickerbocker Holiday” in 1938. Weill had classical music training but he was also heavily influenced in his musical direction by the Berlin cabaret music scene of the 1920s and 30s under the Weimar Republic.



As a Jewish composer, he and his wife, Lotte Lenya, had no option but to leave Germany when Hitler seized power, first to Paris and then to New York City. To make a new life in America he consciously studied American popular and stage music, and became one of the most successful and respected American Broadway composers. Many of his works are now seen as seminal in the development of the American musical.

Weill suffered a heart attack shortly after his 50th birthday and died on April 3, 1950, in New York City. Shortly after his death, "Mack the Knife" was established by Louis Armstrong and Bobby Darin as a jazz standard.

Your YouTube treat: “It Never Was You”, sung by Kiri Te Kanawa, pianist Andre Previn. From the play “Knickerbocker Holiday”, words by Maxwell Anderson. 3 minutes. [Click here for video.](#)

Number Two Zoom dived back into the classics – Franz Schubert. We listened to two short songs, both written in 1817: “Death and the Maiden” (about the spectre of Death coming to take a young woman), and “The Trout” (about a trout swimming in a stream, and the fisherman who catches it). Paired with each song was a much longer work that Schubert wrote, each incorporating the song’s melody into one of its sections: “Death and the Maiden String Quartet”, and the “Trout Piano Quintet”.

Here's the song “The Trout”. (2 minutes); Dietrich Fischer-Diskau (singer); Gerald Moore (piano). Words (German / English) on the screen. [Click here for video.](#)

The Precious Cat

Contributed by Fred Ground

A man goes on a 2-month business trip to Europe leaving his precious cat with his brother in Cork. Three days before his return he calls his brother.

Brother 1: So how is my cat doing?

Brother 2: He's dead

Brother 1: He's dead! What do you mean He's dead! I loved that cat. Couldn't you think of a nicer way to tell me! I'm leaving in 3 days. You could of broken the news to me easier. You could have told me today that she got out of the house or something. Then when

I called before I left you could have told me, well, we found her but she is up on the roof and we're having trouble getting her down. Then when I call you from the airport you could have told me, The Fire Department was there and scared her off the roof and the cat died when it hit the ground.

Brother 2: I'm sorry...you're right...that was insensitive I won't let it happen again.

Brother 1: Alright, alright, forget about it. Anyway, how is Mom doing?

Brother 2: She's up on the roof and we're having trouble getting her down.

Newfoundland via Airstream

by Gloria Pennycook, Convenor, plus John and Julie Flynn, Correspondents



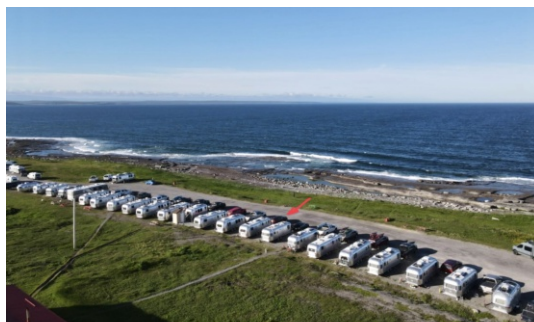
Julie and John shared a wonderful picture presentation of their 55 day trip to Newfoundland with the Airstream organization. If you don't know what an Airstream is, they are the shiny silver trailers that you often see on the highway. They organize trips for like people with Airstreams. Julie and John said that there were 30 Airstreams from Canada and the US that travelled together from one end of Newfoundland to the other. They talked about stories of wonderful people, lots of music, great food and amazing sights. Here is more from John and Julie:

This was our first Airstream caravan but it won't be our last! It's an amazing way to travel. The kitty fee for a caravan includes all campgrounds, numerous outings and meals and, in this case, the ferry from North Sydney to Port aux Basques and back. In addition, we had lots of free time to explore on our own. Of the Canadian trailers, three of us came from Ontario and two from BC. The rest came from all over the US - California, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, North Carolina, New York, Virginia, Alabama and points in between.

The scenery in Newfoundland is spectacular but it's the people who make it such a special place to visit. Everywhere we went, they went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Two places even created more space for RVs just for our group. Of course, there was music to be enjoyed even in the smallest places.

We believe a visit to Newfoundland should be on everyone's bucket list. If you get the chance, go!

Once again thanks for a very interesting presentation. At our next gathering in March, Bob and I will be sharing our Scandinavia trip. We continue to meet by Zoom. If you are interested in joining Wanderlust, please contact me.



CLUB TRAVEL

Trip to Norway and Sweden

by Joanne Millichamp, Travel Convenor

Tour Design have been able to negotiate a better deal with the ground supplier for our trip in September. The new rates are \$6,750 per person for double occupancy and \$1,750 for the single supplement. Also, the current deposit has been reduced from \$1,000 per person to \$940 per person.

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 \$6,750 per person and the single supplement is \$1,750. 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

New proposed by-law requires a membership vote

by Russ Cousins, President

A new by-law has been proposed by the management team concerning prioritizing our membership waitlist. This change does not affect any of our current membership nor will it affect anyone who has already submitted an application for membership.

It reads as follows:

Membership may be held in more than one PROBUS club. When a membership waiting list exists and an opening occurs in the Club, preference shall be given to an applicant who is not already a member of a PROBUS club. PREFERENCE WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO AN APPLICANT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE HALTON REGION.

As per our by-laws, the proposed change was presented and explained at our January General Meeting. Voting will take place from Feb. 9 to Feb. 14 via Wild Apricot.

Golf will start up in April

by Roy MacKay, Convenor

We will once again be holding our 9 hole Golf sessions for ladies and gentlemen starting in Late April through September . The activity will be held at Oakville Executive Golf Course on various Wednesdays that will not conflict with General Meetings. Open to all skill levels. More details to follow in March Forum and Wild Apricot.



New Sports Club

The Sports Club is new and the idea is that sports lovers gather at a member's home to watch major sporting events, such as Super Bowl, Blue Jay Opening Day, Stanley Cup Playoffs, Women's FIFA World Cup, Grey Cup, etc.

This club is convened by Garry Flemming. Please sign up via Wild Apricot when an invitation is issued

More words redefined to reflect their real meanings

Contributed by Fred Ground

Feet (noun): A device used for finding Legos in the dark.

Best friends (noun): The people that you can get mad at for only a short period because you have important stuff to tell them.

Single (noun): A man who makes jokes about women in the kitchen.

English (noun): A language that lurks in dark alleys, beats up other languages and rifles through their pockets for spare vocabulary.

Immature (adjective): A word used by boring people to describe fun people.

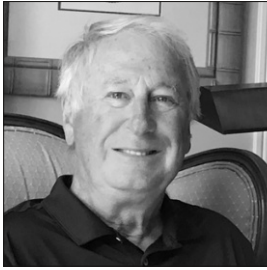
Missed calls (noun): I don't miss them. I just stare at it them and don't answer.

Alphabets (noun): Things were fine until they started showing up in math equations.

Texting (verb): A great way to miscommunicate how you feel, and misinterpret what other people mean.

Microsoft Excel (noun): A program that everyone claims they know how to use but no one actually does.

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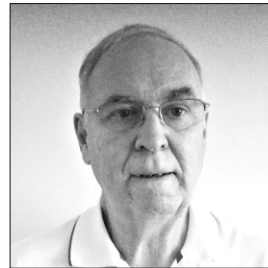
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