

# FORUM



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## President's Message:



As we embrace the beautiful month of May, filled with blossoming flowers and renewed energy let's look forward to a wonderful Spring and Summer ahead.

I know the golfers in our club are excited to see the greens coming alive and are ready to hit the links! Have a great season! Thanks to Roy MacKay for convening.

There are lots of great activities coming up in May, such as the Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge. The butterflies are stunning and magnificent to watch. They fly freely around and when one lands on you, it is considered to be good luck. There is Kahoot Trivia, always a great time and The Amazing Race which will certainly prove to be a fun adventure.

Fun times await, come out and join in the activities! We would love to see you!

Many thanks to all our **Convenors** who work tirelessly to provide fun times for all of us. Your hard work and dedication is always very much appreciated.

Our next **General meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.** at the Connect Centre.

### Please Note:

**There will not be a General meeting in July 2024 due to the unavailability of the Connect Centre.**

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# ACTIVITIES

## Sign Up!

by *Ellen and Paul Crawford*

We are pleased that so many of the activities are filling up to the maximum since it means that our members are interested in the choices that are being offered.

Keep in mind to help you plan you have the ability to look ahead to see what activities are available and when they open for registration. You can do this in two ways. One is to go to our Escarpment Probus webpage and look under Activities to see what events are forthcoming and when they will be released for registration. You can also go to the Wild Apricot app and do the same under Events.

As the weather improves we will be shifting to more outdoor activities and ones that involve some driving to farther destinations.

Looking forward to seeing many of you out there !!

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

## MAY ACTIVITIES:

### Butterfly Conservatory

Tuesday, May 7: Meet at The Butterfly Conservatory at 10:30 am

Location: 2500 Kossuth Rd. Cambridge

Cost: \$18

Convenors: Ellen and Paul

The Butterfly Conservatory is situated on a 107 acre site which includes the environmentally sensitive Kossuth Bog. The 25,000 square foot facility includes a 10,800 square foot indoor tropical garden featuring thousands of free-flying butterflies. The conservatory also hosts a variety of tropical plants, birds, and animals, along with several water features. Witness butterflies emerge from their chrysalis and take their first flight. You are free to wander in and out of the Conservatory as often as you wish. Lunch is available in the Chrysalis cafe at your own expense. Please register and pay on Wild Apricot.



### Kahoot Trivia

5 pm May 23 at Ned Devine's

\$3 payable at the door

Convenors: Kelly Ground and Ruth Gagnon

Whether you are a "regular" or wanting to try something new or you just want to get out for an evening, join us for a great social time! We will have some "twists" (and "turns") to Trivia that will tempt your tenacity, tickle your fancy, test your brain power and challenge your wits!

Register and pre-select your meal using Wild Apricot. Drinks and dinner at your own expense.



Amazing Race - 2pm Thursday May 30th

Victoria Park, Milton

\$10 per person

Convenors: Ruth Gagnon and Kelly Ground

Join us for Season 1 of The Amazing Race in “Probus Style”. Coming to you for the first time, this adventure is reality competition in which teams of four people will race around Milton in competition with other teams. The race will start at Victoria Park in Milton. Will you have a “detour”? Will you take a “penalty”? The first team to arrive at the end of the final leg wins the grand prize. Sign up your team of four and let’s find out how competitive you really are. Space is limited to 40 members so there will be **no refund for this event**.



Dinner to follow at Ned Devine’s. Please use Wild Apricot to pre-select your meal. Dinner and drinks at your own expense.

Note: This is an “amazing race” and there will be a lot of walking and tasks to be completed.

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## JUNE ACTIVITIES:

Kahoot Trivia

5 pm Wednesday June 19 at Ned Devine's, \$3 payable at the door

Convenors: Kelly Ground and Ruth Gagnon

Whether you are a “regular” or wanting to try something new or you just want to get out for an evening, join us for a great social time! We will have some "twists" (and "turns") to Trivia that will tempt your tickle your fancy and test your brain power!



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Grapenuts Meet Skip the Dishes

Location: The Grand Chalet, 324 Steeles Ave.E. Milton

Date: Thursday June 20, 2024

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$70 per person including taxes and gratuities

Convenors: Martin Capper and Ron Millichamp, Lorrette Shermet

Join us for a four course meal. All Probus Members welcome! Specially selected wines will be paired with each of the first three courses (2 with the entree). Grand Chalet's wine expert will give us a description of each wine, what we can expect from its bouquet, from its taste and the reasons for the choice as well as answering your questions.

