

FORUM

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President's Message:



And Celebrate – We did!!!

Our first celebration was the 10th Anniversary dance in September. The dance was well attended and everyone had a fun time, eating, dancing and most of all socializing with fellow members. Thank you, Jenny and your Team, for a very successful evening. Still loving that “Olde Time Rock & Roll”.

A very big “THANK YOU” to all who came out to help celebrate our 10th Anniversary. We had such a fabulous turnout, 146 members to be exact. I think this is a record and hopefully we can keep up the enthusiasm for many meetings to come.

It does “take a village” to put things together sometimes. I would like to thank the 10th Anniversary Committee, all the servers who provided excellent service and the cleanup crew who left the hall in tip top shape.

We were very privileged to have Joanne Millichamp, founder of our Club, as one of our Speakers. Joanne provided us with a fabulous history of the Club. Joanne’s presentation was met with many, many compliments and ended with a very heartfelt standing ovation. Thank you and congratulations Joanne.

It was also an honour to have Martin Capper, President of PROBUS Canada speak to us about the various clubs worldwide. There are 250 clubs in Canada alone. You are a very busy President Martin. Thank you for all the great information. I encourage members to visit the PROBUS Canada website for more information.

On behalf of Joanne Millichamp and myself I would like to thank Martin for presenting the Club with a 10 Year Anniversary Certificate recognizing the vitality and connectivity of our members. Thank you, Martin!

We all enjoyed the picture presentation provided by Lorrette Shermet, always a fun time to look back at past activities and seeing everyone enjoying themselves. Thank you Lorrette.

All of our members have paid their dues for the 2023/2024 membership year. A very big “CONGRATULATIONS” to Bonnie Walsh for all of her hard work.

Although it is my least favorite time of year, don’t forget to turn your clocks back an hour on November 5th. We don’t want you to be late for all the fun activities we have planned for the coming months.

Hope to see you all at the November 15th meeting.— *Maggie Boothe*

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Photo of the Month

This month's photo of fall colours was submitted by *Irene Hiebert*.

Send your photos to patricia.belvedere@icloud.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES

New and Continuing Committee Members

by *Ellen and Paul Crawford*

We welcome the new members of our committee: Pam Grundie, Marg Jones, Karen Latremouille, Roy MacKay, Christine Taylor, Pete Shermet and returning members: Ruth Gagnon, Kelly Ground, Jenny O'Brien, Ron Millichamp. We are excited to work together in providing activities to you.

Members have given us some new ideas as well as some activities that they would like to be repeated. We are always open to suggestions, remember if you find an activity interesting others will too!

Activities Committee:
Ellen, Paul Crawford
Ruth Gagnon
Pam Grundie
Kelly Ground
Marg Jones
Karen Latremouille
Roy MacKay
Ron Millichamp
Jenny O'Brien
Pete Shermet
Christine Taylor

November ACTIVITIES:

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

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! Participation in the event is now full but consider joining as a spectator. Register via Wild Apricot to select your meal choice whether you are playing or not. If you are playing also use Wild Apricot indicating your spouse/friend that will be playing with you. Use the waitlist if you would like to add your name to the participants.

PROBUS Goes to the Races – Friday, Nov. 17 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.

Wager on your favourite ponies, with \$2 bets to Win, Place or Show or wager on a Daily Double. Or just sit back and enjoy a lovely meal while watching the great sport of horse racing.

A fixed price menu is included along with a complimentary race program. Beverages will be charged separately on the night of the event.

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



Kahoot Trivia at Ned Devine's - Thursday Nov. 23 5 PM

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

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

We play at Ned Devine's (575 Ontario St South) at 5 pm. Register and pre-select your meal using Wild Apricot.

The cost is \$2 per player payable to Ruth at the door.

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.

The cost for this event is \$45/member. The event is now full but you can add your name to the waitlist.



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 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.

January ACTIVITIES:

Bowling at Champs Thursday January 18 at 3:30 pm

Convenors: Ellen and Paul

We will have an afternoon of fun bowling followed by a meal in the restaurant.

You will be randomly placed in teams. Cost for this event is \$15 (shoes are included).

Dinner and drinks at Champs Sports Grille are at your own expense. Please pre-select your meal using Wild Apricot.

