



Joanne Millichamp President

How are we doing so far? Please let us know

y the time you read this it will be April and Spring should be just around the corner (we hope). Welcome back to all the snowbirds who were lucky enough to travel to warmer climates this winter.

It's hard to believe, but the Escarpment Probus Club has now been in existence for six months. We would like to get some feedback on how we are doing so far. Please speak to any member of the management team with any suggestions or ideas you may have, after all, this is your club.

Many outings and events have been scheduled for you to take part in. Thirty people attended the recent St. Patrick's Day luncheon and show in Kitchener and Canada Blooms attracted several intrepid gardeners. Quite a few of us enjoyed lunch at Symposium after the March meeting.

We continue to add new activities for you to enjoy; golf will be starting as soon as the weather warms up and the whisky and wine tasting group will soon begin. We have a car rally and mystery tour booked for Friday, June 6th. Be sure to check out the calendar on the Activities page each month.

See you in April.

Probians celebrate The Wearing of the Green

By Rosalind Jordan - New Member Ambassador Top o'the mornin' to ya!

There was an Irish welcome at Bingeman's Conference Centre in Kitchener for 26 Escarpment Probians on St Patrick's Day when we arrived for Lunch and Entertainment.

There were over 300 people there to celebrate the Irish and the wearing of the green.

We enjoyed a time of fellowship until the hot food was served buffet-style.

Following the lunch, there was entertainment of music, song and dance. We were also given some of the truths, legends and myths of

the life of the real St Patrick.

The music included the harp, fiddle, guitar, whistle, piano, uillean pipes, bodhram and accordion by the group known as The Celts. They were such talented musicians.

We were also treated to Celtic dance by Daniel Carr the World Champion Dancer. He was so light on his feet that he seemed to fly right off the stage.

All-in-all it was a great time and I felt that I had been an honourary Irish woman for a very pleasant few hours.

See photographs on Page 7

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Meets every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am at

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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this Newsmagazine with our compliments.



FORUM

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

This PROBUS Club is open to both ladies and gentlemen members

Published monthly and emailed in PDF format to all the members of The Escarpment PROBUS Club - Members without email may pick up their copy at the meeting

Annual Membership is \$45 per person - One time only fee of \$20 for your name badge

Meetings are held on every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am At The Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton, Ontario, L9T 6J5

FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular meeting. Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.

Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit or change any copy or pictures submitted.

Our April Speaker

The Fight for Freedom and Change

By Ms Karen Clegg

aren Clegg was born and raised in Zimbabwe and is now living in the town of Blue Mountains, Thornbury, Ontario.

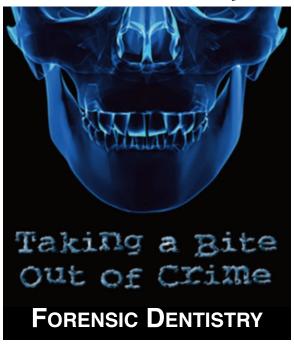
She returned to Zimbabwe 48 hours before the elections scheduled for 29th March 2008. Her intention being to visit with what is left of her family, vote for change and document the truth. Zimbabwe is not just another 'poor Africa story' - it never was.

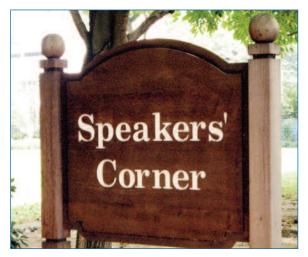
Karen spent 7 years on one of Zimbabwe's largest commercial farms, where over 3,000 people were employed.

In 1996 she published Zimbabwe's first children's magazine called 'Kids Only!' The following year she was privileged to be nominated to stand for the Rothmans Communicator of the Year Award, a national competition. At 26 years

Our May Speaker

Come and sink your teeth into this topic





of age, she was also the youngest nominee in the history of this award.

In Canada for the past 13 years, she has been privileged to make a new life here. Whilst she is spoiled by Canada's freedoms, efficiency and civilized way of life, she has not been able to forget the struggle for freedom her homeland fights for. Whilst she does not stand with them in body, by speaking out here in Canada, she stands for them in spirit.

Her presentation is entitled "The Fight for Freedom and Change". It is a personal perspective and graphic presentation of where Zimbabwe has been and the reason this country has not been restored to its former glory.

Whilst there, she interviewed key members of the opposition party, including Roy Bennett who is an ex-Zimbabwean MP, exiled to South Africa as a result of false treason charges against him by the Zimbabwean government. He is now the Executive Treasurer for the opposition party, MDC (Movement for Democratic Change), and is in the top 3 echelon of the party.