Menu

Course 1: Garden salad

Course 2: Prosciutto, melon, Bocconcini, Giardiniera & Olives

Course 3: Choice of:

- a) Roast of Baby Beef expertly seasoned and slow oven roasted au jus with oven roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetable medley
- b) Chicken Parmigiana with oven roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetable medley
- c) Grilled Salmon with oven roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetable medley

Course 4: Crepe a la Mode with Coulis Sauce

Please register and select your entree choices on Wild Apricot.



## Mini Golf! Major Fun!

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Please join us for fun and camaraderie as you putt for glory.

See Escarpment web page for more details: [click here](#)

Please Register and Pay using Wild Apricot



## Summer Fun Theatre Series

Date: Thursday June 27

Lunch: 11:45 am Jack's Family Restaurant 20 Benjamin Rd.E. Waterloo

Showtime: 2 pm St. Jacobs Country Playhouse 40 Benjamin Rd.E. Waterloo

Cost: \$54

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien



Join us for a summer of fun theater excursions, at the first of three offerings, Doris & Ivy in the Home. For this first outing we'll be headed to St. Jacobs Country Playhouse where the theme of the play may hit close to home, but in a funny way.

Life – or at least a second chance at it – begins at age 70+, as Norm Foster tackles with his typical wit and wisdom in this comedy about love and friendship among those in their twilight years. Retired prison guard Doris Mooney has just moved into Paradise Village, a retirement home in Canmore, Alberta. She quickly befriends Ivy Hoffbauer, a former champion skier who's taken aback by Doris' cheerful brashness. Rounding out the trio is dapper Arthur Beech, who has designs on Ivy. What follows is a riotous tale that will shatter your preconceived notions of what "senior living" ought to be. A mirthful and thoughtful companion piece to the widely acclaimed Jonas and Barry in the Home, this refreshing comedy is a testament to living each day to the fullest – regardless of your age or stage in life.

We'll first meet for lunch and then saunter to the theatre to enjoy an afternoon of hilarity and fun. Make sure to indicate your interest in lunch so we can book accordingly. Tickets are in demand so sign up quickly!

# NOTICES / REQUESTS

## Milton's Got Talent!

Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair

You might be surprised at how early the planning starts for the many and varied events hosted by your Escarpment Probud Club. In particular, we're looking for help in identifying a great talent to perform and / or speak at this year's Christmas Luncheon on December 11th. If you know of such a talent, I'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to [escarpmentprobudsocial@gmail.com](mailto:escarpmentprobudsocial@gmail.com) (also known as Jenny O'Brien), with your ideas and suggestions.



## May Membership Report

Bonnie Walsh, Membership Chair

It's been a while since I've checked in, so thought I'd update members who weren't able to attend the April meeting. Our membership still stands strongly at 250! The only real news is that since I assumed the Membership Chair position in October the waiting list has mushroomed to 32! If you have friends or relatives who are interested in joining, please advise them that at this point they could be waiting up to 3 years to make it to the top of the list. It's unfortunate for them, but it does speak to the popularity of our club! Hope you're all enjoying what so many others would like to be part of.

# MAY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
<b>Activities</b>					
Butterfly Conservatory	May	7	10:30 AM	Cambridge	Ellen & Paul Crawford
Executive Meeting	May	8	7:00 PM	Zoom	Maggie Boothe
<b>Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting</b>	May	<b>15</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Connect Centre</b>	<b>Maggie Boothe</b>
<b>The Lunch Bunch</b>	May	<b>15</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lone Star</b>	<b>Joy Castello</b>
Kahoot Trivia	May	23	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Ruth Gagnon, Kelly Ground
Amazing Race	May	30	2:00 PM	Victoria Park, Milton	Ruth Gagnon, Kelly Ground
<b>Clubs</b>					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	May	1	7:00 PM	TBD	Chris Strachan
Cards - Bridge	May	2	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Chris Lloyd
Music - Music Lovers	May	2	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	May	4	6:00 PM	Symposium	Ruth Gagnon
Mexican Train	May	6	1:30 PM	Grace Church Bsmt*	Jenny O'Brien
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	May	7	1:00 PM	Windsor Home	Diane Comstock
Games - Bee-Gees	May	8	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Diane Comstock
Books – Sequel	May	8	1:15 PM	Millichamp Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Jokers	May	9	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	May	10	5:30 PM	Tschirhart Home	Michael Boothe
Books – Trilogy	May	13	10:00 AM	TBD	Dawn Ross
Books – First Edition	May	13	1:00 PM	Read Home	Diane A/Penny M
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	May	14	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Malcolm Rea
Movies - Oscar Nights	May	14	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex*	Petra Halk
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	May	14	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper
Cards - Bid Euchre	May	16	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Music Lovers	May	16	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	May	16	6:00 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - Euchre	May	20	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	May	21	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper
Friendship Club	May	22	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement*	Judy Krauss
Games - Jokers	May	22	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday
Line Dancing with Tammy	May	24	12:30 PM	Grace Church Bsmt*	Ruth Gagnon
Nosh @ Nite	May	24	5:30 PM	TBD	Barb Finnie
Dining - Appy Hour	May	25	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins
Cards -Canasta	May	27	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	May	28	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper

# MEETING: MAY

Our next **General Meeting** will be held at **9:30 am on May 15** at the Connect Centre. Our speaker this month will be Roman Talkowski. Roman is a retired businessman who now devotes his time to educating people about Climate Change, it's causes and solutions. After retiring in 2017, he trained with the Climate Reality Organization run by Al Gore and began giving Climate Change presentations to schools and community groups. He is also one of the co-founders of HACEN (Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now) that lobbies all three levels of government to take concrete and meaningful action on Climate Change.

## RECENT EVENTS

### April General Meeting

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday April 17 at the Connect Centre with a great crowd. Carmela and Diego Carrillo were the friendly greeters and Lois Osborne won the 50/50 draw.



### Lunch Bunch Banter

Joy Castello - Convenor

After our meeting in April, 25 Probus members went to Shoeless Joe's for lunch. The waitress was friendly and accommodating. The kitchen crew did their best to prepare our meals in a timely manner.



On May 15th, the Lunch Bunch will be going to Lone Star Texas Grill, located at Milton Crossroads. The address is 1100 Steeles Avenue East. Lone Star is near Michael's and Sport Chek. To check out the menu go to [lonestartexasgrill.com](http://lonestartexasgrill.com). check out the menu: [click here](#)



# Longo's Cooking Class

Submitted by Roy MacKay

On a cold and blustery April evening 17 members and guests gathered at The Loft at Longo's Burloak, for an evening of cooking an Italian meal.

Led by Chef John Bella we had the opportunity to cook from scratch, two varieties of pizza and two kinds of pasta. All the basic ingredients were prepped by Chef John and then it was up to us to put together a delicious meal.

We started by preparing No-Knead Food Processor Thin-Crust Pizza Dough which led to putting together pepperoni pizzas and pizzas made with cheese, mushroom and truffle infusion oil.

We then went on to prepare Homemade Fresh Pasta Dough which led to preparation of Spinach -Ricotta Cannelloni and Fettucine with Tastiest Tomato Sauce.

Chef John was very entertaining with his stories and most helpful especially to some of the more inexperienced chefs amongst us (like me).

It was a very enjoyable evening with good food, good wine, lots of laughter and more knowledge on the joys of cooking Italian food.



# Jersey Boys

by Kelly Ground

*Oh, what a day*

*Late in April back in twenty-four*

*What a very special day for us*

*As Probus enjoyed, Jersey Boys*

It was a gorgeous, sunny day filled with great music, smiles and tapping toes! I am sure we are all still singing in our heads the iconic music of Frankie Valli and the Four seasons.

The Drayton production was a young and spirited cast of professionals who put on a biographical story. All in attendance were in agreement it was another exceptional way to spend an afternoon with fellow probians.



# Escape Adventure!

Submitted by Pam Grundie

On April 11 a group of 20 Probus Tomb Raiders, Superheroes and Wizards took to their Escape rooms at Champs here in Milton. It was comforting to be told that the rooms were never locked and one could leave at any time if they felt uncomfortable. Each team had one hour (and more) to complete their mission. The teams worked together searching, thinking and solving puzzles in hope of being the first group to escape and claim “bragging” rights. Each room was very impressive and cleverly put together. It certainly was challenging but a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the Tomb Raider team of Linda Green, Pam Grundie, Evelyn Lim, Patricia Langero, Joanne Parker and Karen Latremouille who finished first in 1 hour and 3 minutes. Eternal life was gained! Heroes finished in 2nd place and the Wizards in third. A lively lunch followed in the Champs restaurant.



