

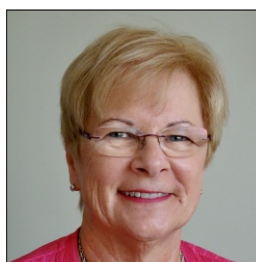
FORUM



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President's Message:

Welcome to the 10th Year Anniversary of the Escarpment PROBUS Club



As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Escarpment PROBUS Club, I am honoured and excited to be filling the role of President. Michael and I joined the Club in 2016 and have made wonderful friends, enjoyed numerous activities and have seen the Club grow to 250 members.

Your Management Team evolves every year with five members staying on in their roles for another year while five members are finishing their roles. I would like to thank Diane Comstock for serving on the Management Team as our Past President; Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair; Dawn Ross, Membership Chair; Peter Lasota, Forum Editor; and Deb Harrold, Treasurer. These Team Members were a pleasure to work with and did an amazing job! Thank you to the many members who have volunteered over the past ten years to make this fantastic Club what it is today.

I am thrilled to welcome and introduce you to our incoming Management Team members, Roy Harrold, Vice President; Ellen & Paul Crawford, Activities Chairpersons; Bonnie Walsh, Membership Chair; Patricia Belvedere, Forum Editor; and Cindy Penfold, Treasurer. Our fabulous remaining Team members are Russ Cousins, Past President; Roy MacKay, Program Chair; Kelly Ground, Secretary; and Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair.

We hope you will help us Celebrate our 10th Anniversary by signing up to attend our General meeting on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. We are offering a complimentary light lunch after the General meeting but, ***you must be registered on Wild Apricot to attend the lunch***. This will allow us to order the appropriate amount of food for everyone. If you have any food allergies, please let Joy Castello or myself know by **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**.

This is your Club, if you have any ideas you would like to share, please let us know, we would love to hear your suggestions.

— **Maggie Boothe**

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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Celebrate, come on celebrate, we're going to have a good time!

Come out and help us celebrate our 10TH ANNIVERSARY. Yes, it has been 10 years since Escarpment PROBUS was founded!

We would like to celebrate by hosting a light lunch on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023 after the General meeting** at the Connect Centre. The light lunch will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE to MEMBERS ONLY!**

We will not be able to accommodate any guests during this meeting.

We hope you will join us for a fun time but, **you MUST REGISTER for the lunch** via Wild Apricot by **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**, in order for us to provide the appropriate amount of food for everyone.

Wear the PROBUS yellow and blue colours to get in the spirit.

Please let Maggie Boothe know if you have any food allergies, or special dietary requirements for this event.

Let's all celebrate and have a good time!

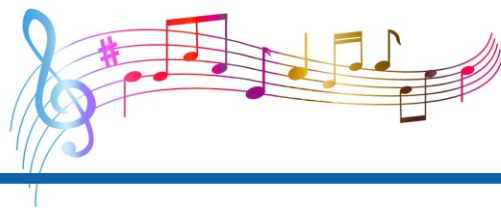


Photo of the Month

This month's photo was submitted by *Suzanne Herder*. She says: *"Wayne took this photo in our backyard garden. I call it 'nuke' power"*.

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



ACTIVITIES

Greetings from Your New Activity Co-Chairs

by Paul & Ellen Crawford

We wish to acknowledge Ruth Gagnon's hard work on providing our club with so many amazing activities. Thanks to Kelly Ground, Ron Millichamp and Jenny O'Brien for their efforts on the activity committee. We are very fortunate that they along with Ruth have agreed to their continued assistance with activities.

We would love to have a few more people join our committee. This is a perfect opportunity for those of you who would like to become more involved in our club.

We welcome your comments about activities you have enjoyed, activities you would like to repeat as well as new activity ideas. There will be a suggestion box for your ideas available at the activity table at the October general meeting.

We are always available by email or in person to hear your opinions.

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.



Kahoot Trivia at Ned Devine's – Thursday, October 26, 2023, 5:00 PM

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

For the regulars, we look forward to seeing you! For those that haven't tried this yet - or it's been awhile - come on out and try some Kahoot Trivia!! Play on you own or join someone. Try it out! Have some good food, fun and conversation!

We are back at Ned Devine's (575 Ontario Street South) 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).

Drinks & Dinner at your own expense.



Activities Committee

Members:

Ruth Gagnon

Kelly Ground

Ron Millichamp

Jenny O'Brien

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.



November ACTIVITIES:

Me OR You? – Tuesday, November 7th at 5 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

The Not-So-Newly-Wed-Or-Even-Wed-At-All Game we're calling ME OR YOU! Married, Single or Besties who knows who best, come find out!

In true Escarpment PROBUS fashion we're trying something NEW – a tournament style event! Partner up with your spouse, your friend, whoever and we will have “couples” play against each other until there is just ONE who triumphs as the overall winner. Of course there will be prizes! All you have to do is provide the same answer to score points!

Join us at Ned Devine's for a revealing evening and a lot of laughter! Register via Wild Apricot indicating if you are going to participate in the game with your spouse/friend. If you just want to join in the fun as a spectator, send Kelly or Ruth an email to confirm and make your meal selection.



And They're Off ... PROBUS Goes to the Races – Friday, November 17, 2023 at 6 pm

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien

Join us on Friday, November 17th at Woodbine Mohawk Park, as PROBUS hits the track inside the Mohawk Harvest Kitchen. The evening starts at 6 pm in a section reserved for our group.

A fixed price menu, including tax and gratuities, is included in this evening, along with a complimentary race program. Beverages will be charged separately on the night of the event. (See Menu Below.)

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Come out and wager on your favourite ponies, with \$2 bets to Win, Place or Show. Do a little homework and you'll be ready to bet an exacta, trifecta, or superfecta. Go really big and wager on a Daily Double. Or, just sit back, relax, and enjoy a lovely meal while watching the great sport of horse racing unfold before your eyes.

