

FORUM

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President's Message:

Happy Summer



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and activities whether it be with PROBUS, family or friends,

Our Picnic was as huge success. We had 87 members enjoying a day of games , sun and Fireside subs. The “who said it “ game was quite funny and very enlightening as all the sayings came from a group of the Charter members. We would like to thank Jenny and all of her helpers.

Our hunt for the new management committee candidates is going well. New volunteers are still in need.

The Kajama Tall ships and dinner outing is coming up at the end of August.

Our August speaker will be informing us of the Operation Babylift. I am sure it will be very interesting.

Have a great and happy August.

— Russ Cousins



Foto filler - Nosh n Natter crew cooling down

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Photo of the Month

This month's photo is by Martin Capper. It was taken recently at Pipers Heath Golf Club. Send your photos to peterlasota@gmail.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES

Get your calendars out!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

It's time to get busy and enjoy the end of summer and the start of fall!

Check out what we are up to and get involved.

It was great to see so many members using the waitlist for Evita. It worked! Jenny started off with 29 tickets and kept getting more. She has now been able to secure 50 tickets! It's going to be a great show!

Activities Committee

Members:

Ruth Gagnon

Kelly Ground

Ron Millichamp

Jenny O'Brien

August ACTIVITIES:

Kajama Tall Ships (Toronto) – Thursday, August 30th at 3 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

From the website:

This is your chance to get on board one of Toronto's best attractions and sail the Kajama, a traditional 165 foot three masted Schooner **boat cruise**. Toronto's only Tall Ship boat cruise attraction sailing daily from **downtown** Toronto. Sit back and relax with a cold drink from our fully licensed bar, as you set sail on Toronto Harbour and beautiful Lake Ontario. The **best Toronto attraction**.

What your day will look like:

3:00 pm Meet at 235 Queens Quay West, Toronto

3:30 pm Board the Kajama

4:00 pm Sail Away!

Once we're done Dinner to follow at the Amsterdam Brewery



September ACTIVITIES:

Crawfords Garden Centre Fall Planter – Tuesday, September 19th at 10 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Yes, we are talking about Fall planters consisting of a 10" mix of a variety of different annuals such as mums, a grass, cabbage and kale, ornamental peppers, etc.

It's always a fun and creative time together so don't miss out! The cost for this event is \$31/member and is limited to 20 members. You also have the option of doing a second planter. You can register for the second one on Wild Apricot but it will be payable at Crawfords.



Bocce Ball Tournament on Thursday, September 21st – 2:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Are you ready to test your bocce ball skills? How competitive are you? You will be in teams of four and will play against each other until we end up with the champion team. Tom and Tina will be leading us through the rules of the game – for those of us that don't know – and guide us as we compete!

The cost is \$12.50. Let's get your arms moving and meet at the Italian Cultural Centre located at 104 Tremaine Road, Milton,

This is another event that *Skip the Dishes* will be joining us for dinner at Ivy Arms at 5 pm and I have reserved the party room.



Kahoot Trivia on Wednesday, September 27th at 5 pm.

Convenor: Kelly Ground

We're back! You've had a little bit of a break, but it's time to get out and try some Kahoot Trivia! Get your competitive game on (okay, some of you don't need the encouragement!). Play on your own or join someone. Try it out! Have some good food, fun and conversation!

We are back at Ned Devine's at 5 pm. Register and pre-select your meal using Wild Apricot.

The cost is \$2 per player for this event payable the door (see Ruth).



October ACTIVITIES:

Harmony Meadows Alpaca Farm – October 3rd at 11 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

The alpacas will be waiting for us in Belwood which is about 40 minutes from Milton. The cost is \$18 and will allow you to feed the Alpacas, shop and maybe finish off with – and I quote: an “Udderly Ridiculous Goat Ice Cream or Jewels Under the Kilt roasted nuts”.

Aside from that, I did visit the farm with my son and his girlfriend and we met the “girls” and “boys”. Alpacas have their own little personalities and are known to spit – fortunately not at me! – but don't like to be touched. I was also able to sample some ice cream such as Wine and Dark Chocolate, Peachy Mango Tango and Vanilla Bean Lavender.

We will start with dessert and then heading over to The Goofie Newfie Pub & Grill for lunch in Fergus which is about 15 minutes away. A reservation has been made for 12:15 pm.



Evita at the Hamilton Family Theatre – Sunday, October 29th at 2 pm

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien

Evita is based on the historical story of María Eva Duarte de Perón, a poor Argentinian girl who grows up to be the wife of the president of Argentina.

Featuring some of the best loved songs in *musical theatre* including “Don't Cry For Me Argentina”, “Buenos Aires”, “Another Suitcase in Another Hall”, and “High Flying, Adored”.



The Hamilton Family Theatre is located at 46 Grande Avenue South in Cambridge.

Following the show, we'll head back to Milton where we'll enjoy dinner at Boveda Lounge located at 500 Steeles Avenue East, Unit #2.

When registering, please indicate if you will be attending the show and dinner or show only. The cost for this event is \$51/member.