Skip the Dishes will be joining us for dinner at Champs. If you are only registering for Skip the Dishes please make your dinner selection using Skip the Dishes on Wild Apricot.

Kahoot Trivia at Ned Devine's - Thursday Jan. 25 5 PM

Convenors: Ellen and Paul Crawford

Play Kahoot Trivia. Enjoy the competitive spirit! Try it out! Play with a team or by yourself. Have some good food, fun and conversation!

Ned Devine's (575 Ontario St South) at 5 pm. Register and pre-select your meal using Wild Apricot. Dinner and drinks at your own expense. The cost is \$3 per player payable at the door.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Member/App Training	November	1	10/11 AM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Member/App Training	November	2	10/11 AM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Me or You	November	7	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Kelly G & Ruth G
Executive Meeting	November	8	7:00 PM	Zoom	Maggie Boothe
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	November	15	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Maggie Boothe
The Lunch Bunch	November	15	12:00 PM	Champs	Joy Castello
Probus Goes to the Races	November	17	6:00 PM	Mohawk Park	Jenny O'Brien
New Member Orientation	November	22	10:00 AM	Grace Church Hall	Bonnie Walsh
Kahoot Trivia	November	23	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Kelly G & Ruth G
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	November	1	7:00 PM	Marg J., Frank Dawes	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	November	1	7:00 PM	Flynn Home	Martin Capper
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	November	2	7:00 PM	Ross Home	Martin Capper
Cards - Bridge	November	2	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Chris Lloyd
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	November	2	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Games - Mexican Train Dominoes	November	6	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Jenny O'Brien
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	November	4	5:00 PM	Lone Star	Ruth Gagnon
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	November	6	7:00 PM	Caristena/Serra Home	Martin Capper
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	November	7	1:00 PM	Ross Home	Diane Comstock
Books – Sequel	November	8	1:15 PM	Barbara Alderson Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	November	8	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Diane Comstock
Games - Jokers	November	9	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	November	10	5:30 PM	Milton Murphy's Home	Jenny O'Brien
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	November	13	7:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Books – Trilogy	November	13	10:00 AM	Linda Green Home	Dawn Ross
Books – First Edition	November	13	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Paul Crawford
Movies - Oscar Nights	November	14	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex	Petra Halk
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	November	14	2:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Cards - Bid Euchre	November	16	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	November	16	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Euchre	November	20	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - Skip the Dishes	November	23	5:30 PM	Adonis in Oakville	Lorrette Shermet
Kahoots Trivia	November	23	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Ruth Gagnon
Line Dancing with Tammy	November	24	12:30 PM	Grace Church Bsmnt*	Ruth Gagnon
Nosh @ Nite	November	24	5:30 PM	Willekes home	Barb Finnie
Dining - Appy Hour	November	25	6:30 PM	Tomson home	Mary Cousins
Cards - Canasta	November	27	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	November	28	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Friendship Club	November	29	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement*	Judy Krauss
Games - Jokers	November	29	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday

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 - Dava/Dates TBD. Craftaholics - 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. Games - High Rollers - 2nd Tuesday at 1 pm

MEETING: NOVEMBER



At our November Meeting, to honour the sacrifice and bravery of Canadians at War, we welcome back award-winning Journalist, Author and Broadcaster, Ted Barris. Ted is the author of 20 best-selling non-fiction books including a Series on Wartime Canada.

At our Meeting, Ted will speak on “The Liberation of The Netherlands in WW II” and the important role Canada played in that operation.

Since he last spoke to us in November 2022, Ted has been appointed Member of the Order of Canada.

RECENT EVENTS

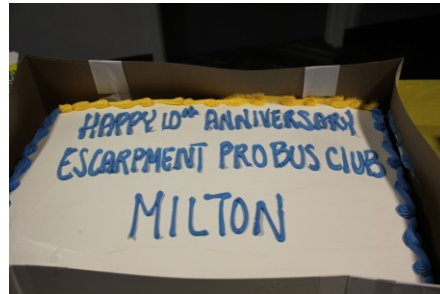
October General Meeting

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday October 18th at the Connect Centre with a great crowd and an excellent lunch following the meeting.

Our first entertaining speaker was Joanne Millichamp who talked about the history of our club. Our second informative speaker was Martin Capper who talked to us about *Probus Canada*.

Our cheerful greeters were Ron and Joanne Millichamp.