It promises to be an exciting evening from the first call to post to the final stretch!

Mohawk Harvest Kitchen Set Menu #1

Choice of Soup or Salad:

Fully Loaded Baked Potato Soup

Potato, cheddar cheese, bacon, garlic, onions in a creamy broth

Harvest Salad

Spring mix, strawberries, pecans, goat cheese, cucumber, tossed in a poppy seed dressing

Choice of Starter:

Bruschetta

Vine-ripened tomato, fresh basil, feta, aged balsamic, garlic, served with grilled baguette

Three Cheese Garlic Pull-Apart Bread

Cheddar, jack, and mozzarella cheeses brushed with garlic butter

Choice of Main:

Harvest Burger

Ground sirloin, white cheddar, bacon, arugula, spicy tomato jam, grain mustard aioli, butter pickles on a brioche bun

Fish & Chips

Mill Street Organic beer battered, Stayner, Ontario cabbage slaw, crispy fries, fresh lemon, tartar sauce, chimichurri mayo

Deconstructed Lasagna Pasta

Creamy ricotta cheese, house-made Bolognese sauce, lasagna noodles, shaved pecorino, basil

Beyond Beef Burger

Beyond beef burger, truffle cheese, lettuce, tomato, spicy mayo, butter pickles on a brioche bun

Choice of Dessert:

Crème Brûlée

Seasonal flavour

Ice Cream & Sorbet

Seasonal flavours from Central Smith Creamery

December ACTIVITIES:

Crawfords Garden Centre - Tuesday December 5 at 10am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Save the Date for our next trip to Crawfords Garden Centre to make your own Christmas Table Centrepiece.



Registration will begin on October 18th. The cost for this event is \$45/member.

Musical Bingo – Tuesday, December 12th at 5 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

An old game with a new twist. Come on out and try musical bingo! Join us at Ned Devine's for some Musical Bingo and good food! Instead of numbers on the card there will be some of the most recognizable and iconic songs you have heard throughout your life. With only seconds of play you, your musical knowledge will be tested. We will have the "music" cards and the bingo chips. Guaranteed laughter, fun and being together!



The cost for this event is \$5 plus your dinner/drinks. Please pre-select your meal using Wild Apricot.

Registration will start on Wednesday, September 20th.

Irish job application

Contributed by Fred Ground

O'Toole applied for a forklift job at a famous Irish firm , based in Dublin ...

A Norwegian also applied for the same job , and since BOTH applicants had similar qualifications , they were asked to take a test , and were led to a quiet room with NO interruptions , by the Manager ...

When the results were in , both men had scored 19 out of 20 ...

The Manager went to O'Toole and said:

"Thank you for coming to the interview , but we've decided to give the Norwegian guy the job ..."

And why would you be doing that ...!! ? replied O'Toole , "We both got 19 questions correct ...!! This being Ireland and me being IRISH , surely I SHOULD get the job ...?"

The manager responded , "Well , We have made our decision not on the CORRECT answers , but on the question you got wrong ..."

"And just how would one incorrect answer , be better

than another ...?"

That's simple ...

On question number 7 , the Norwegian wrote down - 'I don't know "

You put down - 'and Neither do I"

Interesting Stuff

Contributed by Ron Millichmap

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Harmony Meadows Alpaca Farm	October	3	11:00 AM	Belwood	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	October	11	7:00 PM	Zoom	Maggie Boothe
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	October	18	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Maggie Boothe
The Lunch Bunch - 10th Anniv Celebration	October	18	12:00 PM	Connect Centre	Joy Castello
Kahoot Trivia	October	26	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagr
Evita	October	29	2:00 PM	Hamilton Family Theatre	Jenny O'Brien
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	October	2	7:00 PM	Shermet Home	Martin Capper
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	October	3	1:00 PM	TBD	Diane Comstock
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	October	4	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	October	4	7:00 PM	Capper Home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	October	5	7:00 PM	Willcocks/Scmidt Home	Martin Capper
Cards - Bridge	October	5	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Chris Lloyd
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	October	5	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	October	7	5:00 PM	La Toscana	Ruth Gagnon
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	October	9	7:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Books – Trilogy	October	9	10:00 AM	O'Reilly Home	Dawn Ross
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	October	10	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Movies - Oscar Nights	October	10	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex	Petra Halk
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	October	10	2:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Books – Sequel	October	11	1:15 PM	Millichamp Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	October	11	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Diane Comstock
Games - Jokers	October	12	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	October	13	5:30 PM	Flynn Home	Jenny O'Brien
Books – First Edition	October	16	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Paul Crawford
Cards - Euchre	October	16	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorette Shermet
Cards - Bid Euchre	October	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorette Shermet
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	October	19	6:00 PM	TBD	Lorette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	October	19	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Line Dacing with Tammy	October	20	12:30 PM	Grace Church Bsmnt*	Ruth Gagnon
Cards -Canasta	October	23	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	October	24	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Friendship Club	October	25	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement*	Judy Krauss
Games - Jokers	October	25	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday
Nosh @ Nite	October	27	5:30 PM	Halliday/Evans Home	Barb Finnie
Dining - Appy Hour	October	28	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins

Temporary change

* Permanent location

Clubs on Hold seeking new convenors:

Trailwalkers - weekly on Tuesdays at 1PM

Beer Tasting - Suds & Buds - 4th Thursday at 7PM

Bowling - Days/Dates TBD

MEETING: OCTOBER

Martin Capper and Joanne Millichamp on Our Club's 10th Anniversary



Martin's role will be as President of PROBUS Canada and District Director for Ontario District 4 and he will present the Club with its 10th anniversary certificate. He will also give an update on PROBUS Canada. During this update he will also give some glimpses into other Clubs that he has been privileged to visit over the last 4 plus years.