Tourist's questions about Canada

Some questions people from all over the world are asking. Believe it or not these questions about Canada were posted on an International Tourism Website.

Obviously the answers are a joke; but the questions were really asked (Some of these are hard to believe they were asked.)

Q:I have never seen it warm on Canadian TV, so how do the plants grow?(England)

A. We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around and watch them die.

Q:Will I be able to see Polar Bears in the street? (USA)

A: Depends on how much you've been drinking.

Q:I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto - can I follow the Railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only Four thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Canada ? (Sweden)

A: So it's true what they say about Swedes.

Q: Are there any ATM's (cash machines) in Canada ? Can you send me a list of them in Toronto , Vancouver, Edmonton and Halifax ? (England)

A: No, but you'd better bring a few extra furs for trading purposes.

Q:Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Canada ? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe, Ca-na-da is that big country to your North...oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Calgary Come naked.

Q:Which direction is North in Canada ? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Canada ?(England)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-t ri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y,

which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every

Tuesday night in Vancouver and in Calgary , straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Do you have perfume in Canada ? (Germany)

A: No, WE don't stink.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Toronto and is milk available all year round?(Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of Vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

AUGUST CALENDAR

| EVENT | DATE | | TIME | LOCATION | CONVENOR |
|---|-------------|----|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Activities | | | | | |
| Executive Meeting | August | 9 | 7:00 PM | Zoom | Russ Cousins |
| Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting | August | 16 | 9:30 AM | Connect Centre | Russ Cousins |
| The Lunch Bunch | August | 16 | 12:00 PM | Thai House Cuisine | Joy Castello |
| Kajama Tall Ships | August | 30 | 3:00 PM | Toronto | Kelly Ground |
| Clubs | | | | | |
| Probus Info Exchange - PIE | Online only | | | | Cliff Read |
| Trail Walkers | August | 1 | 1:30 PM | Various | Cliff Read |
| Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i> | August | 1 | 1:00 PM | TBD | Diane Comstock |
| Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i> | August | | 1:00 PM | Resumes in Sept. | Dana Weatherell |
| Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i> | August | 2 | 7:00 PM | Cousins's home | Chris Strachan |
| Pin Seekers | August | 2 | 11:00 AM | Oakville Executive | Roy MacKay |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | August | 3 | 7:00 PM | Capper Home | Martin Capper |
| Cards - Bridge | August | 3 | 1:15 PM | Grace Church Hall | Chris Lloyd |
| Dining - Saturday Night Lives | August | | 5:00 PM | Resumes in Oct. | Ruth Gagnon |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | August | 7 | 7:00 PM | Jones/Dawe home | Martin Capper |
| Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee) | August | 8 | 1:00 PM | Zoom | Diane Comstock |
| Movies - Oscar Nights | August | 8 | 7:00 PM | Milton Cineplex | Petra Halk |
| Trail Walkers | August | 8 | 1:30 PM | Various | Cliff Read |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | August | 9 | 7:00 PM | Millichamp home | Martin Capper |
| Books – Sequel | August | 9 | 1:15 PM | Strachan Home | Carolyn Rumley |
| Games - Bee-Gees | August | 9 | 1:00 PM | Grace Church Hall | Diane Comstock |
| Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i> | August | 10 | 2:00 PM | Zoom | Michael Hooker |
| Games - Jokers | August | 10 | 1:30 PM | Grace Church Hall | Auriel Halliday |
| Nosh & Natter | August | 11 | 5:30 PM | Stringer Home | Jenny O'Brien |
| Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i> | August | 14 | 7:00 PM | Capper Home * | Martin Capper |
| Books – Trilogy | August | 14 | 10:00 AM | TBD | Dawn Ross |
| Books – First Edition | August | | 1:00 PM | Resumes in Sept. | Paul Crawford |
| Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i> | August | 15 | 2:00 PM | Capper Home * | Martin Capper |
| Trail Walkers | August | 15 | 1:30 PM | Various | Cliff Read |
| Cards - Bid Euchre | August | 17 | 1:15 PM | Grace Church Hall | Lorette Shermet |
| Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i> | August | | 10:30 AM | HIATUS | Christine Willekes |
| Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i> | August | | 6:00 PM | Resumes in Sept. | Lorette Shermet |
| Cards - Euchre | August | 21 | 1:15 PM | Grace Church Hall | Lorette Shermet |
| Games - High Rollers (Farkle) | August | 22 | 1:00 PM | Zoom | Diane Comstock |
| Trail Walkers | August | 22 | 1:30 PM | Various | Cliff Read |
| Friendship Club | August | 23 | 10:00 AM | Seasons Retirement | Judy Krauss |
| Games - Jokers | August | 23 | 1:30 PM | Grace Church Hall | Auriel Halliday |
| Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i> | August | 24 | 2:00 PM | Zoom | Michael Hooker |
| Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i> | August | | 7:00 PM | CANCELLED | Looking for new convenor |
| Nosh @ Nite | August | 25 | 5:30 PM | TBD | Paul Crawford |
| Dining - Appy Hour | August | 26 | 6:30 PM | Stringer home | Mary Cousins |
| Line Dacing with Tammy | August | | 12:30 PM | Resumes in Sept. | Ruth Gagnon |
| Cards -Canasta | August | 28 | 1:15 PM | Grace Church Hall | Lorette Shermet |
| Trail Walkers | August | 29 | 1:30 PM | Various | Cliff Read |