# Kahoot Trivia

submitted by Ruth Gagnon

We promised you a twist and a turn and it was enthusiastically received on our Trivia night! Nothing like coming back to our Probusians with a bang! Our winners of the twist were Martin & Norma Capper, Barb Finnie & Fred Ground. The winners of the turn were Dave & Brenda MacIntosh, Bill & Karen King and Vern & Mavis O'Neill.

We started our first game of Trivia with:

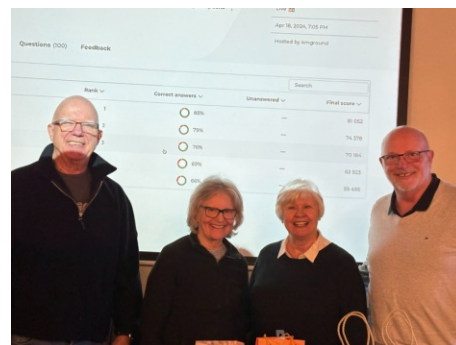
Which of the following was a password used by American forward troops during the 1944 D-Day invasion?

- a) Overlord
- b) Lombardy
- c) Omaha
- d) Mickey Mouse

Of course we have to give our shout out to our Kahoot Trivia winners CLAP (Cliff & Liz Read and Paul & Ellen Crawford). They were each given a bottle of Kelly's favourite – Fantini – to enjoy!

Questions answered correctly – out of 200 - by the top three teams were: CLAP – 169; Frayed Couples – 157; Celtic Warriors – 151.

Come on out and join us for our next Kahoot Trivia on Thursday, May 23rd. It's always a fun and social evening! Find out what our next twist and turn will be!!







# 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. - 1:30 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Thu. - 1:30 pm	Chris Lloyd	416-402-7464	Cldmi95@gmail.com
Cards - Canasta	4th Mon. - 1:30 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	1st Tues after 2nd Mon. - 1:30 pm	Malcolm Rea	905-699-8213	
Cards - Euchre	3rd Mon. - 1:30 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Club Français	2nd Wed. - 10 am	On Hold	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	On Hold	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	mejensccc@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	Michael Boothe	905-636-1564	124mcb@gmail.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	mejensccc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	4th Tues - 1 pm	On Hold	905-876-4909	mejensccc@sympatico.ca
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
Music - Music Lovers	1st & 3rd Thu. 2:00pm. ZOOM	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	Shut Down	Looking for new convenor		
Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers	TBA	Roy MacKay	416-953-0633	roy@roymackay.ca
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	4th Thurs. - 7 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Tastings - Whisky - D'Stillers	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	3rd Tues. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	4th Tues. - 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 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.

# D'Stillers

submitted by Pete Shermet



On Wednesday April 3rd the Whiskey Tasting Crew and DD's arrived for our monthly tasting. Due to rescheduling issues the host provided an orphan and a fresh bottle for the tasting. Chris, Martin and Russ provided orphan's even though Chris's motto is no orphans left behind! We had a selection of usual cheeses: Danish blue , brie, several cheddars and a German Gouda which was creamier than the typical gouda, and traditional ham kielbasa and Montreal smoked meat with pickles.

Our first whiskey was Dunville's 1808 , at 40% abv, with aromas of sweet vanilla, leading to apple and pear fruits and lemon peel in this dram. It's soft and creamy with dry smoke and lingering spice flavours. It is a 700ml bottle so we are seeing shrinkflation right before our eyes at a cost of \$53.20. It scored 74.1.

Our second whiskey was Proper Twelve at 40% abv, aged in ex-bourbon barrels, giving it smooth notes of vanilla, honey and toasted oak. This bargain came with a price of \$38.50 for a 750 ml bottle. This whiskey scored 67.2.

Our third whiskey was a Glenlivet Master Distillers Reserve Solera vatted at 40%abv and matured in three different types of wood which gives this expression its unique flavour. The malt is then married in a solera vat to add further complexity to the whisky..This 1L bottle was likely purchased at a duty free as LCBO does not have it listed. Price ranges from \$103.00 - \$140.00. It came in with a score of 71.8

The fourth whiskey was a unique offering called Pokeno, originating in New Zealand, at 43% abv. It is a rich and complex whisky, with beautiful notes of dark chocolate, black forest gâteau, ripe cherries, and sweet citrus giving way to a rich, smooth, and incredibly long finish. Again it is not available in the LCBO but the price was \$112.00. The score was 74.8

The fifth and final whiskey of the evening was Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Year old, 43% abv, shimmering amber colour and offering intense aromas of burnt sugar, oatmeal, brown butter, apricot and citrus. The palate is rich and creamy with flavours of tropical fruit, cinnamon, dried fruit and citrus followed by an enduring fruity finish..The price is \$199.95. This whiskey was the winner, scoring 77.6 for the evening.