Joanne will be speaking about the formation of our PROBUS Club 10 years ago.

RECENT EVENTS

September General Meeting

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday September 20th. At this meeting the annual transition of half the management took place. Outgoing management were thanked and they introduced the incoming members.

Our speaker was **Daniel Aonso** who talked to us about ***"Icons of Canadian Music"***.

Our greeters were Ginny Johnson and Judy Wallace.

The meeting was not recorded.



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Changes ...



Cindy Penfold (R): our new Treasurer



Patricia Belvedere (L): new FORUM Editor



Maggie Boothe: new President; Russ Cousins: now Past President



Maggie thanks outgoing Past President Diane Comstock



Outgoing social chair Ruth Gagnon (L) being thanked



Outgoing Membership Chair Dawn Ross being thanked



New members (L-R): Leigh Dungan, Glenn Marshall and Polly Tan



Bonnie Walsh (L): new Membership Chair



Ruth Gagnon and Kelly Ground



Russ Cousins and Martin Capper



Liz peruses the Ravenous Readers booth



Our new 50/50 Convenors Rosalind Jordan and Sandi Gilbert

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Slide of Joan Baez from our speakers presentation on contemporary music



50/50 winner was Marie Mann



Some of our meeting attendees

The Tall Ship Kajama

by Kelly Ground, Convenor

A boat - and planes, trains and automobiles!

Probiars gathered by various means at the Toronto Harbour for an afternoon sail on the tall ship Kajama. The boat set sail the bar opened and the adventure began, Ruth decided this time to not help hoist the sails, (I think she was still hurting from the last time). It was an afternoon of camaraderie, laughs, photo ops and wind! The clouds and the breeze did not dampen spirits and the views of the beautiful city did not disappoint. It was lovely to chat and mingle with people we don't get to visit with on a regular basis. After the sail we all trekked to The Amsterdam Brew House to help Elinore celebrate her 89th birthday, who knew we could have been our own choir. This is what PROBUS is all about - good people, good laughs and good times!



Bocce Ball Tournament – Success!

by Ruth Gagnon, Convenor

It was a beautiful almost-end-of-summer day and much hotter than we expected. Norma Capper came to the rescue with a variety of umbrellas for a number of players to huddle under.

All in all, there were 36 Probians who battled it out to see who would be the “champions”. Team Twelve came in first – Ron & Lynda Johnson and Beth Barnes. Team Seven consisting of Petra Halk, Fiona Christie and Patricia Belvedere came in second and in third place, Team Six – Pete & Lorrette Shermet and Jenny O’Brien. All (hopefully) enjoyed their prizes!!

Thanks to Tina and Tom to running the tournament and a special shout out to Petra Halk and Bob Lebert who helped to show us how to throw (toss?) those bocce balls and referee the teams. Also need to give a shout out to Willy Ceelan for his input into the scoring (and I really think you should run this event next year)! Also, thank you to Barb Chliszyk for helping me throughout the day to run this event! I appreciate all the help!

On a positive note, I don't need to arrange for any marriage counselling even though it looked like it might have been needed.

It was nice to see some of our new members out at this “activity”. Great participation by all with an enjoyable dinner at Ned Devine’s with some Skip the Dishes members joining in for a social time!



Creative Designs for the Fall

by Ruth Gagnon, Convenor

On a beautiful sunny morning with Fall right around the corner as nine of us headed to Crawfords Garden Centre on September 19th to use our creative talents to make our Fall Planter to grace our front yards, balconies.... It is always an enjoyable time together as we create our own designs. Stay tuned for details coming about a Christmas Planter that you can keep for your own table or gift to someone you love!



Bizzare origins of idioms

Contributed by Fred Ground

The strange origins behind idioms that we say all the time.

Cat got your tongue?

There are two supposed explanations behind this idiom. The first comes from the "cat-o'-nine-tails" which was a whip members of the English Navy would use for floggings, which would leave victims speechless. Alternatively some trace the origin back to Ancient Egypt, where liars' tongues were cut out and fed to cats.

Big Wig

During the 18th century, high-ranking members of society wore wigs to denote their power and influence-the bigger the headpiece, the bigger a deal you were. What most of these elites didn't discuss, however, was that the vast majority of them were just using their wigs to hide bald spots caused by syphilis infections that were rampant during this era.

White Elephant

A gift that's more trouble than it is worth is called a "white elephant" thanks to a traditional Thai custom. Despite being considered sacred, white elephants were extremely difficult to care for, and were thus gifted in an almost backhanded sense: while owning one was a great honour, it would almost always drive

the recipient into financial ruin.

Caught "red-handed"

In 15th-century Scotland, a law decreed that anyone who butchered an animal that didn't belong to them would only be punished if they were caught with blood on their hands. Even if they were discovered with the butchered meat, there'd be no repercussions as long as their hands were clean.

Ten reasons why English is hard to learn for both English speakers and foreigners

Contributed by Alan Jordan,

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there was no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.

Seniors in Pursuit of Trivia

By Kelly Ground, Convenor

In the 1928 Olympics, Australian rower Henry Pearce stopped mid-race. Why?

a) To let a family of ducks swim by b) He was too tired c) He wanted to wave to his mother d) He was having an asthma attack

Summer is over for another year and we're back with another season of trivia! On Wednesday the 27th September we played our 24th and 25th games of trivia.

Between the periods of silence, people pondering, and the moments of laughter, the night was a good one. We always come away learning something new; whether it be what baby rabbits are called (kittens), or where Marilyn Monroe was discovered (at a drone factory), or what the study of thunder is called (brontology)-it's always something. The Probus way Live, Laugh and Learn!