She also met with the MDC Welfare Officer who documents and verifies all the incidents of state sponsored torture and abuse against the Zimbabweans who oppose the Mugabe regime.

The experiences and lives she was entrusted to share whilst in Zimbabwe have much in common with the best of Canadian values.

Geographically, Zimbabweans and Canadians are over 13,679 kilometres apart, but when it comes to what is important to these two nations, their differences are miniscule.

Karen's challenge now is to build up the women of Zimbabwe and other African nations and give them a voice where they now have none.



The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, and the young know everything.



Oscar Wilde

From the Editor's Desk

By Alan Jordan Newsmagazine Editor



Spring has spung, the grass has riz . . .

ccasionally, I will include some news, notes and observations as I assemble the monthly Forum for your information and pleasure.

Many thanks to the members who have approached me personally and commented on the professionalism of our Newsmagazine, it is always pleasant to receive comments both positive and negative as it improves the magazine's quality and relevance.

You may have noticed on the front page masthead and banner at the top of each page, a graphic appropriate to the season. Thank goodness, at last, I can stopusing winter scenes, I think we have all had enough winter to last a lifetime.

We now move onto a happier time, Spring with beautiful Trilliums festooning our woods and byways, and our provincial flower since 1937.

The Trillium's perky white flowers with the trademark petals will soon be with us and, despite what most Ontarians think - it is not always illegal to pluck or otherwise annoy them.

Have you been labouring under the misconception as thousands of Ontarians who have believed since childhood that the trillium was untouchable under the eyes of the law? They are

They are protected only on property owned by conservation authorities and provincial parks and, of course, private property.

But why not just leave them where they are for others to enjoy!

Your submissions on any topic for The Forum are appreciated. Deadlines and where to send them are on the back page of each edition.



Please return...

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Freedom is not

worth having if it

does not include

the freedom to

make mistakes.

Mahatma Gandhi

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Thank you





Fourteen Probians enjoy a delightful Nosh & Natter

By Ellen and Paul Crawford - Convenors

nother delightful Nosh@Night was held on February 28th at the lovely home of Anna and Chris Stachan. Fourteen of the members were able to attend, holidays claimed the rest.

Once again the evening was filled with laughter, new tales of old glory and newly discovered connections. Appetizers were delicious and consumed with mucho gusto!

The next nosh nights for the calendar are:

April 25 Alan and Rosalind May 23 Pete and Lorrette June 27 Bob and Gloria July 25 Martin and Norma Aug. 22 Robyn Sept 26 Marilyn Oct. 24 Jack and Chris



Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.



Albert Schweitzer



By Gloria Pennycook - Convenor

he Garden Club went to Canada Blooms on a cold first day of spring, March 20th. Seven Probus members attended and had an inspiring day and all are now anxious to get into the garden.

Several of us bought mops, but that is another story.

Our next meeting is second Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm. Place TBA.



Our March Speakers Majors Raymond and Joan Piercey (R)

ajor Ray Piercy and his wife Major Joan were our speakers for an enthraling and often poignant story of their exploits on Tuesday 9 September 2001 and for many weeks after. They were stationed at Gander in Newfoundland.

As a result of this they became activately involved with the awesome challenge and responsibility of assisting with the many 'new friends' who landed at the airport on that faithful day.

We like to know who you are!

Please
wear your
Probus Pin
at all external
Probus
events

Greeting Cards

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or moving out of the area and not re-joining our club, please advise Lorrette Shermet at: lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293.

The First Edition

ELIZABETH

A real Canadian story entertains club

By Paul Crawford - Convenor First Edition Book Club

¬he Club met on Monday March 10 at Joy Castello's place for a discussion of the book "Late Night On Air". It is a story about a small radio station in Yellowknife in the 1970's and

the various characters who find their way to it.

Woven through the story are the Berger Commission hearings which looked into the issues surrounding a pipeline through the native lands to carry natural gas and maybe oil from the McKenzie River Delta south to markets in Canada and beyond. This brought lots of discussion as it relates to what is currently happening

with the Northern Gateway proposal

to take oil from the Tar Sands across northern British Columbia and ship it to China from a port on the Pacific Ocean. This project too has to have agreement from the Native bands in order to get access.

There was a lot of discussion on radio as a medium and a few of the group are staunch radio listeners who had strong opinions on what is the "good radio" voice.

POSTMISTRESS

The characters, with the exception of the Native ones, all came to the North to get away from something or to chase a dream. The explorer John Hornby is the fixation of one of the women and we learn a lot about his death and others

from the harsh Arctic environment where the weak and unprepared are given

SARAH BLAK

A canoe trip into the Barren lands is the culmination of the book and we all thought that she handled this part the best.