The evening was rounded off with freshly baked warm apple pie, assorted baklava, tea and coffee when the DD's joined us.



# Grapenuts

## Wine Tasting with Theresa and Dawn

by Dawn Ross

Tonight, we travelled back to a Sesame Street favourite song:

“One of these Wines is not like the others, one of these Wines doesn’t belong.”

We had 3 white wines and 3 red wines. In each of these groups, 2 wines were from France, and one was from somewhere else. We had lots of conversations, fun, laughter and a lot of noise.

Our winning white was from France. Thierry Delaunay Touraine, a Sauvignon Blanc, with an average score of 15.2. Our winning red was from France, Gaia Puybarbe Bordeaux, with an average score of 15.6.



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## Wine Tasting at the Cappers

by Martin Capper

Want to have a fun Birthday Party? Host a Wine tasting on your birthday and you will find your guests fun and generous! That's what the Cappers did on the 16th April. I was a little worried that with so many of the regulars on the high seas there might not be enough of us to fill the two tastings for April. I need not have worried - Grapenuts members rock!



With a theme of Wines that Martin has in his wine rack each guest was given a list of wines in my wine rack with notes on price, ABV %age and sugar content. The only other clue was that all 6 wines cost just over \$100. That appealed to the mathematician in Paul who immediately started eliminating the bottles of Amarone and Barolo while others salivated at the thought of perhaps tasting one of them!

Being the mischievous person that I am I included a wine that had been tasted in very recent months and I am happy to say that our tasters almost to a person got that one right! No names of the person who didn't even get that one! Paul

found that particular wine fitted both his price calculation and his memory but sadly it was his only success. Kudos and bragging rights go to Ron who on the advice of his doctor was temporarily avoiding alcohol! Acting like a professional taster and equipped with a spittoon he got the most correct! His response to my suggestion that he should continue in that manner for future tastings is unprintable!

The evening finished with a Black Forest cake, a single candle and a chorus of Happy Birthday! With so much fun I may act like Royalty and have two Birthdays a year! Thanks to all my guests for making it a great evening.



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## Nosh at Nite

### *Noshing with Josie & Peter*

Submitted by Peter Lasota

This was a smaller get-together than usual as several members were travelling. We have a parking problem in our townhouse complex as they are repaving the driveways, so we asked everyone to carpool as much as possible. Martin Capper won the prize for cramming the most people into his vehicle! Luckily everyone managed to find parking in the complex.

It was great to see everyone and to catch-up again now that all the snowbirds are back. As usual, the conversation was interesting and we enjoyed a nice variety of food.



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## Saturday Night LiveS

by Ruth Gagnon, Convenor

A few members played musical chairs and musical tables at Kelseys, but eventually 22 Probians settled in for an evening of food, drinks and conversation. While the service was a wee bit slow it was lovely to have time to chat with each other and get caught up on what was happening in people's lives. There was definite excitement over upcoming travel for a few of us and top of the pick was the Probus cruise. Of course we wish all of our travelers a safe journey and wonderful memories!



And of course we ended our evening recognizing Anna Strachan's birthday on April 5th. We all enjoyed cupcakes a la Norma! Our rendition of Happy Birthday was amazing!!

Next month we will be dining at Symposium at 6 pm. Your host will be Norma Capper. Hope to see you there!



## Clubs: Books and Crafts

### PieceMakers

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Tuesday, April 2, a small group of PieceMakers gathered together at Rosalind's home for their monthly quilting meeting. Carol Ann told us that she had bought fabric from the Hobby Horse from Gail's birthday sale to complete the back of her shop hop quilt. Rosalind modelled a bag she made from the Missouri star pattern borrowed from Sandi. This was her second bag – she also made one for her sister Megs. She then showed us a quilt she had made for her daughter to take to university over 30 years ago – a testament on how well-preserved a quilt can be. Diane decided to add sashing to her One Block Wonder hexagons (WWIT) – not the easiest task – after several false starts and much use of her seam ripper, she was only able to complete 1/3 of the table runner.



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## PieceMakers (continued)

Quilting Terms of the Month:

- WWIT = What Was I Thinking
- Seam ripper: A sharp, curved-tip tool used to lift and break thread when removing a seam.

Our next meeting will be May 7 at Carole Windsor's home. Looking forward to meeting up with Carole again as she has been wintering down south.