The happy winner of the \$224 50/50 draw was Lorraine Randall.



Speakers Joanne Millichamp and Martin Capper at 10th Anniversary Meeting and Luncheon

by Roy MacKay, Program Chair

For our 10th Anniversary Meeting on October 18th, we were pleased and honoured to have Joanne Millichamp and Martin Capper as Guest Speakers.

Every successful organization usually has a Founder who goes to great lengths to get things started and we were fortunate to have Joanne Millichamp lead the way for our Club.

In her Presentation, Joanne related the challenges she had to overcome to get our Club started. Joanne was previously the President of the Combined Probus Club of North Oakville. When she and Ron moved to Milton in 2012, they tried to join the Milton Probus Club only to be told they were no longer taking new Members. Joanne decided to start a new Club and after a lot of hard work and obstacles she was able to get things off the ground. In October 2013, Ninety-Eight people showed up for the first Meeting and the Escarpment Probus Club of Milton was born.

Joanne paid tribute to the help she received from Jeanne Reid and to the original Management Group of Liz and Cliff Read, Allan Jordan, Michelle and Jim Tshirhart, Martin Capper and of course Ron Millichamp.

Joanne is still very active in our Club and organizes all the great Probus trips as well as participation in many other activities. We are thankful for the work of Joanne, the Founder and “Mother” of Escarpment Probus Club of Milton.

Joanne was followed by a Presentation by the President of Probus Canada, our very own Martin Capper. Martin started his Presentation by awarding Certificates to Joanne and to our President Maggie Boothe to honour and acknowledge the 10th anniversary of our Club.

Martin had a slide presentation outlining many of the details surrounding Probus Canada including the fact there are 241 Clubs, with close to 35,000 Members throughout Canada. Martin spoke on topics relating to Probus Canada, such as Future Challenges and Current Issues, Strategies, New Website for Probus Canada and Marketing Materials. This was followed by a lively Q and A relating to Probus Canada. The motto of Probus Canada is Get Connected, Stay Connected and Martin has done a wonderful job to uphold this message throughout Probus Canada, as well as to our Club.



Lunch Bunch Banter

Joy Castello - Convenor

A huge Thank You to all who came out to the 10th Anniversary meeting and luncheon. About 150 people were in attendance, the largest Lunch Bunch ever! Many thanks to all who helped out with serving and clean up - excellent teamwork! The sandwiches and anniversary cake were delicious. Everyone celebrated and had a great time. The enthusiasm and interest for our Probus Club is awesome!

On November 15th, the Lunch Bunch will be going to Champs Family Entertainment Centre. The address is 300 Bronte Street South in Milton. We are going for lunch in the Champs Sports Grille. You can check out the menu at champsfec.com. Sorry, no bowling this time but get your bowling shoes ready for a future date!



PROBUS Bingo!

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Of course we had to have an activity at our 10th anniversary celebratory general meeting! Bingo - based on our PROBUS friends - got us moving and maybe even knowing something about our fellow Probians that we didn't know. Of course this 'activity' was based on being honest!! Some members even continued playing after the winners were identified!!

And the winners were: Jenny O'Brien \$25 dining gift card; Anna Strachan \$25 gift card donated by Ned Devine's; Irene Hiebert Gift basket donated by Casa Americo; Liz Read \$15 gift card to Tim Horton's.

The entire morning went well. Our very own speakers were enlightening! The food - from the sandwiches to the cake - were excellent. Thank you to all those who helped me out with the "activity" – much appreciated! A special shout out to Maggie Boothe for the effort she put into this and leading her anniversary committee to deliver!!



Seniors in Pursuit of Trivia

By Fred & Kelly Ground

According to a 2008 worldwide study, which country had the most fast food outlets per population:

- a) UK b) China c) Canada d) USA

Such fun! Seven teams, with three brand new players, battled for bragging rights throughout the two games played. The first game, although tough, was won by the evening's eventual overall winners, Barb Finnie, Anna and Chris Strachan, Fred Ground and Wayne Heath. The second game saw the team of Liz and Cliff Read with Paul and Ellen Crawford take an early and strong lead that they held pretty much for the entire game. The first place winners, mentioned above, answered 158 questions correctly. Second place went to the Reads and the Crawfords answering 153 questions correctly. Third place went to Fiona Christie, Asoka Yapa, Doreen Chester, Bob Stringer and Patricia Belvedere with 151 correct answers.