Joy had found out that the author had taken a similar canoe trip herself, following Hornby's

Our next meeting is April 14 at Patricia Flanagan's where we will discuss "The Postmistress".



The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about.

Oscar Wilde

The Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw

takes place at every meeting.

Be sure to buy your tickets before the end of the break. The draw will be made before the speaker.

The amount won and the name of the winner will be announced at the meeting and in the following month's edition of the Forum.

A Loony gets you ticket **A Tooney** gets you tickets A Fiver gets you tickets



Josie Sandhu was the lucky winner of the March Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

Josie took home \$113 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played.

THESOCIALSCENE

By Jeanne Reid - Social Chair

ll clubs are operating smoothly with several more on the horizon.
Two new clubs have been formed
EUCHRE CLUB EVENING – Convenor Christy
Babcock & GOLF CLUB – Convenor Ron
Millichamp.

We are waiting to find out the interest level for EARLY BIRD TENNIS, SQUASH and SCOTCH and/or WINE CLUBS.

Your participation and interest have been wonderful. However, we are still looking for Convenors for the Matinee Idols and Oscar Nights Movie Clubs. Our outings have been most enjoyable with good support. They cannot continue without a convenor unfortunately. It's

a very easy job just to pick out a movie, location and possibly a get together afterwards.

Movie Club - The Matinee Idols

This club meets the last Thursday of the month. Last month on March 27th, we went to see Philomena at the Winston Churchill theatre, Mississauga and dinner after at Baton Rouge chop house restaurant just across from the theatre.

There is a full review of the movie on Page 12 of this editon of Forum.

Movie Club - Oscar Nights

Our evening group meets the last Monday night of the month, this month March 31st. We are planning to see American Hustle at the Winston Theatre at 7 pm. There is a Three Beers brewery next door to the theatre for those who like draft beer apres show.



Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.



Mark Twain

Pat's day party









Well written but graphic

By Fay MacDonald - Convenor The Sequel Book Club

Te had the pleasure of gathering at Catherine Parr's home to review the book "Cutting For Stone" by Abraham Verghese.

> I believe 10 of us braved the snowstorm to gather, discuss and socialize. I can guarantee we did all 3 and not necessarilv in that order.

I must admit due to circumstances out of my control I didn't finish the book. However, I found I wasn't alone. The consensus was that "Cutting For ABRAHAM VERGHESE Stone" was fast-paced at the beginning, but found

(where most got stuck) I was told it picked up dramatically at the end.

to be rather slow in the middle

The book is about 3 doctors and a nun

working at Missing hospital in Ethiopia in the 50's. The birth of conjoined twins and the doctors who ended up raising them. Their privileged upbring-

ing, their lives, their loves and the mystery of their very being. As the author is a surgeon we found the book very graphic and detailed with the use of

medical terminology. We all felt that some could have been omitted possibly making the book easier to read. However, some loved it and others not so much.

Would we recommend this book? We all agreed it is especially good for a book club, as politics were discussed, women doctors and how they were treated, female servants verses prostitution and how both were perceived.

Medicine in Ethiopia in the 50's verses medicine in the western world and how much has changed. This book covered a lot of topics.

We laughed a lot and learned a lot just ask Chris as he has some very interesting stories to tell about Milton in the 80's.

Our next Meeting is at Joanne Millichamp's home April 9th. The book being reviewed is "419" by Will Ferguson.



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Thank you



By Rosemary Thompson - Convenor

Vicki Lenarduzzi hosted our March bridge. The treats were delicious & the cards challeng-

Our April bridge is being hosted by Elinore Shannon on April 3rd.

Happiness depends upon ourselves.



Aristotle 384 BC - 322 BC



By Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

Daytime Euchre - Tuesday April 22nd 1 p.m. at Elinore Shannon's house.

The first Evening Euchre Group will be commencing on Thursday, April 3rd at Christy & Gary Babcock's home. We currently have 9 people signed up so we have room for more. The Convenor of the Evening Euchre Group is Christy Babcock, 📘



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I did never know so full a voice issue from so empty a heart: but the saying is true 'The empty vessel makes the greatest sound'.



William Shakespeare

Come out and join us!

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

Pollowing our meeting on Wednesday, March 19th, twenty-eight Probians met at Milton's Symposium Café for a superb lunch and animated conversation.