The first game the lead switched back and forth quite a few times, but the second game was led pretty much the whole time by our overall winners Paul and Ellen Crawford with Frank Dawe and Marg Jones. They finished with 161 questions answered correctly and 161, 237 points.

Second place with 156 questions answered correctly and 144, 856 points was Patricia Belvedere, Fiona Christie, Asoka Yapa, Doreen Chester and Bob Stringer. Nice to see new people out!!



Third place went to Joanne and Ron Millichamp partnered with Norma and Martin Capper. They had 146 questions correctly answered and 137, 245 points. Not bad for a bunch of Craicheads!

The other teams all put on a good show: good competition and good food, that's what keeps us coming out.

Our next trivia nights are Thursday, October 26th and Thursday, November 23rd, please sign up on Wild Apricot to join in the fun.



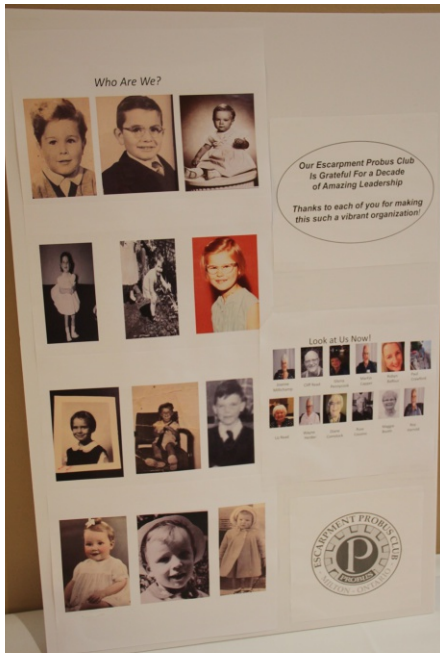
Wasn't that a Party? Happy 10th Anniversary Escarpment PROBUS!

by Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair

It was a spectacular fall evening on Friday, September 29th, when many of our PROBUS members came out to celebrate at our Club's 10th Annual Anniversary Dinner/Dance. The ladies were dressed in their finest and the men looked dapper too, as they made their way to The Grand Chalet where the conversation was lively, the food delectable and the music thrumming. There were great baby photos of our Presidents from the past 10 years, some interesting turkey trivia (did you know the largest turkey on record was 86 pounds and his name was Troy), door prizes and spot dances, and best of all, lots of laughter and good times.

It was great to see members working off those dinner calories as they twisted and shouted and danced to that 'old time rock and roll'. It's been an amazing first 10 years with huge increases in our membership, great travel opportunities and activities and events too many to list.

Cheers to the next 10 years - may we all be blessed with good health, great friendships and many more PROBUS Anniversaries.





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	Lynda & Ron Johnston	905-875-4486	johnstonlynda50@me.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	Barb Finnie	905-878-9188	suedawn4@yahoo.ca
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	Looking for new convenor		

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

The Irish took the night

by Martin Capper, Correspondent

With Bill in Budapest and Chris in Iceland our numbers would have been only seven however to keep some Scottish content, as opposed to Scotch content, and to have an even number we corralled Jim Jones into joining us!



As host I provided a previously untasted whiskey from the Jura travel exclusives called *The Sound*. This whiskey from the Isle of Jura provided a solid start to the evening with a score of 76. It was very much to Wayne and Pete's taste - not so much for Russ.

The next whiskey, provided by Pete, had most of us grabbing the water after our first taste - it was a *Tamdhu Batch Strength single malt* with an ABV of just under 58%. Much too intense for all of us with the exception of Jim who appreciated it the most!

Next up was the *Sexton single malt Irish whisky* which was a pleasantly smooth relief to all following the harshness of Tamdhu! I gotta say that with 3 of the 5 whiskeys downed I was feeling confident that the Sound was going to carry the night But you know what they say about pride!

Next up was another Irish - this time *a blend from Roe & Co* and boy did that hit the spot for all 8 of us. It topped The Sounds score by 3 points with four of the tasters scoring it 80 or above! I took solace from the fact that it was an Irish whisky that had toppled my offering from first place.

Finally we had another Irish offering the *Jameson's Dickie* (no snickering please). Another blend very reasonably priced at a dime under 40 bucks this one snuck into 3rd place despite only having one score in the 80's.



In summary the Irish took the night with a 1st, 2nd and 4th place with the scotch filling in 3rd and 5th. The Sexton, the Roe & Co and the Jamesons are all available from the LCBO.

Norma hosted the DD's who seemed to have a good night as well judging by the sound of laughter that drifted downstairs. We finished the evening with tea, coffee, Cake and mini apple pies! Photos courtesy of Pete and supervision of proceedings by Rory!

Next meeting will be hosted by Ted and Barb at my place.



Lunch Bunch Banter

by Joy Castello, Convenor



After September's meeting, 23 Probus members went to Kelsey's for lunch (photos below). Restaurant staff had to deal with plumbing issues that morning but they were as welcoming and professional as always. Our lunches were tasty and served promptly. Management kindly donated a gift certificate to help us celebrate our 10th anniversary.



Reserve Wednesday, October 18th for our 10th Anniversary Luncheon

After October 18th's general meeting, members are invited to stay at the Connect Centre for a complimentary light lunch. Please sign up through Wild Apricot as soon as possible so we order enough food for everyone attending. Special dietary preferences can be requested through Wild Apricot or let Maggie Boothe or Joy Castello know. Bottled water will be provided and we will serve anniversary cake.



Get in the spirit and wear Probus blue and yellow colours. Let's all celebrate and have a good time!

