



Gloria Pennycook

President

Dazzling Choice of Clubs and Activities

By Gloria Pennycook - President

o Many Exciting Activities in which to Participate! First of all, I would like to thank Martin Capper for pinch hitting for me at the October meeting. We are travelling in China right now! That support is what is so wonderful about being part of this team ... everyone helps each other out.

Once again, I am dazzled by the many choices of activities and clubs in which to participate. I hope that you are signing up. I also hope that you are bringing forward your good ideas to anyone on the Management Team. We do want to hear from you!!

The Christmas lunch has always been wonderful and I am certain that it will be again this year. It is a great time to socialize, listen to some good music and also send your best wishes for the season to your many friends at Probus.

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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 may also pick up their copy at the meeting Our web site is: www.escarpmentprobus.com

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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.

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Our November Speaker

Catherine Barber - Canada's Word Lady

anada's Word Lady, Katherine Barber is an expert on the English language and a frequent guest on radio and television. She was Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Oxford Dictionary. Her witty and informative talks on the stories behind our words are very popular.



Our December Speaker

There will be no December speaker due to our Christmas schedule.

Our January Speaker

Judy Suke - Award-Winning Motivational Humorist, Professor, Coach, Author, Mother, and Business Owner

n this extremely humorous presentation, she shares her ideas for handling the stress of our hectic world. She will share the secrets to create harmony in both your personal and professional life. You will be able to create more joy in every minute of every day. Your laughter during the presentation will immediately heal the body, soothe the soul, lift the spirits and give you energy.



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Ravenous Readers Recycle

by Ellen Crawford - Convenor

B ooks keep coming, however many do not seem of interest as I continue to fill my book bin at the end of the meeting. Newer, best sellers are snapped up quickly. Unfortunately those books often are not returned. Please remember to bring a book, especially best sellers for another member to enjoy.

Malala a Good Read

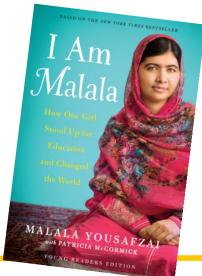
by Judy Nelson - Convenor



We found the book to be a good read and had a very lively discussion. We would recommend the book.

We also got a good start on

planning our selections for the coming year. Our next meeting will be held at Sandy Cannell's home on November 11th. We will be discussing Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda.



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Great literature is simply language charged with meaning to the utmost possible degree.

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Ezra Pound, poet (30 Oct 1885-1972)

Pegged 23 On One Hand

by Martin Capper - Vice President & Paul Crawford - Program Chair

espite family dinners, post Ireland illness and other commitments, 11 members of the Card Sharp cribbage group gathered for a night of cribbage. Big scores were hard to come by, however, Gretchen and Ellen managed to peg 23 on one hand that wiped out a lead that Wayne and Paul had at the time! Not something we've tracked in the past but we believe it to be a new record.



Halloween Themed Dessert

By Paul Crawford - Program Chair

delightful evening was held at Josie and Peter's home in Brampton.

The walls reverberated as 21 Noshers dined on delectable appetizers and delicious Halloween themed desserts.

Next Nosh at Norma and Martin Capper's on November 27.





A Note from China

by Gloria Pennycook - President

i, folks. We wanted to send you a note from our travels in China. We are into our second week right now. It has been wonderful and hectic so far. Starting with the amazing historic sights in Beijing,



The Great Wall ... it's so wonderful to actually walk on this historic wall

like Tienanmen Square, the Summer Palace, Forbidden City

and the Olympic site. It's very busy, lots of people and traffic but incredibly interesting. From there we have travelled to Xi'an where we saw the amazing terracotta warriors, over 2000 years old and only about a third has been excavated. They were created for the emperor for his afterlife to protect him! We also saw the pandas ... OMG, how cute!

We are now on a Yangtze River cruise for 5 days. It's a lot more relaxing than the pace that we have been going so far. We actually love the food, although a good steak might taste nice right now. Also, essentially no wine until we got onto the boat ... withdrawal symptoms! We have met really nice people and will likely connect with some of them when we return home.

We hope that everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing you next month. Cheers Gloria and Bob.

Next Year's Trip: Poland & Prague!

by Joanne Millichamp - Past President

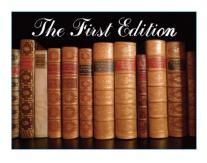
Escarpment Probus Club members have spoken, and the overwhelming choice for next year's trip is the 10 night/12 day visit to Poland in late September of 2016. Places visited include Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Zakopane and ending with 3 nights in Prague. All this for the amazing price of \$2,950.00 with a single supplement of \$580.00. Brochures with detailed descriptions will be available for anyone interested in a few months time.