Why don't you join us? All are welcome to come and dine after our April 16th meeting at our next restaurant, Kelsey's, located at 45 Chisholm Drive, in Milton. For more information click here: www.kelsevs.ca

Kelsey's manager is generously providing us all with 10% off our individual bills, alcohol excluded.

Kelsey's lunch menu has an enticing variety of selections including:

The Messy Goat Sandwich – Garlic-grilled Portobello mushrooms, guacamole, spinach, pickled red onions, tomatoes and goat cheese drizzled with balsamic reduction on a toasted garlic bun. Served with crispy fries. \$11.99

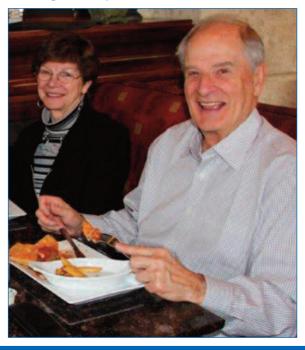
The Messy Brisket Sandwich – Slow smoked brisket smothered in apple butter barbecue sauce, topped with green apple slaw, Cajun onions and jalapeno Monterey jack cheese. Served on a horseradish beer mustard brushed pretzel bun. Served with crispy fries. \$13.99

Kelsey's Lunch Trio – Half of a smoked turkey club sandwich, served with broccoli cheddar soup and your choice of a house salad or Caesar salad. \$10.99



Chicken Pesto Fettuccine – Grilled chicken breast covered in basil pesto, served on fettuccine noodles tossed with a pesto cream sauce. Topped with Parmesan cheese and served with toasted garlic bread. \$11.99

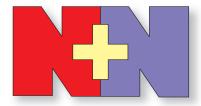
Hope to see you there!



Cheque us out!

Please remember to bring your cheque book to all the Probus meetings if you would like to sign-up for any of the activities.

Thank you.



No eating on the sly here

By Gillian Reynolds -Nosh+Natter Convenor

Twenty-one hungry, thirsty, happy Nosh 'n' Natterers noshed and nattered - and drank, of course - at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp on Friday, March 7th. The choice of appetizers were diverse and delicious and the desserts were to die for.

The word "nosh" is from the Yiddish "nashn" from Middle High German "naschen" which translates to "eat on the sly". There was nothing sly about the eating or drinking that went on that night.

The next Nosh 'n' Natter event will be at the home of Anne-Marie Stockley on Friday, April 4th. 📮









From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.

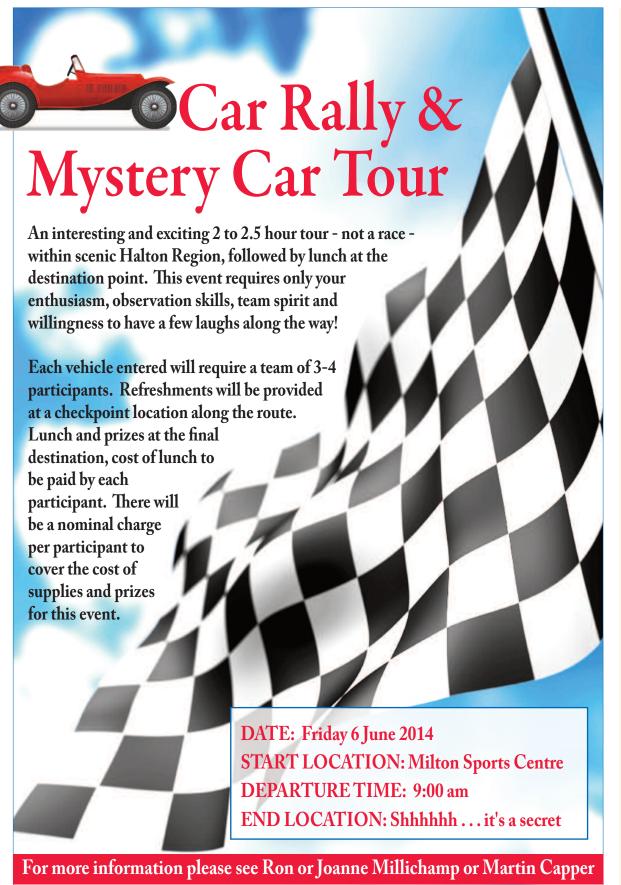


Sir Winston Churchill

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A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.



Sir Winston Churchill

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THIS EVENT

AFTERNOON Matinee Idols EVENING Oscar Nights

By Megs Shellard - $Matinee\ Idols\ Reporter$

hirteen of us attended a showing of "Philomena" and what a moving story it was. It tells the story of a woman, played

by Judy Dench, who is looking for the son she had taken from her while she was at a convent in Ireland.