Noshing with the Cappers - A photo gallery



September Nosh a Big Hit

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor



I always know when a Nosh & Natter has been especially good .. it's when I forget to take pictures because I'm having such an excellent time. Such was the case in September when we made the lovely drive to Freelon and the home of Brian and Marlene Murphy. Their stunning home (and newly installed front steps), welcomed a crowd of 20 of us, and the weather co-operated enough for beverages in the backyard with dinner served from the living room, and enjoyed in the dining room, kitchen and backyard. We feasted on ham & bocconcini skewers, meatballs, sesame chicken & rice, perogies, crackers, veggies & dip, spinach, pear and brie sticks, deviled tuna eggs, pork on a stick, roasted veggies, followed by a scrumptious dessert course including homemade Apple Cake, Chocolate & Raspberry Mini Tarts, Almond Cake with fresh berries and a refreshing fruit tray. The conversation and the laughter flowed easily on this evening with lots of fun and interesting discussions overheard. Many thanks to Brian & Marlene for their hospitality! Next month we'll stay closer to town and head on over to the Flynn's for another great evening of Noshing.



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

We Were Dreamers by Simu Liu

by Dawn Ross, Correspondent

The Trilogy Book Club met on September 11, 2023, at Dawn Ross's home. We discussed the book *We Were Dreamers*. In this honest, inspiring and relatable memoir, newly minted superhero Simu Liu chronicles his family's journey from China to the bright lights of Hollywood with razor-sharp wit and humour.



When Simu Liu's parents move from China to America and then Canada, they leave him in the care of his grandparents. When he is four, they bring him to Canada. Life as a Canuck, however, is not all that it was cracked up to be; Simu's new guardians lack the gentle touch of his grandparents, resulting in harsh words and hurt feelings. His parents, on the other hand, find their new son emotionally distant and difficult to relate to—although they are bound by blood, they are separated by culture, language and values.

As Simu grows up, he plays the part of the pious child flawlessly—he gets straight A's, wins national math competitions, and makes his parents proud. But as time passes, he grows increasingly disillusioned with the path that has been laid out for him. Less than a year out of college, at the tender age of twenty-two, his life hits rock bottom when he is laid off from his first job as an accountant. Left to his own devices, and with nothing left to lose, Simu embarks on a journey that will take him far outside his comfort zone into the world of show business.

Through a swath of rejections and comical mishaps, Simu's determination to carve out a path for himself leads him to not only succeed as an actor but also open the door to reconciling with his parents. *We Were Dreamers* is more than a celebrity memoir—it's a story about growing up between cultures, finding your family and becoming the master of your own extraordinary circumstances.

Our group had a lot of conversations about this book but overall not very impressed. We rated it at the most 6 out of 10.

The Paris Bookseller by Kerri Maher

by Catherine Parr, Correspondent

The Paris Bookseller, a Historical Fiction, follows the life and significant entrepreneurial choices made by Sylvia Beach in Paris in the 1920's. Sylvia, a young American woman, loves Paris and its' literary scene which is lively with famous and emerging writers and authors. She sees a need for a book store dedicated to the works of American writers and English language texts. Sylvia opens "Shakespeare and Company", the first English language book store in Paris. An avid devotee of the author James Joyce, Sylvia embraces his controversial book, "Ulysses", in the many failed attempts to have it published. In a time of censorship and also personal freedoms, Sylvia encounters misogyny, threats, a loving relationship with her French lover and great success with her store. Her bookstore "Shakespeare and Company" still sells English language books in Paris today.



The Paris Bookseller was well received by our Book Club. Some members were delighted with it, others lukewarm. As a result we award it a robust one and a half thumbs up. We recommend this book as a good read.

A Sunday by the pool in Kigali by Gil Courtemanche

by Lorrette Shermet, Correspondent



The first edition read the novel “A Sunday by the pool in Kigali”.

As a few were away on the trip only six were available to comment.

Surprising enough the average score was around 7. Which I felt was high.

I chose the book but found it a very hard read.

In 1990 Rwanda’s population of about 7 million people comprised 3 ethnic groups: The Hutu, Tutsi and Twa. The Hutu constituted about 80% of the population, the Tutsi about 15% and that Twa less than 5%.

Rwanda was ruled by Tutsi monarchy for several centuries before being colonized in 1899 by Germany. It was occupied by Belgium during World War One. From the mid 1920s until independence in July 1962, the Kingdom of Rwanda and Burundi (its southern neighbor) were placed under the control of Belgium by the League of Nations and its successor the United nations.

The Belgians modernised the Rwandan economy but Tutsi supremacy remained, leaving the Hutu disenfranchised. In 1935, Belgium introduced identity cards labeling each individual as either Tutsi, Hutu, Twa or naturalized. While it had previously been possible for particularly wealthy Hutu to become honorary Tutsi, the identity cards prevented any further movement between the groups.

In 1959 the Hutus overthrew the Tutsi monarchy. Violence ensued - resulting in the death of tens of thousands of Tutsis and the exiled several hundred thousand to neighboring countries including Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo) In the following decades those who are forced into exile campaign to be allowed to return to Rwanda the government resisted pressure to let them return.

It was an eye opener what happened to part of a world we are not familiar with.

One Liners

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

I went to buy some camo pants but couldn’t find any.

I failed math so many times at school, I can’t even count.

I used to have a handle on life, but then it broke.

I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.

I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the car park. That is wrong on so many levels.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather... Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.

Don’t you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

It takes a lot of balls to golf the way I do.

I told him to be himself; that was pretty mean, I guess.

I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is ‘Goodbye.’

My father has schizophrenia, but he’s good people.

The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.

I can’t believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

Never trust atoms; they make up everything.

My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the ceiling!

I was addicted to the hokey pokey, but then I turned myself around.

I used to think I was indecisive. But now I’m not so sure.

Russian dolls are so full of themselves.

Books, Discussions, and Quilts

by Diane Comstock, Convenor



On Tuesday, Sept 5th, the PieceMakers descended on Judy Nelson's condo for their monthly quilting meeting. We started off with a discussion on favourite long-armers, and then an update on recent vacations and travels.