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



## Sequel Book Club

*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Submitter by Carolyn Rumley

'Before We Were Yours' is a historical fiction novel based on the true story of children who ended up in the care of the Tennessee Children's Home Society in the early to mid-1900s. These children were often kidnapped or taken from their parents and then adopted out for an exorbitant fee. Children were frequently separated from their siblings, abused and malnourished.

The book alternates between the past and the present. The story begins with five children living with their parents aboard a Mississippi River shanty boat until one stormy night their father rushes to get their pregnant mother to a hospital. In his absence, strangers arrive and the children are taken from their home to the Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage from whence they are eventually adopted out. The book follows the paths of the children into adulthood.

In the present, a successful female lawyer born into wealth and privilege uncovers information about her family that leads her to investigate her grandmother's past. She is able to uncover disturbing information regarding the Tennessee Children's Home Society and the links to her grandmother and her siblings.

The fact that this institution existed for decades and was heralded as a model for adoption is shocking. There are many articles and several documentaries that have been based on this orphanage and the woman who ran it.

Our group found that the novel is well written and tells a difficult story in a very readable way. Parts of the story were somewhat contrived but overall we would recommend it.



## Trilogy Book Club

*True Biz by Sara Novic*

Submitted by Chris Cormier

On April 8 the Trilogy book club met to discuss the book *True Biz* by Sara Novic who is a Deaf author. It was given a unanimous rating of “8” by our members!



The story takes place at the River Valley school for the Deaf and centres in on the interconnected lives of three main characters. Charlie is a deaf teen with a faulty cochlear implant that has resulted in her language deprivation while growing up. Despite her hearing parents opposition, she is finally introduced to ASL sign language and its community within the school and learns to flourish. Austin is the golden boy who grew up Deaf and was immersed in Deaf culture having Deaf parents and lineage but has to deal with the birth of a sister who is hearing. The headmistress, February, is hearing but grew up with deaf parents so learned to communicate using ASL. She struggles with concern for her students and trying to keep the school afloat facing budget cuts. She also has her own issues trying to keep her marriage intact. As it delves into the lives of these characters we learn about the challenges they face in relationships with each other, their parents and the outside world. It had romance, teen rebellion, drama as well as being sarcastically funny at times

This book is bursting with insights around Deaf culture. Our members learned a lot about ASL, BASL (Black American Sign Language), Deaf history, possibilities and limitations for communication, as well as the inequalities Deaf people often face. It revealed a community we knew very little about and enlightened our group. The title *True Biz* means “real talk” and it lived up to its title. Again, we highly recommend it!

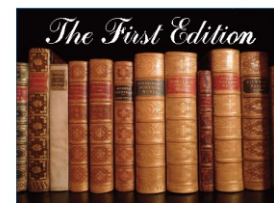
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## First Edition Book Club

*Dreadful Water by Thomas King*

Submitted by Cliff Read

On April 9th, the First Edition Book Club met at the home of Liz and Cliff Read to discuss Thomas King’s *Dreadful Water*. King is a well-known Canadian author having won many awards including the Governor’s General Award for The Back of the Turtle in 2014. Much of King’s writing is focussed on First Nation issues. He addresses some of the concerns and challenges facing First Nation people- particularly raising awareness of what might be taken away from them as they settle development and land deals provided by both Canadian and American governments.



*Dreadful Water* represents King’s foray into the realm of crime fiction. The main character, Thumps *Dreadful Water* is a former homicide cop who has moved from California to Chinook a fictional town set in the northwest and works as a photographer. The readers are only given hints about why he made this move. While he has no real standing with the police he acts as their official photographer and soon finds himself drawn into a murder investigation where the main suspect happens to be the son of his occasional lover.

Throughout the story there are a wide variety of characters and it takes some time to keep them all straight since only a few are fully developed. I particularly enjoyed meeting Freeway, Thumps’ strong-willed cat. King has provided an authentic glimpse of what life might be like on a First Nations reserve. He writes with confidence. The details about the mystery are gradually peeled back often using a wry sense of humour. The story concludes in a logical and satisfactory fashion.

Members of our club enjoyed this book overall giving it a score of 7.5. in fact, we all agreed that we would be willing to continue reading this series of detective stories. King has produced five more novels featuring Thumps *Dreadful Water* and the characters presented in this book. Interestingly, this novel was reviewed by PROBUS’ other two Book Clubs and was given a much lower overall rating. I suggest you try reading it for yourself – let me know what you think.