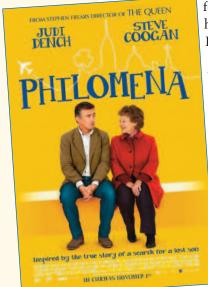
The son, Anthony, had been born out of wedlock, but the mothers were allowed to keep their children until the nuns found adoptive homes for them. The mothers had to work to pay back the cost of the convent keeping them and their children.

Helping her is Martin Sexsmith, played by Steven Coogan, who is a former television journalist who has recently lost his job. The

interaction between the two during the search is excellent. The movie is based on a true story and brings to light some of the practices of the Catholic Church that have also come to light here in Canada.

Philomena eventually finds her son, who had been adopted by an American couple. He had risen in the ranks of the Republican Party and worked for several Presidents. She also discovered that he was gay and had died of AIDS, but his partner had returned his remains to Ireland and he was buried in the grounds of the convent where he was taken from. So the story has gone the full circle.

Following the movie most of the group went to the Baton Rouge Restaurant that is close by. Ribs were the special for the night and quite a few of our group ordered them.





Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination.



Oscar Wilde

Why I like retirement

- Question: How many days in a week? Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday
- Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?
 Answer: Three hours after they fall asleep in the recliner.
- Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one but it takes all day.

• Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

 Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

parents.

- Question: What do retirees call a long lunch? Answer: Normal.
- Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never-ending coffee break.

 Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?
 Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your

"You want me to come upstairs and make love to you? ... It will have to be one or the other."

| ESCARPMENT I | PRCBUS Club - | CALENDAR (| OF EVENTS |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| EVENT | DATE AND TIME | MEET AT | CONVENOR |
| APRIL 2014 | | | |
| Bridge Club | 3 April, Thursday - 1:00pm | Elinore Shannon | Rosemary Thompson |
| Euchre Club - Evening | 3 April, Thursday | Gary & Christy Babcock | Christy Babcock |
| Nosh 'n' Natter | 4 April, Friday - 6:00pm-9:00pm | Anne-Marie Stockley | Gill Reynolds |
| Probus Executive Meeting | 8 April, Tuesday - 7:00pm | Jim & Michelle Tschirhart | |
| Garden Club | 9 April, Wednesday - 1:00pm | TBA | Gloria Pennycook |
| The Sequel Book Club | 9 April, Wednesday - 10:00am | Joanne Millichamp | Fay MacDonald |
| The First Edition Book Club | 14 April, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm | Patricia Flanagan | Paul Crawford |
| ESCARPMENT PROBUS | 16 April, Wednesday - 9:30am | Milton Sports Centre | |
| Lunch Bunch | 16 April, Wednesday - Noon | Kelsey's | Catherine Parr |
| Euchre Club - Afternoon | 22 April, Tuesday - 1:00pm | Elinore Shannon | Lorrette Shermet |
| DEADLINE Articles & Pictures | 23 April, Wednesday | All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com | |
| N.o.t.L. Wine Tour | 23 April, Wednesday | TBD | Liz Read |
| Nosh@Nite | 25 April, Friday - 5:00pm-8:00pm | Alan & Rosalind Jordan | Paul & Ellen Crawford |
| Track Walkers | Monday & Friday - 10:30am | Milton Sports Centre | Liz & Cliff Read |
| Trail Walkers | Tuesday - 1:00pm | Various | Pat & Ron Flannagan |
| MAY 2014 | | | |
| Nosh 'n' Natter | 2 May, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm | Carole & Alan Pond | Gill Reynolds |
| The First Edition Book Club | 12 May, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm | Lorrette Shermet | Paul Crawford |
| Probus Executive Meeting | 14 May, Wednesday - 7:00pm | TBA | |
| ESCARPMENT PROBUS | 21 May, Wednesday - 9:30am | Milton Sports Centre | |
| Lunch Bunch | 21 May, Wednesday - Noon | TBA | Catherine Parr |
| Nosh@Nite | 23 May, Friday - 5:00pm-8:00pm | Pete & Lorrette Shermet | Paul & Ellen Crawford |
| DEADLINE Articles & Pictures | 28 May, Wednesday | All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com | |
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| Trail Walkers | Tuesday - 1:00pm | Various | Pat & Ron Flannagan |

Well, isn't this the truth!

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments at the local Tim's.

"My arms have got so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad, I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time because my hands are so crippled" volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you," said one elderly gent!

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said one,

to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winces an old man as he slowly shook his head. The others nodded in agreement...

"Well, count your blessings," said a Joe cheerfully..."Thank God we can all still drive"."