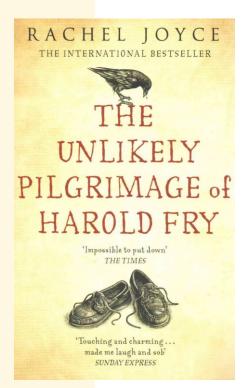
The Unlikely Pilgrimage

by Karolina Pironkova - Correspondent

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry is a novel by Rachel Joyce, published in 2012. The book is the author's first novel, and it was selected (top 12) for the 2012 Man Booker Prize. Joyce won the UK National Book Award for New Writer of the Year for the book. It is also the best-selling hardback book in the UK from a new novelist in 2012.



The novel begins with the arrival of an unexpected letter and an impulsive act. When Harold Fry, a timid man in his later years, discovers that a former friend and colleague is seriously ill, he sets out with the intention of posting her a letter but instead embarks on 600-mile walk from Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed. He believes that in some way his journey will help his friend to live. Without maps or waterproofs and only yachting shoes on his feet, he walks and walks, while his wife Maureen waits at home; at first she is angered by what she perceives as abandonment but eventually his distance allows her emotions to resurface. She remembers her husband as he once was and everything he once meant to her.



Whether he'll succeed in his journey, or not remains an open question — as does the meaning and purpose of his quest

Also it is hard to find convincing answers to — How did his once-happy marriage wither into such aggrieved silence? Why was he such a timid father to the boy he loved? What drives him, after all these years to reach out to Queenie?

By its very nature the book is episodic and a bit slow, kind of plodding along like Harold himself.

Pilgrimages seem to have fallen out of favour in our life.

Nowadays, the term sounds old-fashioned. We're more likely to go on a cruise than a pilgrimage; we travel to relax, not to be transformed. And yet hearing of Harold's long walk — so simple, so impractical, so revolutionary — is a heartening reminder of just what those old pilgrims knew about the power of shaking off everything familiar and striking out for a distant place with a hallowed purpose and hopeful heart.

Not everyone at our book club enjoyed reading this book, but we enjoyed discussing, and critiquing the author, the main character and his wife :) We rated the book 6.

Next book club meeting is at Joy's on November 9.

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

Slurped, Tasted, Swallowed and Argued

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

ctober was a big month for Grapenutters to be travelling (or recovering from the rigours of travelling), so we only had one tasting this month.



The thirsty souls remaining in town gathered at Megs Shellard's on 5th October, to participate in the battle of the wines coming from Canada's southernmost (almost) spot of land - Pelee Island, which is so far south that it's almost American!

We slurped, tasted, swallowed and argued over six of the best that the Island could provide. The evening's best was Pelee Island Gewürztraminer, LCBO 135970, \$11.95. Score: 13.6 (out of 20). Close behind was Pelee Island Eco Red VQA, LCBO 612465, \$11.95. Score: 13.5

Our November tastings are:

Monday 2nd November - Michelle and Jim Tschirhart

Thursday 5th November – Anna and Chris Strachan (already full)

Thursday 5th November – Dianne and Udo Tomson (room available)

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When I get a little money I buy books; and if any is left I buy food and clothes.

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Desiderius
Erasmus,
philosopher,
humanist, and
theologian (28 Oct
1466-1536)

Lunch at the Ivy Arms



Oscar Nights

by Robyn Balfour - Convenor

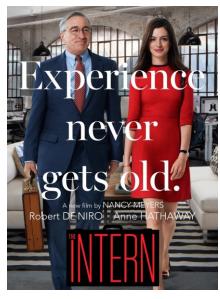
SCAR NIGHT MEMBERS have decided to STEP UP our visits to the movies for the duration of the winter months. We are going to go to two shows a month. The second Tuesday of the month will be the first show and then two weeks after that, on the Tuesday again, will be the second show.

The Live Bait Ale House, across the parking lot from the Cinemas, is our spot for wine, beer and social time after the movies.

For the month of October the shows selected were as follows:

THE INTERN Starring Robert DeNiro and Anne Hathoway

This was a most delightful show which clearly indicates that we retired folks, still have so much to offer.



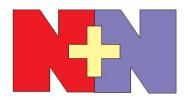


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In *THE INTERN* De Niro stars as Ben Whittaker, a 70-year-old widower, who has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site, founded and run by Jules Ostin (Hathaway).

The second movie of the month was *BRIDGE OF SPIES* Starring Tom Hanks. It had extreme action, a riveting plot and was very well produced. Tom Hanks is such a great actor and it was a pleasure to watch on the big screen.

This is the true story of James Donovan, an attorney who finds himself thrust into the center of the Cold War when the CIA sends him on the near-impossible mission to negotiate the release of a captured American U-2 pilot.



Nosh and Natter

by Julie Flynn - Convenor

Nosh n Natter met October 2 at Doreen and Len Bennink's home in Guelph. Twelve people attended and had a great time.