Temporary change

MEETING: AUGUST



Thanh Campbell — Orphan 32, The Last Flight out of Saigon

Thanh was born in Vietnam and came over to Canada as part of the last flight out of Saigon in 1975 with 56 other orphan children. Their story was captured numerous times in the media. Thanh has written his memoir titled *Orphan 32* and most recently his illustrated children's book, *Lost and Found - Orphan 32 Goes Home*.

We will hear this amazing story of the value of family, life and the power of love.

RECENT EVENTS

July General Meeting

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday July 19th. Our speaker was **Dennis Grimm** telling us how, "*a Canadian Accountant starts a Vineyard in Argentina*"

The meeting was not recorded.

Our lone greeter this month was **Michelle Tschirhart**.



Our 50-50 winner of \$112 was Ann Bednarski.

Maggie Boothe, V.P., does the honours.

Dennis Grimm

by Roy MacKay, Program Chair

Our July Speaker was Dennis Grimm who is a former Canadian Accountant who years ago bought and presently operates a Vineyard in Argentina in the foothills of the Andes.

Dennis gave us an informative and impassioned presentation which demonstrated his deep understanding and passion for wine and wine-making.

Even the most avid oenophile would have been impressed with Dennis' knowledge. As well, Dennis related many interesting stories on subjects such as, doing business in Argentina, dealing with the LCBO and how some people are better equipped than others to detect the subtleties of wine tasting. (Tasters vs Non-Tasters).

Dennis splits his time between Ontario and Argentina, and we hope to invite him back at a later date to do a wine tasting for the Club.



10th Anniversary Summer Picnic a Huge Success

by Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair

With 24 hours to go until the summer picnic, there was concern that this year may be rained out and forced inside. However thanks to lots of discussion with the big Rainmaker Upstairs, and of course the odd rain dance in a certain undisclosed kitchen, Thursday, July 13th dawned bright and sunny after a night full of rain and thunder.

The fields were wet, but that didn't stop our group from turning out in their finest celebratory Canada Reds, to play an assortment of games. Folks enjoyed "Around the Wine Region Croquet", "Closest to the Wine Bottle Toss", "After a Night at the Wine Bar Bottle Drop", "Wine Bottle Bean Bag Toss", "Cork Bowling", "Jenga" and "Connect 4". Laughter could be heard across the picnic site, as the competitions were hot, but the lovely breezes kept us cool. Some members enjoyed sitting and relaxing, catching up with friends under the gazebo.

And then it was lunchtime! This year we enjoyed catering from Firehouse Subs, whose great quality and generous servings, saw the crowd significantly quieter as they worked their way through their sub boxes .. with pickles and chips! Ice cold pop and water was passed around and then we moved onto dessert, where cookies, cherries and ice cream treats were gobbled up quickly. Be assured, no one left hungry.

After lunch we played a trivia game "Who Said That ?", where 11 of our charter members were asked a series of questions prior to the picnic, and picnic goers had to guess ... "Who Said That?"

We saw some pretty wild answers to the question "What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?" ... Guinea Pig / Alligator / BBQ Donkey / Cricket / Bull's Testicles. We found out some members might choose a different career path if they could do it all over again .. from Opera Singer to Missionary and Travel Agent! We heard who's watching what on TV ... The Diplomat / Succession and White Lotus. And the cat's out of the bag when it comes to things folks are bad at ... being tidy / small talk / remembering names / anything musical! By the time we were done, we knew just a little bit more about some of the folks who have been here from the beginning; those same folks who have instilled so much fun into our Club! We thank them as we celebrate our 10th year as a PROBUS organization.

Prizes followed with winners awarded for each of our various games. Folks going home with a little treat from the LCBO included Willy Ceelen, Ted Chliszczyk, Garry Flemming, Colin Fraser, Judy Krauss, Lynda Johnston, Carole Pond and Agatha Weighman. Thanks to all who participated in the games - it was great to see so many of you on the field, playing hard and staying young!

All too soon it was over. The canopies came down, the games were packed up, and members made the trek back to the parking lot ! Hey, let's do it all again next summer .. see you there ?

PS: Special thanks to the long list of helpers who helped make the day special for all:

Danielle Bergeron; Pam Grundie; Karen Latremouille; Cindy Penfold; Michael & Maggie Boothe; Jim & Barb Campbell; Willy & Debbie Ceelen; Wayne & Suzanne Herder; Richard & Nancy Lee; David & Carol Marion; Cliff & Liz Read; Simone Serra & Theresa Caristena; Harold & Jenny O'Brien.