A number of questions were not answered correctly by any team, which contributed to the night's enjoyment: lots of laughter could be heard when the correct answer was revealed (who knew a snail has 12,000 teeth!). As always, it is very entertaining to participate in Kahoot Trivia. We are always looking for new players, so feel free to come out and join the merriment. Our next trivia will be Thursday, November 23 at 5:00, you can sign up on Wild Apricot.



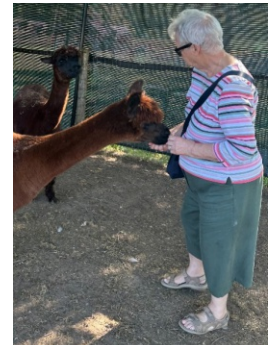
Harmony Meadows Alpaca Farm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

On a beautiful sunny, very warm Fall day 33 Probians headed to the Alpaca Farm in Belwood. There were ooh's and aah's as we fed – and admired – the 'girls'. There was lots of laughter and chatter and plain old observation on how the alpacas engaged with us and with each other. Their hairstyles were envied as we gazed into their big eyes. There was lots of talk about taking the grandchildren to visit them and many comments about it being a great day!

We then headed over to the Goofie Newfie Pub & Grill in Fergus. Great food and great service! Definitely a place to head to again. Located on the banks of the Grand River.

Enjoy the pictures on the next page and maybe they will spark your interest in going for a visit!!



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).

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Diane A. & Penny M.	416-574-9461	diane.armand@yahoo.ca
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	Looking for new convenor		
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	On Hold		
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	2nd Tues - 1 pm	On Hold		
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
Games - Mexican Train Dominoes	1st Mon - 1:30 pm	Jenny O'Brien	289-851-8477	jenny0103@rogers.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	1st 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

Convenors and anyone else intending to use the Escarpment PROBUS Zoom account for an event: The account allows the operation of one event at a time with up to 100 participants. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact our Zoom coordinator Lorrette Shermett (lorrette@sympatico.ca) before planning your event.

If you need help with the Zoom program, check out our Zoom page at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

Remember: Under the Escarpment PROBUS Bylaws Article 2 – Membership – Members must not use other member's email addresses for their own personal use such as fundraising.

Clubs: Food and Drink

Nosh at Nite

by Liz Read

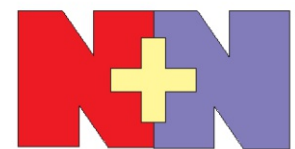
A spooky Nosh was held on Friday, Oct. 27 at the home of Cliff and Liz Read. Twenty PROBUS members were almost unidentifiable as they assumed the roles of witch, flapper, dark web man, skeleton, one night stand etc. A lot of fun conversations ensued and memories of previous Halloweens from our childhoods were mentioned. Unusual for an October evening, the weather was so warm that nobody had to wear a snowsuit over their costume.



Nosh & Natter - Circle of Friends!

by Jenny O'Brien

It was a smaller than normal group (13) who gathered at John and Julie Flynn's for our October Nosh n Natter, due to a number of people who had to cancel. But it was a good gathering, as there was time to talk to everyone. And of course, the food was varied and yummy. November has us meeting at the Milton Murphy's home, so we look forward to seeing you there.



D'Stillers

by Anna Stachan

Hello, fellow Probians, the October 4th meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the Capper's but Hosted by Ted and Barb Chlisczyk. This month the Orphans were supplied by Frank, Ron, Bill and Martin. 'Orphans', being leftover whisky from previous tastings.

We were blessed with a beautiful evening so the DDs (Designated Drivers) sat outside under the Gazebo enjoying the garden while the D'Stillers sat inside and enjoyed their whiskies. Of course, we also enjoyed the Cheese trays etc. that Barb and Ted supplied. The placement of the Whiskys:

- 1) The winning whisky of the evening was 'Glenfiddich 14yr Old' a single malt Scotch with a score of 77% at a cost of \$105.00 with an ABV (Alcohol by Volume) of 43%.
- 2) 'Aberfeldy 12 yr old' a single malt Scotch with a score of 76% at a cost of \$75.00 and an ABV of 40%.
- 3) 'Johnny Walker Green Label 15 Yr Old' a blended Scotch scored 75% ,cost of \$119.00 and ABV of 43%.
- 4) 'Yellow Spot' a Pot Still Irish Whisky with a score of 72% at a cost of \$130.00 with an ABV of 46%.
- 5) 'Redbreast Lustau' a Pot Still Irish Whisky with a score of 69% at a cost of \$100.00 and an ABV of 40%.