Carol Ann brought a Pillow Quilt book for us to look over and told us she would be using the Ahoy pattern for the Shop Blocks from Tillsonburg. She has been researching light-weight sewing machines – and YES she bought one with an extension table – good for bringing to retreats. Dawn also brought a book on landscape quilts. We also had a discussion on seam pressing – open or to one-side. No real winner – it depends on the project.

Carol Ann started our Show and Tell with her magnificent applique bicycle – she took our advice from our September meeting and used the trapunto method on some of the flowers. Dawn had a unicorn panel that she made into two pillows – one for each granddaughter. Her next project is a lap quilt kit with green, red and grey fabrics. Sandi brought a quilt called “Pathways” made from a layer cake. She used a backing fabric called “Sunflower Whispers”. Judi Jones brought a pillow she made to match her turquoise and grey bed runner.

On Sept. 23rd, Diane Armand, Louise Ellis, and Diane Comstock travelled to Scarborough for a quilt show. We saw some beautiful quilts - and some beautiful fabrics. Diane bought an animal panel to make a quilt for a new granddaughter expected in February. Louise was inspired by some African print fabrics.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

Trapunto: A method of adding raised texture to quilts by stuffing design areas. Trapunto often is used in stems, leaves, and other motifs.

Landscape Quilt – An art quilt depicting the many scenes from nature.

Our next meeting will be at Diane's condo on Oct. 3rd.

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



Clubs: Games & Cards

All Aboard ... The Mexican Train

by Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair

I am currently assessing interest in establishing a Mexican Train Club. You can read below a top level overview of how the game is played, but at this time, if you think you might be interested in playing or learning, you only need send a note to jenny0103@rogers.com to indicate your interest. I'm looking at the afternoon of the first Monday of the month as a possible date for this Club, and would love to get a good size group out. Stay tuned for more information.



This game's objective is to build a connected tile 'train' of Dominos. Players add one tile per round to the train. If the player can't build their train, there's a universal train – the Mexican Train – that all the players can build if they have matching Dominos. If the player can't build their train nor the others, they must pick up an additional tile and place a locomotive chip on top of their Domino train. The chip indicates that now other players can also build your train. To close the train from others, the player simply puts a matching tile to the train. A player wins the session when they use all their tiles. Others must then combine the spots of the tiles left in their hand and add the amount to the previous sessions' spot totals. After the last session, the player who has the least total of spots wins the game.

Canasta - A photo gallery



Euchre - A photo gallery



The winners, and guess who the most honest player was ...

Clubs: Classical Music

Mozart and Friends – The Two Andres

by Michael Hooker, Convenor



Our first Zoomer was presented by Asoka Yapa, a program of performances by the American classical pianist Andre Watts, who died two months ago (aged 77) after a long and very distinguished career.

Andre was born in Nuremberg, Germany, the son of a Hungarian mother and an African-American father (in the U.S. military). When André was eight years old, the family returned to the United States, and his mother started him with his first piano lessons. As do many children, he disliked practicing. For encouragement, his mother would tell stories of the great pianist and composer Franz Liszt, and Watts found inspiration in Liszt, adopting his theatrical playing style, and later becoming recognized as a great Liszt interpreter.

In 1963, the conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein asked the 16-year-old Watts to fill in for the ailing Glenn Gould for the New York Philharmonic's regular subscription concert. Watts played the Liszt E-flat Concerto. At its conclusion, the orchestra joined the audience in a thunderous standing ovation, and Watts' career took off! Here's a three-minute taste of Andre Watts playing Franz Liszt's Etude (Study) "La Chasse" ("The Hunt"). [Click here for the video.](#)

Jeanne Reid guided us through our second "Andre", the Dutch conductor Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra. He was born in Maastricht, Netherlands in 1945, (where he and his family still live, in a castle built in 1492, on the outskirts of Maastricht).

Audre began studying violin at the age of five. He created the Johann Strauss Orchestra in 1987 with 12 members, and now performs with between 50 and 60 musicians, playing with his orchestra on a 1667 Stradivarius violin in cities around the world. His repertoire is primarily light classical, particularly waltzes, and light popular classics. An Australian music critic wrote: "Rieu's live and recorded performances have brought joy to millions of people. Few in his audiences are regular classical music attendees, and it is promising that, via Rieu, they are listening to standards of the classical musical canon".

Here's a sample for you: "The Rose" (4 minutes); [Click here for the video.](#)

Clubs: Dance

The Cowgirls are Stepping it Up!

by Ruth Gagnon, Convenor

On Friday, September 15th twenty-three Probians were back at Line Dancing! We stepped it up with the electric-slide, dream-on, rockin;-in the wagon-wheel, just a two-steppin' and stand by me! You don't know what you are missing! We have a little over a month to practice until our *next class on Friday, October 20th at 12:30 pm.*

Our next line dancing classes will be led by Melvin for the rest of the sessions! I'm sure we will enjoy the Cowboy in our presence!



Clubs: Travel



Wanderlust The Islands of the Mediterranean

by *Gloria Pennycook, Convenor*

We are so fortunate to be members of Probus and have Joanne Millichamp design trips for us every year to enjoy. At our last Wanderlust meeting, several members were not there as they were enjoying the most recent trip to Scandinavia. For the rest of us, we enjoyed hearing about and seeing the Probus trip to the Mediterranean. Even though some Wanderlust members had been on this trip, it was great to relive the memories.



Our next Wanderlust is Nov 9 when Maggie and Michael Boothe will share their Greece, Rome and Sicily trip!!

By Fred Ground, Correspondent

This month's Wanderlust meeting was a recap of the Probus trip to Sicily, Malta, Cyprus and Athens in 2022, presented by Kelly and Fred Ground.