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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 | Various Fridays - 12:30:00 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 | Martin Capper | 905-693-0354 | martin@martincapper.com |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | 1st Thurs. - 7 pm | Martin Capper | 905-693-0354 | martin@martincapper.com |
| Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts | 2nd Wed. - 7 pm | Martin Capper | 905-693-0354 | martin@martincapper.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

A Summer Picnic

by Cliff Read, Correspondent

The theme of this Grapenutters session was summer staycation. Therefore, all the wines and cheeses needed to originate in Ontario.

All the wines came from Creekside Estate Winery located at Jordan Station in the Niagara region. There was a selection of summer wines – an unoaked *Chardonnay*, a *Sauvignon Blanc*, a *Rose*, a *Syrah*, and a *Cabernet Merlot*. As well, there was a new wine called *Twinkle* (a white wine with bubbles). Participants were provided with all the information about each of the wines – cost, alcohol content, sugar content and tasting notes. They were then asked to rank the six wines in the order of preference as to which of these wines they would buy if they were going on a picnic or just for summer sipping.

To accompany these wines all cheeses were from the Maple Dale Cheese Company near Bellville. There were *6 versions of cheddar* - a *1 year smoked*, a *4 year-old*, an *old cheddar*, a *dill and garlic*, a *Mediterranean style*, and a *Caribbean style cheddar*.

We followed the tasting session with a dessert and you probably guessed it - butter tarts, a particularly Canadian cuisine treat

When all was said and done the favourite of the night was the *Creekside 's Unoaked Chardonnay*. However, the LCBO does not stock it so the solution is easy. Next time you are in the Niagara area stop by Creekside and sample it. Who knows, you might want to buy a bottle for yourself. It has our recommendation.



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WINE TASTING CLUB

Appy Hour at the Strachan's

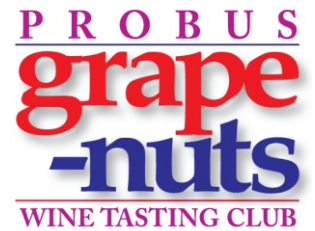
by Anna Strachan, Correspondent

The July 22nd Appy Hour was hosted by Chris and me in our Backyard where a wonderful group of twenty friends gathered for wonderful food, drinks, conversation and laughter. The weather God also shone a light on us. There was no rainstorm, the evening was almost perfect, however, there were a few mosquito bites. As usual, I forgot to take pictures, so you'll just have to trust me that we had a good time, LOL.

APPY
HOUR

July 6th Wine tasting at the Wallhouse's

by Chris & Ellen Wallhouse, Correspondents



An enjoyable evening was spent at the Wallhouse's sampling the wines in the photos, chatting, munching on various cheeses and crackers. Ellen served her pudding shots which has become a go to item. The wines we selected were low sugar and mostly on sale.

Whites consisted of two *Italian Pinot Grigios* and one *Ontario international blend* which had a Weight Watchers logo and nutritional label. The *On Point Crisp White* scored the lowest with the lowest price \$12.95, but was a pleasant wine for afternoon summer sipping with only 8.5% alcohol/vol sugar 2 g/l. Coming in second was *Bollini Pinot Grigio* with 13% alcohol/vol and 2 g/l sugar \$19.95 and first was *Folonari Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie* at \$16.95 12% alcohol and 5gl sugar.

The reds chosen were 2 *Argentinian Malbecs* and an *Italian Chianti*. Highest score went to an LCBO best seller, *Santa Julia Reserva Malbec* at \$16.00 14% alcohol/vol 2 g/l sugar. Next was the Chianti, *Rocca Delle Macie Chianti Vernaiolo* at \$16.00 13% alcohol/vol 2 g/l sugar; with the *Vida Organic Malbec* at \$13.50 a close third, alcohol 13.7%/vol and sugar 2 g/l.



Thai House Cuisine up next

by Joy Castello, Convenor

After July's PROBUS meeting, 23 members went to Keenan's Irish Pub for lunch. This is a popular spot for our Probus Club. The staff are accommodating and friendly, service is great and the food is delicious!



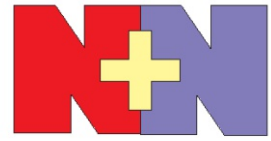
On August 16th, the Lunch Bunch will be going to Thai House Cuisine, 181 Main Street East. Parking is limited on Main St. but there's a municipal lot on Mary St. across from Bergsma's Paint and Decor. You can walk to Main St. through a one-way laneway (with some parking) beside Knox Presbyterian Church. Additional parking is in the municipal lot on Brown Street across from the McKersie and Early Funeral Home at the corner of Main and Brown. [Click here to check out the menu.](#)

Photos of the July visit to Keenan's Irish Pub shown below.