I thank Barb for hosting the DDs and the cakes she supplied after the tasting when we all got together. As always, thanks to the DDs for getting everyone home safe and sound.

The November 1st meeting will be held at the home of Marg Jones and Frank Dawe where the 'Orphans' will be supplied by Chris, Wayne, Russ, and Ted.



Skip the Dishes

by Lorrette Shermet

Skip the Dishes will be skipping to "Adonis" on Thursday, November 23rd at 5.30 p.m.

Adonis offers Mediterranean Cuisine. Their logo is "You have tried the rest Now try the best." They are located at 497 Pinegrove Road in Oakville. You can check them out at www.adonisrestaurant.ca. I suggest we carpool. There will be more information on Wild Apricot.

Skip the Dishes will NOT be meeting in December, as it is too close to our big Christmas lunch.

Saturday Night LiveS at La Toscana

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

What a wonderful way to start off our Thanksgiving weekend! Great food, good friends and laughter throughout the night. A few changes to the menu – Pasquali's changes – but it was still a delicious meal had by all.



Saturday, November 4th we will be heading to Lone Star at 6 pm. Check out Wild Apricot to sign up!



GrapeNuts

by Pete Shermet

Early on Saturday August 26th Lorrette and I ventured out to the Niagara Wine Region, we arrived at our first stop which was Organized Crime Winery at 9:30 am only to find that most wineries did not open until 11:00am, so we drove around and happened upon Commisso Estate Wineries (Yes related to the bakery around Dufferin and Eglington that was bombed in the late 60's, allegedly by the Mafia). The Commisso family was welcoming and opened a little earlier than their usual 10:00am, we started our tasting. and bought several wines.

We ventured off to Organized Crime Winery where we tasted several other wines and bought accompaniments like lemon meringue and chocolate caramel popcorn made by a former inmate of one of our correctional facilities whose company is Comeback Snacks, another success story. The owner of Organized Crime highly recommended the next winery we went to which was called Malivoire. We completed our final tasting at Malivoire and bought several wines.

Now if you surmised that our theme had anything to do with crime you would be very wrong as we chose wines NOT AVAILABLE in the LCBO! This was purely a happy coincidence!

There were 12 tasters and our first white was a 2022 Pinot Gris from Malivoire, it was very refreshing with tastes of apple , grapefruit, and honeydew melon according to the tasting notes and scored 13.67 / 20 and was the winning white, cost \$21.95, 12% abv

Our second white was a 2022 Pinot Gris from Organized Crime, it was a 2023 Silver Medal winner in the National Wine Awards of Canada with firm peach, melon and Meyer lemon giving an appealing nose. I scored 12.42 / 20, cost \$21.95, 12.4% abv

Our third white was a 2019 Riesling from Commisso Estate Wineries, described as easy drinking and refreshing. It scored 13.25 / 20 and cost \$24.95, 13% abv.

The first red was a 2020 Old vines Foch from Malivoire with flavours of blueberry fruit cake spices and fennel, balanced by oak elegance, scoring 14.25 / 20 , it was the winning red, cost \$27.95, 12% abv

The second red was a 2020 Pipe Down which is a cabernet dominant blend by Organized Crime, with aromas of cassis, blackberry, black licorice, cedar and spice.scoring 13.67 / 20, cost \$24.95, 13.6 abv.

The third red was a 2020 Rosso, the palate is balanced with lots of ripe plums, cherries and a hint of chocolate, scoring 13.08 / 20, cost \$14.95, 14% abv

The evening was rounded out by several cheeses, grapes, crackers and kielbasa's, as well as desert and a healthy dose of good friendship!



Clubs: Books and Crafts

Craftaholics

by Dana Weatherell

Our October meeting was the last for this year unless someone else would like to take over as Convener. This month Sharon and I continued our Diamond Painting while Auriel and Diane worked on their quilting a bit. We all helped Diane with the layout of her latest quilt. It's going to be a beauty! I neglected to take pictures sorry. Another reason for someone else to fill these shoes! I hope someone else will revive the club and make it your own. In the meantime we will all continue to craft at home!