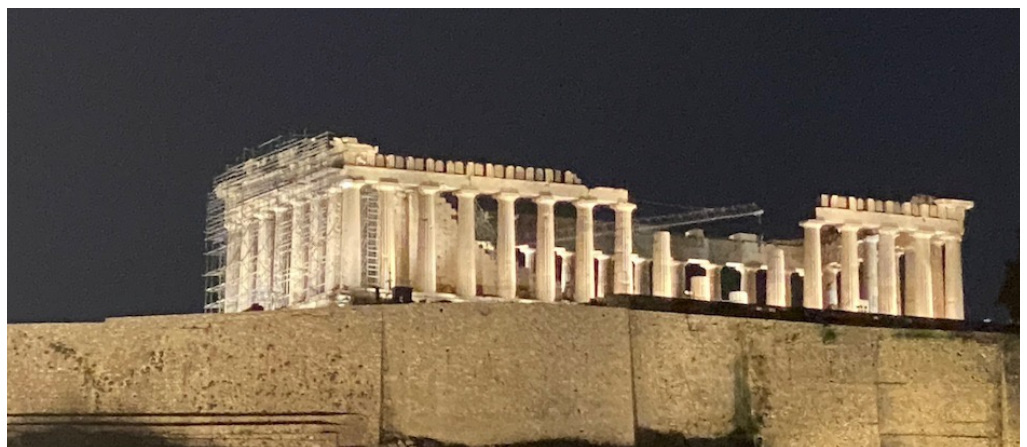
Our travels began in Sicily, where we stayed in the seaside city of Catania, at the base of Mount Etna. We visited Unesco World Heritage Sites of Taormina, Siracusa and Noto. The beautiful hilltop town of Taormina, is known for its ancient Greco Roman theatre which was built in the 3rd century BC. Mount Etna is the largest active volcano in Europe, and towers to 11,000 feet above sea level. We visited the towns of Siracusa and Noto, on our way to the ferry to Malta.

Malta is a very unique island. The city of Valletta is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and is famous for keeping Mediterranean shipping routes open in the Second World War, and preventing Germany from controlling the Mediterranean. For its valour, the island of Malta was awarded the George Cross by King George VI: over 6,000 tons of bombs were dropped by Germany. The order of St John settled in Malta in 1530, after being given the island. Malta's only natural resource is stone, and there is a lot of it. The towns are very reminiscent of the Middle East, with the stonework and the Arabic influence on buildings. A highlight of our tour was Mdina, also known as the silent city. It was the capital of Malta before Valletta, and most of the inhabitants moved out: only 300 people live there now in the extremely narrow streets. The picturesque seaside town of Marsaxlokk, with its multi-coloured fishing boats, was our final stop.

Our next location was the island of Cyprus. Another unique island, it is partitioned through the centre of the island, with the North belonging to Turkey, and the south to Greece. This is a result of the war of 1974. The Greek portion is affluent, while the Turkish area is very poor-two different worlds. We crossed into the Turkish area, at passport control, in the centre of Nicosia. Because of the war, a large area of agricultural land was lost, and now Cyprus relies on tourism.

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We concluded our trip with a stop in Athens. We visited the Acropolis, stopped at Olympic Stadium, constructed in 1896, and completely made from marble, and in true Probus fashion we enjoyed a wine tasting and lunch at the Markou winery. Our final night was a wonderful roof top banquet, with the floodlighted Acropolis as our backdrop.



Business Signs

Contributed by Fred Ground

A sign in a shoe repair store: "We will heel you, we will save your sole, we will even dye for you!".

At an eye clinic: "If you don't see what you are looking for, you have come to the right place".

On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed".

In a restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up".

In the front yard of a funeral director: "Drive carefully. We'll wait".

On the back of a septic tank truck: "This truck is full of political promises".

More reasons why English is hard to learn

Contributed by Alan Jordan, Occasional Correspondent

11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen on how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my intimate friend?

TRAVEL

Portuguese Transatlantic Voyage

by Joanne Millichamp, Convenor

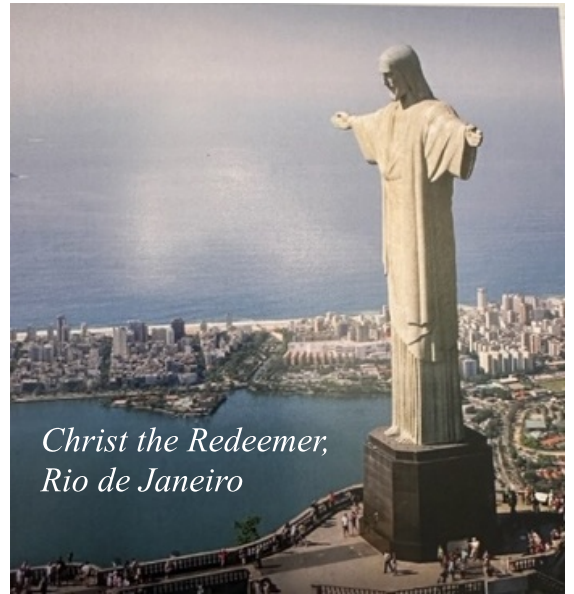
As our PROBUS Club is celebrating our 10th anniversary this October, I decided to offer two trips for next year. For the first time, we are offering an ocean cruise aboard the Norwegian Star, which was completely renovated in 2021. The cruise is called Portuguese Transatlantic Voyage and the dates are April 8th to 27th, 2024.

We fly into Rio de Janeiro and have arranged for a 2-night hotel stay, guided city tours plus two lunches and transfers. The itinerary includes 4 stops in Brazil, 2 stops in the Cape Verde Islands, 2 stops in the Canary Islands and a stop in Madeira.