Dippin' & Sippin' the Night Away

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor



Our July Nosh & Natter didn't disappoint, with the dippin' taking on a whole new meaning as the gang hit the pool (*see photo on page 1*) in addition to the dips on the table. Hosted by the always welcoming Michael & Maggie Boothe, we enjoyed a wide arrange of delicious dishes. This month's selection was especially broad, including breaded shrimp, greek chicken, ham & cheese bake, prosciutto wrapped bread sticks, corn dip, spinach dip, chacuterie board, mini sausage rolls and cream cheese & cranberry puffs. Dessert followed with pecan tarts, brownies, magic squares, a yummy fruit platter and popsicles (because no pool party is complete without popsicles!) It was still light out when we bid adieu, testimony to another beautiful summer evening spent on the porch, with good friends.



Paraprosdokians

Contributed by Barb Chliszczyk

A paraprosdokian is a sentence or statement with an unexpected ending. It means "against expectations" in Greek.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?
One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

Need an ark? I Noah guy.

You're not completely useless, you can always serve as a bad example.

I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.

Whiskey tasting at the Herder's

by Chris Strachan, Comvenor

Hello Probians, the July 5th meeting of the D'Stillers took place at the home of Wayne and Suzanne Herder. Following our new protocol, Pete, Russ, Ron and Chris supplied the "orphans".



As a reminder 'Orphans' are leftover whiskey from previous tastings.

1 The winning whiskey of the evening was **'Lindores' Single Malt Scotch** with a score of 79.9% at a cost of \$96.95 with an ABV (Alcohol by Volume) of 46%.

2 Second was **'Royal Gales' A blended Scotch Whiskey** with a score of 75.1% at a cost of €12.99 or \$18 Canadian with an ABV of 40%. Not available at the LCBO.

3 Third was **'Islay Mist' a blended Scotch Whiskey** with a score of 74.3% at a cost of \$39.20 and an ABV of 40%.

4 Fourth of the evening was **'Jameson' an Irish blended whiskey** with a score of 73.8% at a cost of \$41.20 and an ABV of 40%.

5 Fifth was **'Loch Lomond' a 12 yr old Single Malt Scotch** with a score of 71.3% at a cost of \$69.50 and an ABV of 46%.

I'd like to thank Suzanne for hosting the DDs (Designated Drivers) and for the lovely goodies when we all got together after the tasting. Thanks as always to the DDs for the safe drive home.

The August 2nd meeting will be held at Russ and Mary Cousins's home where Ted, Frank, Ron (Martin) and Bill will supply the orphans.

The September 6th meeting will be held at the home of Martin and Norma Capper where the 'Orphans' will be supplied by Pete, Chris, Wayne and Russ.



Wine Shenanigans

by Auriel Halliday, Correspondent

What do you expect when friends and close neighbours join up for a wine tasting? A whole lot of fun is the answer.

Dianne and Udo hosted at Auriel and Don's. Why, you ask?

Chance, an adorable Golden Retriever on steroids is the answer. Despite his advancing age, he is still far too friendly and energetic and would want to participate in everything!

We started the evening with three Italian Pinot Grigios, all from a very small area of Italy, and all very delicious.

Then we played some quizzes about wine, some struggled with the answers, while others were brilliant. The lucky winners were "unlucky" enough to win crazy, boozy bucket hats.

This was followed by three really lovely bottles of Shiraz from South Australia. If you guessed the country of the wine's origin then, guess what, another bucket hat appeared!

Thank you Dianne and Udo for a delicious selection of cheeses, etc.

I thought it was a really fun way to spend an evening with a wonderful group of PROBUS wineaholics. Sorry, wine lovers!



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).

Clubs: Books and Crafts

Diamond painting

by Dana Weatherell, Convenor



Our July meeting had us trying a new craft (to us) called Diamond Painting. It's not painting at all and there are no diamonds involved. I was expecting rhinestones however they are multifaceted beads that sparkle when the light catches them. There are thousands of little beads that you adhere to a very sticky canvas full of little squares with letters and numbers to show which bead goes where. Our regulars, Diane, Sharon, Auriel and I partook in this craft. Three of us found it kind of soothing to do while one did not have the patience for it. I will leave you to guess who that was, I'm not snitching! She did say that she would try it again at home.

Note that due to several regulars not being available we will not be meeting in August. Our next session will be Wednesday September 6th where we will continue working on these. They will take a while to do!



The Heart's Invisible Furies

By Margaret Anne Fehr, Correspondent



"The Heart's Invisible Furies" by John Boyne is an emotionally charged novel depicting the life of Cyril Avery, who realizes he is gay in post-World War II Ireland. Born to an unmarried and disowned girl, Catherine Goggin, Cyril grapples with his identity in a society heavily influenced by the Catholic church.

The book prompted intense discussions on the powerful grip of religion in Ireland. Cyril's life is shaped by strict religious beliefs, leading to judgement and social rejection. He struggles to express his feelings for his childhood friend Julian, a heterosexual, fearing societal condemnation. Our Avril O'Reilly, who was born in Ireland, vouched for much of the veracity of the situations and judgemental attitudes described in the book.

Opinions on the book varied, with some lauding its ambitious storytelling and character development. However, explicit sexual content garnered mixed reactions, even as it highlighted the distinction between lust and meaningful love in Cyril's encounters with Bastien who later became his life partner.