PieceMakers

September Was a Slow Sewing Month!

by Diane Comstock - Convenor

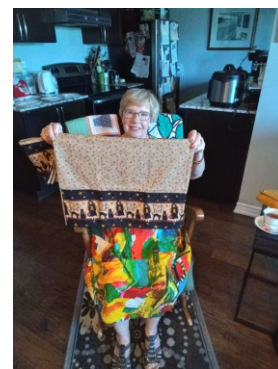
On Tuesday, October 3rd, the PieceMakers gathered together at Diane's condo for their monthly quilting meeting. We started off by discussing the current traffic situation in Milton, the new high-rises being built, and the existence of Air BnB's in Milton (who knew). Carol Ann spoke about her recent visit to the Triangle Sewing Centre in Guelph where she had her machine serviced. They offer various sewing and quilting classes and the possibility of a retreat.

Carol Ann started our Show and Tell with a Trick or Treat pillowcase. She told us that she hung up the bicycle quilt and it looks good. She is currently working on a pieced backing for the star quilt she finished during the June retreat. Louise had been contemplating giving up on quilting but the lovely African fabric she saw at the quilt show changed her mind. She plans a visit to the shop in Elora. Judi J. was doing some fall cleaning and laughingly showed us a bag of presser feet she found – including a walking foot and a darning foot. Good thing she found them before she went out and bought some.

She asked for suggestions on quilting the table runner she started at the June retreat and colour of thread to use. SID and purple thread was the consensus. Diane A. moved in the summer and has been working on clearing a room dedicated to sewing. She hopes to start a project soon. Diane C. made a scissor case based on an online quilting summit. But mostly she has spent her time finishing a diamond painting project she started at the Craftaholics club.



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



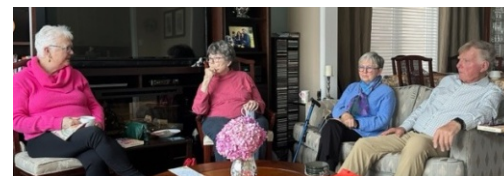
Sequel Book Club

Bath Haus by P.J. Vernon

by Robyn Balfour - correspondent

"Bath Haus" is a psychological thriller by author P.J. Vernon. The story revolves around a gay man who visits a secretive bathhouse and finds himself in a dangerous situation. The book explores themes of secrets, danger, and deception. There is a huge power imbalance in a couple's relationship, and it's ultimately this dynamic that drives the plot.

It's not uncommon for readers to have differing opinions about books, and it's unfortunate that not one person in our book club enjoyed this story. Therefore no thumbs up.



Clubs: Games & Cards

October Sees Jubilant Jokers

by Jenny O'Brien

There were the usual whoops and cheers around the room, as our cast of Jokers played hard and worked quickly to win their games. This month, only one talented member won all four of their games .. congratulation to Wilma Peer on her good luck and great gamesmanship. At the other end of the Joker Board, we had one player who lost all 4 of their games. They will remain nameless, but let's just say, he wore a blue shirt and has a beard and is often confused for Santa Claus. Can you find him in the pictures? There was also a game where one player was dealt 3 Jokers and picked up a 4th. In this almost unheard of feat of skill .. umm .. I mean luck, Martin Capper went on to win his first game in a record 15 minute timeframe, supported by his always restrained partner, Jenny O'Brien :) We'll be back on the boards on Thursday, November 9th. All are welcome to register in Wild Apricot.



Canasta

by Lorrette Shermet

Nineteen people played Canasta this month. We had four tables of four and one of three.

Corrine, Jenny and Lorrette brave the table of three. You do NOT play with partners, which makes it a little more difficult. The only advantage is that you start of with 13 cards and pick up two each time.

Before you know it, you have a handful of cards. Jenny was leading with a fairly large score of 3010 and Lorrette a low score of 2370.

To Jenny's surprise Lorrette was able to complete a canasta and go out leaving her and Corrine with a mitt full of cards. Jenny went down to 2490 and Lorrette to 2960.

Needless to say after several hands Lorrette kept the lead and finished with a whopping score of 5495.

Most players were able to complete a game of 5,000 but only play to 3,000 for the second game.