Pricing is complex with ocean cruises as there are a variety of cabin types at different price ranges. At the present time we are holding oceanview cabins with a picture window and balcony cabins, however inside cabins and other categories are also available.

As this is a mid size cruise ship, there is plenty of room for family and friends to join you on this voyage.

Brochures are available with all the details you need to know. Please call me — Joanne Millichamp at 289-878-2969 or email jmillichamp@hotmail.com for detailed pricing information.



*Christ the Redeemer,
Rio de Janeiro*

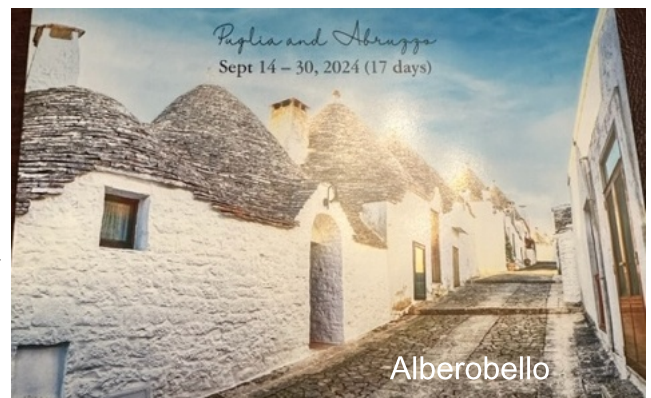
The Flavours of Southern Italy

by Joanne Millichamp, Convenor

Our second trip is called "The Flavours of Southern Italy", and is a much slower, more relaxed type of holiday than some of our previous trips. The main focus of the trip will be the food and wine of the two areas we are visiting, Puglia and Abruzzo. Dates of the trip are September 14th to 30th, 2024.

Our first stop is in the Puglia region, located in the southeastern part of the country, part of the "boot" on the Adriatic Sea. We spend 4 nights in the town of Conversano. The town is a hidden gem with beautiful architecture, including a medieval castle. We will visit an olive farm on our first day there. Lecce, known as the "Florence of the South" for its distinctive Baroque architecture. We visit the 25,000-seat amphitheatre dating from the 1st century BC. One of the highlights of our trip will be a visit to Alberobello where we will see the Trulli houses, traditional dry-stone houses with cone-shaped roofs, made from local limestone. Some houses date to the 1500's. We will enhance our cooking skills and prepare a specialty lunch here.

From our base in Bari, we visit the coastal village of Polignano A Mare. Next is a private culinary journey through the town of Matera, visiting local restaurants and food shops for tastings of authentic local foods. In Trani, a charming seaport town, we will enjoy a wonderful lunch accompanied by Moscato di Trani wine and figs. After lunch we visit a cheese farm and learn about the making of various cheeses from this region.



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Then we move on to the Abruzzo area, known for its natural landscape, beautiful forests and gently rolling hills. In Vasto we have our second cooking class, "Chitarra pasta, polpette and tarallucci."

On the Trabocchi Coast, we will see the 'trabocco' the region's symbol and visit these fishing platforms as well as enjoy a seafood lunch. Our next stop is Sulmona, known for its age-old confetti production. Confetti is the name they give to sugared almonds and we will taste many of these varieties. Next is a day in the countryside visiting Scanno Lake, Sagittarius Gorge and the pretty village of Bugnara, dating to the middle ages.

The next visit is to Cantina Mazzarosa, the most historic winery in the region, dating from 1863. We will tour their historic cellar and also have an olive oil tasting. Next, a delightful picnic lunch set among the olive grove's trees, a perfect blend of relaxation, culinary delights, nature, and of course wine.

We then travel to Rome where we will enjoy a farewell dinner before flying home the next day. Price for this trip is \$6,590 per person and the single supplement is \$1,250. There is also a 3-day optional add on in Rome at a cost of \$1,150 per person.

This trip is restricted to 34 people only and everyone must be a member of our club. Please ensure you have insurance for trip interruption, cancellation and health.

For further information, please contact Joanne Millichamp - 289-878-2969 or email jmillichamp@hotmail.com.

NEWS AND VIEWS

New 50/50 Convenors found

by Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair

After an extensive search that spanned the globe (also known as the Connect Center), I'm pleased to welcome Rosalind Jordan and Sandi Gilbert as our newest 50/50 Convenors. These ladies are self proclaimed experts at spending ... oops .. I mean collecting money. They hope to see all of you at the next 50/50 table, and remember, you have to be in it to win it!



I'd also like to thank Harold O'Brien, our outgoing 50/50 convenor, for his support of this important Club activity. Harold has been happily taking your money for several years now, promising all that indeed he was selling the winning ticket. He just never said it was yours. He will miss ownership of the infamous black hat, but know it will be well looked after by our next hat keepers. Thank you Harold for a job well done!

Membership Report for October

by Dawn Ross, Membership Chair

Our Membership fees were due by Oct 1, 2023, so hopefully by now everyone has paid. If you have not paid please contact our new Membership Chair, Bonnie Walsh at bonwalsh@hotmail.com

We have had a few members resign their membership, so we have been able to invite in 10 new members. Their names are Carmela and Diego Cardillo, Joanne and Glen Parker, Polly Tan, Glenn Marshall, Don McAdam, Leigh Dungan, Bob Lebert and David Mills.

We will have a couple more openings coming up in early October. As of, September 18, we have 24 on the Wait-list.

We do have a **New Member Orientation Meeting on November 22nd, 2023** where new members will hear about all the activities and clubs that we have to offer. You will receive an invitation to this.

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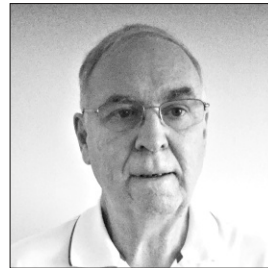
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