The novel astutely contrasts attitudes toward homosexuality between Ireland and the Netherlands. It touches on issues like gay bashing, exemplified by the tragic incident in Central Park where Bastien is killed in the nineties, highlighting the LGBTQ+ community's struggle for acceptance.

The AIDS epidemic is thoughtfully explored, shedding light on different means of transmission and the associated stigma. Julian's concealment of his illness from his family in Ireland underscores the societal pressure and misunderstanding surrounding AIDS.

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"The Heart's Invisible Furies" is a powerful portrayal of Cyril Avery's journey to self-discovery and acceptance in a hostile environment. While the book received mixed ratings due to explicit content, its ambitious storytelling and emotional depth left a profound impact. Overall, it is a thought-provoking narrative that resonates with readers, recommended for its poignant portrayal of human experiences.

The resolution of the novel brought the characters together, offering hope for a more inclusive future, despite differing opinions within the book club. As for our straw poll, this book garnered a number of 9's and a few 5's and 6's and scored a definite recommend to other book clubs.

Rectangles, Squares, and Triangles

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Tuesday, July 4th, the PieceMakers met at Carol Ann's home for their monthly show and tell meeting. Carole showed us a gorgeous quilt she made for a friend using rectangles of fabric representing various aspects of her friend's life (Canada, Florida, dogs, cards, sports, etc.). Dawn has been very busy since our June retreat, finishing the Bench Pillow made with rectangles forming a wave pattern, and completing her bed runner and pillow made with various sizes of rectangles and squares. Sandi brought the pieced backing she made for her Sisterhood quilt using rectangles of the various fabrics. She also brought a fabulous Spiral Log Cabin quilt. Diane had completed the last of her BOM batik blocks made using a combination of rectangles, squares and triangles. She asked for help deciding on the sashing colour (grey or black). After much discussion and auditioning, black is the way to go!



Quilting Terms of the Month:

Backing: The layer of fabric on the back of a quilt. It can be a single fabric, pieced from multiple fabrics, or created using extra blocks. This is where your label would go.

Sashing: Strips of fabric used to separate or set off block designs.

Next meeting will be at Louise's home on August 1st.

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



Clubs: Games & Cards

A crowd of spectators

by Petra Halk, Correspondent

Five tables of Jokers players enjoyed the afternoon at Grace Anglican Church.

Of course there is always one game that never seems to end. It was very intense, and attracted a crowd of onlookers.

The big winners of the day, winning all four of their games, were Chris Strachan and Bob Stringer.



BeeGees ... Small but Mighty

by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent

It was another raucous month at BeeGee Board Games with 4 (yes 4!) exuberant gamers out for a fun afternoon playing Five Crowns! New out of the package, this card game required players to build sets or runs of at least 3 cards, with 5 suits in play, lots of Jokers and pressure to be the first one to go out, leaving the competition with big point penalties. Although small in numbers, we were loud in laughter and good times. Rumor had it that Danielle B. might have been sitting on horseshoes, which she later handed over to Jenny O. Dana W. and Lorraine R. were great sports too, although never did get to hold those horseshoes. What are you waiting for? Sign up to join this persistently ambitious group of game loving shenanigans. Our convenor, Diane Comstock, would welcome hearing from you!



Euchre Extraordinaires in Fine Form!

by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent



With a group of 20 card loving players out for our July Euchre gathering, there was no shortage of good times to be had by all. We played 6 games over the course of 2 hours, with the top dog(s) being Bob Stringer with FIVE! Lone Hands, and Lorraine Randall taking the cash for high score. Somebody has to take home the prize for low score, and this month Michelle Tschirhart graciously took that honour. We also welcomed first timers Andrea Pincombe and Margaret Murphy, who both held their own at the table. Win or Lose, these afternoon are always fun. (OK ... winning is a bit more fun :) Like to join us or learn how to play Euchre so you can play this fall? Contact Lorrette Shermet, Euchre Convenor, for more information.



July Bid Euchre Blitz

by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent



Twelve smiling card sharks gathered in July to outbid, outcall and outscore their opponents. Don't mistake these happy faces for the blood sucking competition that followed. Bonnie Chapman took home the money for high score with a whopping 150 points. Harold O'Brien couldn't get close to that big number, but did manage to have a prize winning SIX call two hands. And Ev Zanatta happily recouped her \$1 investment, with her low game score of 85, despite having partnered with both Bonnie and Harold during the course of the afternoon. The rest of us 'also rans' just enjoyed an lovely summer afternoon under the fan at Grace Church! Want to learn how to play Bid Euchre - contact Lorrette Shermet for more information .. if you like Euchre, you'll LOVE Bid Euchre!



July Canasta Captivates the Crowd

by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent



Trust me when I say there were 15 from the Canasta Crew out for the July game. Caught up in the excitement and pressure that comes from pursuing the big win, photos were forgotten .. oops! Suffice to say the competition was fierce across all tables. Several of the games were close right up until the final hand, with Diane Comstock, Doreen Chester, Lorraine Randall, Ruth Gagnon, Barb Finnie, Ita Sweeney and Cindy Penfold, earning bragging rights for their wins. We welcomed 2 first timers this month -- Jim & Barb Campbell who have been in Canasta training for a couple of months. It's always a fun afternoon so we hope to see more out at the tables next month!