# Clubs: Games & Cards

## Mexican Train

### *Spring Weather Welcomes the Mexican Train*

by Theresa Spano

32 enthusiastic members arrived to play Mexican Train. I have to be honest - I have not played since the grand opening and am happy to comment on how the game has evolved into a well oiled smooth moving train. The confusion from early days has totally dissipated.

As for my game it was a good reminder to me: "don't count your chickens before they are hatched". The first 3 games I was able to have bragging rights, would you believe 0 total points for all three games. We all know the tide can change or should I say the train could derail quickly. At the end of the next 3 games I had to borrow a calculator to add all those dots. I had to do the walk of shame and move to a different table to continue the journey. As my mother said "winning isn't everything". She was right. It was a fun afternoon spent socializing with a great group of people.

To summarize it isn't a hard game to learn and it is fun. Mark May 6 on your calendar to board the next train.

Mexican Train



## Cribbage

### *Hello seekers of the 29!*

Submitted by Malcolm Rae

On Tuesday April 8 the cribbage club met at Grace Anglican Church hall for the first time. With many of the regular card sharps on the high seas, only 12 members enjoyed their time together with four or five games being played. We were pleased to welcome Bonnie Chapman returning to crib after a ten-year absence. The absence clearly didn't diminish her skills as she won all five games.

The writer had almost an opposite experience to Bonnie scraping a single win out of his last game not to mention an earlier double skunk!

Next meeting is Tuesday May 14 at 1:30pm.





## BeeGees

### *Frustration!*

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

In April, we welcomed Kevin Weatherell as a new member to our board game enthusiasts. Six of us played Frustration, a game originally shown to us by Dana, and



similar to Phase 10. I could not find Dana's rules, so we played based on rules found on the Internet. These were slightly different using Jokers instead of Jacks as wild cards. The game has 11 steps or contracts, and the first to complete all 11 steps wins. Due to time, we had to call the game with Danielle and Dana both completing step 7. Danielle was declared the winner as her total score was less than Dana's.

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



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## Euchre

Submitted by Diane Comstock

Twenty-four members arrived at Grace Church Hall to play Euchre in April. We played 6 games each with the losers moving tables. The day ended with Pam and Steve tying for low score netting them each \$1. Eilish and Harold Grace shared \$12 for scoring 3 lone hands each. Diane took top place (\$10) with a score of 54 thanks to two lone hands in her final game. Of note, Lorraine called No Trump, No Face, No Ace forcing a re-deal.



If you would like to play euchre, let Lorrette know and she will add you to the group.

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## Bid Euchre

Submitted by Diane Comstock

Sixteen members played Bid Euchre in April. Competition was fierce with 3 achieving a score over 100. Taking home the monies was Joanne Parker (\$8), who has only been playing since November, for her score of 120, Bonnie Chapman (\$7) who scored a Moon and a Call 1, and Sharon White (\$1) who blames unlucky cards for her low score. Honorable mention goes out to Dave McIntosh for his Call 1 and Call 2, Corrine Turnbull for her Call 2, and Lois Oatman for her Call 2.



If you like to play bid euchre or would like to learn, let Lorrette know and she will add you to the group.

# Clubs: Sports & Dancing

## Line Dancing

Submitted by Maggie Boothe

Fifteen ladies stepped, slid and turned during our line dancing class. Everyone had so much fun learning new steps and repeating old ones. Lots of great exercise and camaraderie was enjoyed by all.

Our instructor Tammy kept us moving and learning while we laughed and encouraged each other.



Many thanks to Ruth Gagnon for convening this great social club!



LINE DANCING

## Pin Seekers

### First Annual Pin Seekers Fall Scramble

by Roy Mackay

Pin Seekers play on the 9-hole Angel's View Course, part of Oakville Executive Golf Courses, 4414 Fouth Line, Oakville. Play is friendly for the occasional or more experienced golfer.

Events are scheduled for 10 Wednesdays from May to October with the first tee time being 1030am. Dates are May 1, May 22, June 5, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 28, September 11 and October 2.

Green fees are \$42, tax included, and power carts are available for \$13, tax included, per person. Play will be available to the first 16 registrants via Wild Apricot and the deadline to register is noon on the Sunday before the event. Convenor Roy MacKay will send out starting times each Monday to all registrants.

There is a Bistro at the club for those interested in a light meal and drink following their round. See you on the course. Fore.