BeeGees

Wizard instead of Sequences

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On October 11, five BeeGee members joined together at Grace Church Hall to play Sequences. However, since Sequences is a game for 2, 3, 4, or 6 players, Diane brought Wizard instead. This was a new game for a couple of players, but they caught on. In the first game, Stephen took the honours with 350 points while Danielle had her troubles and finished with the low score. In the second game, Danielle got her revenge, finishing with a high score of 190 while Lorraine finished last.

Our game on November 8th will be Cover Your Assets suggested by Jenny. This is a new game for the BeeGees club. In Cover Your Assets, players compete to become the first millionaire by building towers of matching sets made from 10 different types of asset cards (things like jewels, piggy banks, classic autos, and more). Each new set that is created is stacked crosswise on top of the previous set, covering, and protecting, all the sets beneath it.



Anyone interested in playing games, let me know and I will add you to the group.

Euchre

Falling for Euchre!

By Jenny O'Brien

It was a full house at this month's Euchre Club, with 24 avid players competing for top score and lone hands. After 6 enthusiastic rounds, Stephen Comstock ended up with 49 points, just inching out Jenny O'Brien with 47 points. But Jenny took home top spot for most lone hands, with an impressive 4 on the day! There were 4 players who gave it a good run, scoring in the 40's .. congrats to Lorraine, Reg, Ev and Carol. We had 13 players happy to land in the middle of the pack with scores in the 30's. And then there were 5 players who wrestled to take back their dollar, by landing low score of the day. While Ginny, Karen and Jim C. gave it their best shot, the proud low scorers, Pam and Michelle, each took home a loonie and a smile. We're delighted to have so many folks showing up for Euchre each month. It's always lots of fun and a little healthy competition. Feel free to join us on the third Monday of the month, by registering in Wild Apricot.



Bid Euchre

The Moon Came Out!

Correspondent - Diane Comstock

On October 19th, 17 Phobians gathered to play Bid Euchre. Each played four games, switching tables, partners, and competitors. We had a new member - Joanne Parker - learning the game. Half of the players had very strong hands resulting in 1 Moon (Sharon White), 14 Call 2s, and 2 Call 1s. Sharon with her Moon, 3 call 2s and 1 Call 1, also had the high score of 153. The next high score was Ev Zanatta with 123. Diane was sure she was getting her \$1 back because of her failed Call 2 and Call 1 bids, but Joe Oatman had worse luck and earned his loonie back.

If you like bidding card games, let Lorrette know and she will add you to the group.



Clubs: Classical Music

“Musical Contrasts”

Michael Hooker – Convenor



October brought us one very light and one very serious musical treat. Asoka Yapa treated us to music by many of the well-known Folk Music groups (mainly American) that flourished in the period from around 1950 into the 1970s, like The Weavers, Peter Paul and Mary, The Kingston Trio, The Seekers, The New Christy Minstrels, The Brothers Four. Reading all these names will certainly bring back memories from when we were in our teens or 20's, and sang / danced to these songs. One of the groups, “The Tarriers”, was co-founded by the well-known American actor Alan Arkin (he was also their lead singer), who died recently. You may remember him as Lt. Rozanov in the movie “The Russians are Coming; The Russians are Coming!!”

For your listening pleasure, here's YouTube links for two of the pieces we enjoyed:

“Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” – Kingston Trio. 3 minutes. Written by the legendary folk musician, Pete Seeger. [Click here for video.](#)

“Guantanamera” (The Woman from Guantanamo), by The Sandpipers. 3 minutes. It's a Cuban patriotic song, which uses a poem by the Cuban poet José Martí for the lyrics. [Click here for video.](#)

For our second October musical adventure, I Zoomed two masterpieces by Beethoven, his Third Symphony, known as “Eroica” (Heroic), and his 32nd (and final) piano sonata. The “Eroica” symphony is one of the most important pieces in classical music; the first major work to move away from the (then current) idea of music as mainly “pleasant hummable melodies”, to strive to express the full range of human emotions (as well as being about twice as long as symphonies by his predecessors – Haydn and Mozart). Initial reaction was very divided; many listeners felt it a “cacophony of sound, much too long”; others appreciated its significance.

Beethoven originally called it the Bonaparte Symphony. But when a few months later, Napoleon had himself named Emperor of France, Beethoven greeted that news with fury: his hero had become a tyrant, and in disgust, he tore the title page from the symphony, and renamed it “Eroica”. But a further inscription added the thought “Composed to celebrate the memory of a great man”.