July Jokers Sizzles

by Jenny O'Brien, Correspondent

Wow! This month's crowd was "Hot Stuff in the Summertime"! Temperatures outside were soaring above 30 degrees, and at times it felt about the same around the Joker Tables. We had a record crowd out of 28 people and 7 tables going head to head throughout the afternoon. There were sweet treats and cold drinks for our enjoyment and as you can see below, mainly smiling faces in the crowd. We had big winners and bigger losers (nameless of course), but kudos go out to Barb and Ted Chliszczyk who both won all FIVE of their games ... almost unheard of ... we think they may be practising together at home :)



Clubs: Classical Music & Movies

Mozart and Friends Celebrate C-A-N-A-D-A!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor



To mark the 156th Anniversary of my adopted country, I zoomed a program of 42 songs about and around Canada, coast to coast. Including songs by Stompin' Tom Connors, Alan Mills, Buddy Wasisname and the Other Fellers, Hank Snow, Gilles Vigenault, Bobby Gimby, Gordon Pinsent – and a whole bunch more, including First Nations, Inuit, Metis. We all loved it, particularly because many of the pieces were completely new to us (even me, discovered when I was putting the program together). Titles like “The Blackfly Song” by Wade Hemsworth, “The Mad Trapper of Rat River” by Stanley Triggs, “Newfoundland Anti-Confederation Song” sung by Alan Mills. Even our illustrious sponsor, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart himself, would have enjoyed this program; he always liked a good party and a good sing-song! Here are four short samples to watch and listen to. Click on the blue links below for the YouTube Videos:

[“Squid-Jiggin’ Ground” by Arthur Scammell \(written in 1928\), sung by Hank Snow](#)

[“Bud the Spud” – Stompin’ Tom Connors](#)

[“Saltwater Joys – A Tribute to Newfoundland and Labrador” – Buddy Wasisname and the Other Fellers](#)

[“The Log-Driver’s Waltz” by Wade Hemsworth](#)

Our second Zoomer was purely classical, two piano trios. (A piano trio = three players, usually one on piano, one on violin, one on cello). First piece: by Tchaikovsky, written in 1882 in memory of Nikolay Rubinstein, his friend, mentor, and most ardent advocate of Tchaikovsky’s music, who had died the previous year. Second piece: by Franz Schubert, his second piano trio, written in 1827, less than a year before his premature death at the age of 31. After his death, Schubert was largely forgotten, till his works were rediscovered decades later, and Schubert was finally recognized as a true musical genius in the same class as Beethoven and Mozart.

This July marks the third anniversary of us Mozartians using Zoom to musically (and very successfully) connect us during Covid. We’ve so far zoomed seventy-two programs! And when we again meet in person, we’ll probably continue to use Zoom sometimes, because of the tremendous choice of music available to us on streaming services like Tidal and YouTube.

Neither rhyme nor reason

Contributed by Fred Ground

"Thanks in advance". This is the polite corporate version of saying "you should consider doing this unpleasant task, or there might be consequences for your salary".

"It is what it is". This desperate tautology is an elaborate way of saying "I have nothing helpful to contribute, but don't want to stop talking yet".

"At the end of the day". If it's the end of the day, why are you using this phrase at every time of the day?

"With all due respect". The irony here is that this phrase is always followed by something really

disrespectful. Like "with all due respect, you're stupid".

"At this moment in time". This phrase is an oddly philosophical way to kill someone's dreams.

Like if you ask your boss for a raise, and they reply with "not at this moment in time".

"I, personally". As opposed to "I, collectively?". Your redundant adverb just stole an extra second of life from everyone in the room. How do you, personally, feel about that?.

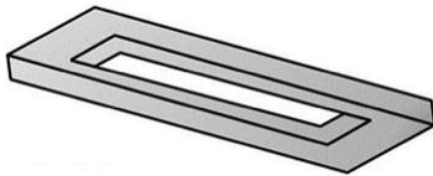
"I know, right". Of course the other person knows. They said it to begin with.

Escher drawings for your brainwork

By Alan Jordan - *Correspondent*

Maurits Cornelis Escher: 17 June 1898 - 27 March 1972, was a Dutch graphic artist who made mathematically inspired woodcuts, lithographs and mezzotints. Despite wide popular interest, Escher was, for most of his life, neglected in the art world, even in his native Netherlands. He was 70 before a retrospective exhibition was held. In the late twentieth century, he became more widely appreciated and in the twenty-first century he has been celebrated in exhibitions around the world. On this page, is his work featuring mathematical objects and operations including impossible objects, explorations of infinity, reflection, symmetry, perspective, truncated and stellated polyhedra, hyperbolic geometry, and tessellations.