### Words from Shakespeare, submitted by Fred Ground

1. "Exposure" - From "Hamlet."
2. "Faint-hearted" - Used in "Henry VI, Part 1."
3. "Frugal" - Found in "Henry VIII."
4. "Glow" - Appears in "Henry IV, Part 1."
5. "Jaded" - Mentioned in "Othello."
6. "Laundress" - Used in "King Lear."
7. "Manager" - In "A Midsummer Night's Dream."
8. "Obscene" - Appears in "Love's Labour's Lost."
9. "Obsession" - From "Hamlet."
10. "Premeditated" - In "The Winter's Tale."
11. "Roadway" - Used in "Henry IV, Part 2."
12. "Undervalue" - Found in "Timon of Athens."
13. "Watchdog" - Appears in "The Tempest."
14. "Bedazzled" - In "The Taming of the Shrew."
15. "Shooting star" - Used in "Henry IV, Part 1"
16. "Eyewitness" - Found in "King John."
17. "Elbow" - Appears in "King Lear."
18. "Foolery" - Mentioned in "Twelfth Night."

# Clubs: Music

## Music Lovers

Michael Hooker, Convenor

On a chilly early April afternoon, we warmed our hearts by listening to a program of songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals – Cats, Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Phantom of the Opera, Tell Me on a Sunday, Sunset Boulevard. What fabulous shows he gave us!!!



Andrew Lloyd Webber has composed twenty-one musicals (some have run for more than a decade on Broadway and London), plus lots of other music – including two film scores and a Latin Requiem Mass! He has received both a Knighthood and a Peerage. He has won six “Tony’s”, three “Grammy’s”, one Academy Award, and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Here's a sample from “Sunset Boulevard”, which premiered in 1993, and was based on the 1950 Billy Wilder film starring Gloria Swanson; “With One Look”, sung by Barbra Streisand (4 minutes) [click here](#).

Asoka Yapa, just back from wintering in Sri Lanka, played us a program of music by two composers (previously unknown to him) that he discovered while travelling.

Ernest Schelling (1876 - 1939). “A Victory Ball”. Discovered in a book (published in 1940) at an Australian friend's house. Schelling was an American of Swiss descent, a child prodigy in piano and composition. He entered the Philadelphia Academy of Music at age four! Enlisting in the U.S. Army in the First World War, he survived and emerged as a much-decorated Major. His most popular composition. was A Victory Ball, based on an anti-war poem by the English poet Alfred Noyes. A ball to celebrate the victory is underway, but is interrupted by the war dead, their trumpets, drums, their measured tread – coming to take part in what should be their ball!

Carl Stamitz (1745 – 1801). Asoka discovered Stamitz earlier this month in the entertainment system on an Air Canada flight from Montreal to Toronto! Stamitz was German, from a very musically gifted family. He was a prolific composer, around 250 works in total; symphonies, concertos, etc. During his career he moved around Europe extensively – Germany, France, England, Russia. But he eventually fell out of favour and died, penniless, in obscurity.

Here's a very pleasant and melodic 5-minute excerpt from his Cello Concerto in G Major (Romance): [click here](#).

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### More Words from Shakespeare, submitted by Fred Ground

*"Leapfrog" - Used in "Henry IV, Part 1."*

*"Heartsore" - Used in "King Lear."*

*"Mimic" - Found in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."*

*"Ladybird" - Found in "Love's Labour's Lost."*

*"Quarrelsome" - In "Much Ado About Nothing."*

*"Marketable" - Appears in "The Taming of the Shrew."*

*"Radiant" - From "Love's Labour's Lost."*

*"Overshadow" - Mentioned in "Hamlet."*

*"Unreal" - Used in "Macbeth."*

*"Pander" - Used in "Othello."*

*"Zodiac" - Found in "Love's Labour's Lost."*

*"Undress" - Found in "Troilus and Cressida."*

*"Eyedrops" - In "Love's Labour's Lost."*

*"Foolish" - Appears in "Twelfth Night."*

*"Frolic" - Mentioned in "Hamlet."*

*"Majestic" - From "Henry VI, Part 1."*

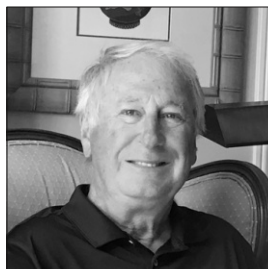
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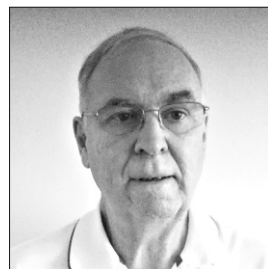
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