Clubs: Sports

Pin Seekers

First Annual Pin Seekers Fall Scramble

by Roy Mackay

On September 27th, eighteen Pin Seekers gathered at Oakville Executive Golf Club to participate in a 9-hole Scramble format followed by Lunch on the Club House Patio. Good cooperation for the day was received from the weatherman. Teams were set up based on level of play to make for a competitive event.



At the end of the day the team of Jacqui Gerrard , Kevin Weatherell and Harold O' Brien emerged as the winning team with a score of 4 under par. The lucky draw team was made up of Ann and Roy MacKay and Cindy Penfold. Ellen Crawford won the prize for closest to the pin with her superior tee shot on Hole Number Five. The shot heard around the World (or at least at Oakville Executive) was the 140 yard shot by Cindy which landed 5 feet from the pin on Hole Number Four.

The New Season of Pin Seekers will start next Spring and I would like to thank everyone for their participation this Season.

TRAVEL

Portuguese Transatlantic Voyage

by Joanne Millichamp, Convenor

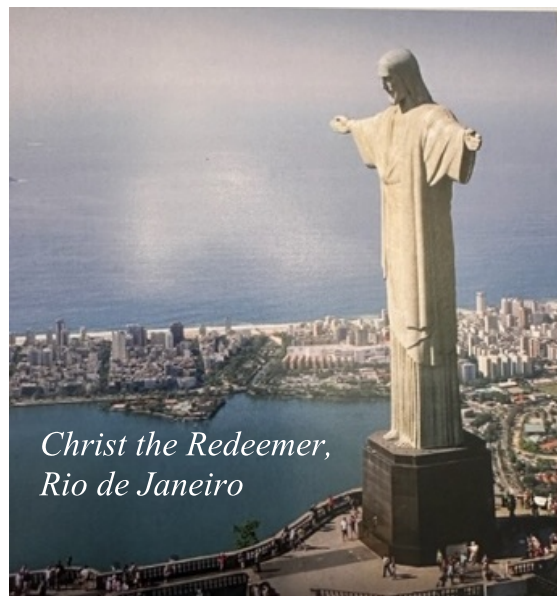
As our PROBUS Club is celebrating our 10th anniversary this October, I decided to offer two trips for next year. For the first time, we are offering an ocean cruise aboard the Norwegian Star, which was completely renovated in 2021. The cruise is called Portuguese Transatlantic Voyage and the dates are 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 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 \$1,590 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 more information, please contact Joanne Millichamp - 289-878-2969 or email jmillichamp@hotmail.com.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Website / Member App Training

Choice of Wed. Nov 1 or Thurs. Nov. 2 at 10 or 11am at Grace Church Hall

Join Diane Comstock for a 1 hour in-person training session. She will go over how to find information on members, events, and meetings using the website and the member apps. As well as how to register yourself and another member for an event using the website. She will also try to answer your specific questions and help with any issues.

(Call Diane at (905) 876-4909 if you are unsure how to register for this activity)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

by Bonnie Walsh, Membership Chair

Thanks to all members who made my first month as Membership Chair so much easier by paying their yearly dues on time!

We've had a few more members resign their membership, but the openings were quickly filled from our waiting list. Please be sure and give a big Escarpment Probus welcome to Cavan Hexamer, Aileen Morris, Lesley Jones, Margaret Hanna Dick, Eilish Anderson, Agatha Wierenga and Joan Davie Woodall. Be on the lookout for the red dots on their name badges and introduce yourselves!

Our Wait List is now down to 15.

Just a reminder - if you need to wear a name badge with pin backing rather than magnetic for medical reasons (pacemaker for example), please let me know and I'll make the switch.

And don't forget our New Member Orientation Meeting on November 22nd at 10:00 am, Grace Anglican Church, Upper Hall. New members will hear about all the activities and social clubs we have to offer. Existing members are also welcome! Be sure to register so I know how many cookies to bake!!!



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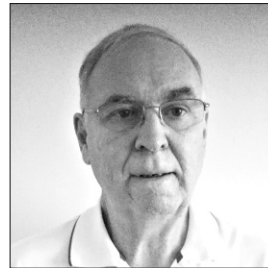
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