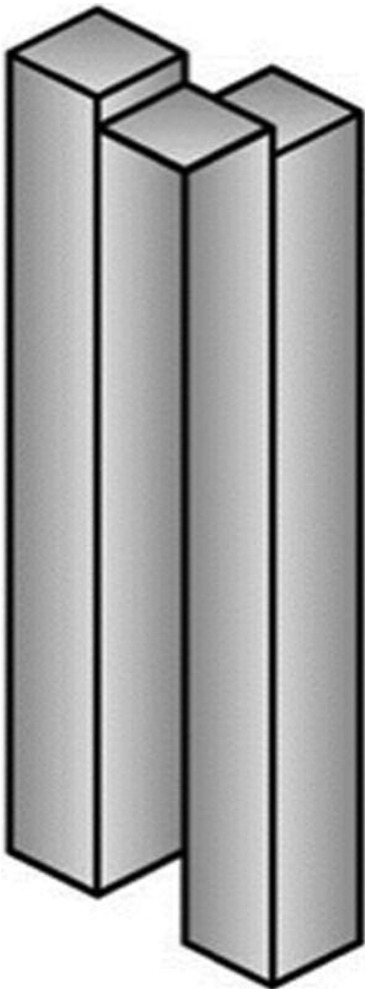
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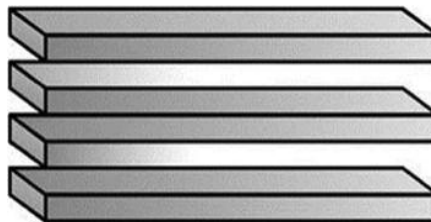
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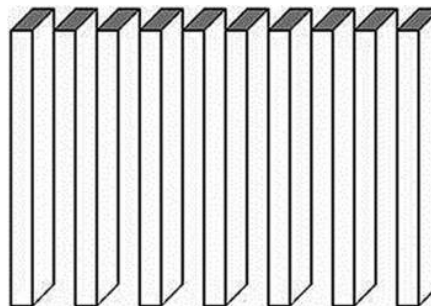
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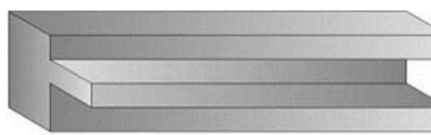
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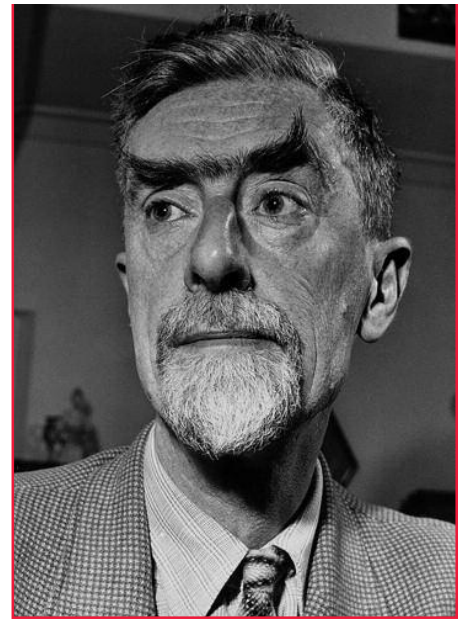
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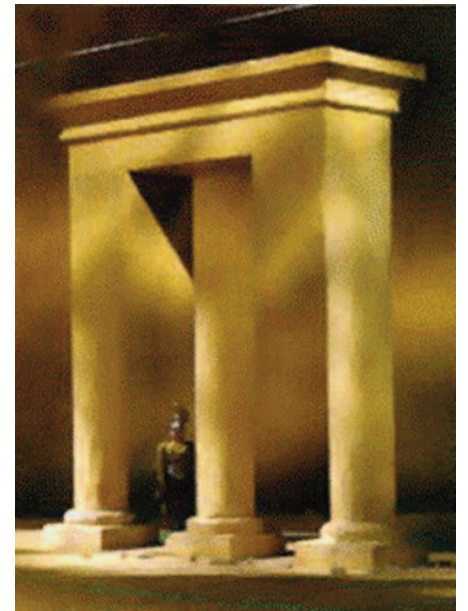
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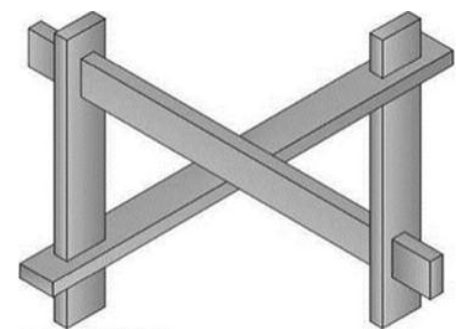
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Maurits Cornelis Escher



Round or square columns?



Rare construction

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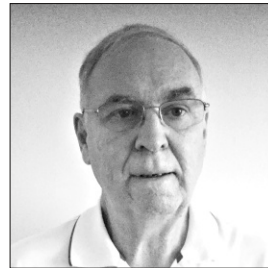
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