Our October Greeters...
Richard & Dianne Armand

We Take Pride in Being Very Active

by Anna Strachan - Social Chair

scarpment Probus is a very active group, it seems we just get over one event, the 2nd Anniversary Dinner, when we are planning another.

The Christmas Lunch will soon be upon us. If you are planning on going to the luncheon, I'd like to remind you that the deadline for selecting your meal and paying by Cheque is at our next meeting on November 18th. I need to let Crosswinds know our head count so if you miss the Nov 18th deadline I'm sorry to say you will be out of luck.

The lunch will be held directly after our regular meeting on 16th December. The meeting will start later than usual, the time will be announced at the November meeting.

On another note, a few people have signed up for some of the clubs.

Book Club, Afternoon Euchre, Movie Night, Quilting and Whiskey Tasting have added 1 new member each while the Trail Blazers have added 2 new members. It's nice to see people participating, at least giving the clubs a try to see if they like what we have to offer. Most of the Activities are monthly with the exception of the walking groups that usually meet weekly, or twice a week.

To the new Members, if the above clubs are not to your liking you may be interested in joining a Nosh Night or Wine Tasting group.

Nosh: each participant/couple brings an appetizer enough for 6 people and their drink of choice, wine, beer etc. The host/hostess supplies the desert, coffee and tea. This is a lovely way to meet new people and get to know more about other Probus members.

Wine Tasting: The host purchases 3 red and 3 white wines. The cost is shared between all the participants, no wine over \$20. The Host/Hostess

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supplies nibbles, dessert, tea and coffee.

If you wish to participate in either of these activities Michael Hooker is the convenor for the Wine Tasting and Dianne Thomson is the Nosh convenor, they would be happy to give you more details of how these events are run.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday December 16th, 2015

Crosswinds Golf and Country Club, Guelph Line. South of Derry Rd.

Choice of Salmon, Chicken, NY Striploin or Vegetarian Soup, Desert, Tea and Coffee are included

Open Bar, every man or woman for themselves...

\$37 per person

Entertainment - Oakville Rock n Seniors



Our Coffee Crew...
Lorrette Shermet & Marylin
Armstrong



News from Your Activity Committee

Anne Marie Stockley - Activity Chair

our Activity Committee members have been busy this month. So many opportunities are open to us that we have a difficult time deciding what to do next.

Everyone on the Credit Valley Express train enjoyed beautiful weather, a lovely lunch and unique Ontario scenery. The railhead in Orangeville is an interesting town. A tour of the town showed off the artistry of the over 50 huge tree sculptures that line the main streets. The detail and magnitude alone are well worth a trip back there.

Many members has asked if there is some way we can remind participants of events they have signed up for and later can't recall if they have signed up or paid, etc. Since I showed up at the Credit Valley Express without having registered (and no ticket available to the sold-out event) I know your pain. Fortunately a ticket was found for me. Your Committee will discuss how to help members keep track of the many events. Yes, I was embarrassed!

I'm sorry to tell you that a second Appetizers class at Sobey's is not possible at this time. The November 12th class is full. Participants signed up for that date will be confirmed via email. Chef David at Sobey's will have something for us in February or March. There were many names on the wait list, so keep an eye for further notice.

Two tickets are available for the Saturday,
December 5th Christmas tour of Dundurn Castle.
If you are on the wait list, be sure to pick up your ticket. The cost is \$27 and the wait list names will be on a first-come, first-served basis to ensure all the tickets are sold at our November 18th meeting.
We will be a group of 30. The tour is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at 610 York Blvd., Hamilton. We'll carpool wherever possible.

Tickets for the Celtic Tenors, Thursday, December 17th, at the Rose Theatre in Brampton, will be available for pick up on November 18th.

January events are Walker's Chocolates and Roxul Plant tour, but they are full. February we are looking at Lunch at Allen's at the Milton Arts Centre. Also, our Bowling Tournament will be in late February, date to be announced. Sign-up is available at our next meeting.

See you at our November 18th.





Our 50/50 winner of \$123.75 was Jim Tschirhart

Mystery Solved! Apologies to our October 50/50 winner, Zella Bonin. who wasn't identified in time for publication.

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A nod,
a bow,
and a tip of the lid
to the person
who coulda
and shoulda
and did

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Robert Brault, "A Poem Missing the Word Woulda"

We're now 164 Strong

by Ron Du Pont - Membership Chair

The vast majority of members have renewed with only a few choosing not to. We welcome six new members this month: Ron Armstrong, Gloria Charles, Irene Hiebert, Len Hiebert, Michel Massicotte and Jo-Ann Sanderson.

A few of the guests at the October meeting have decided to join, so we expect even more new members next meeting. Our total membership is now 164. The membership fees brought over \$7000 into our coffers, so as a club, we are doing very well.

Thanks to all of you for your efficiency in carrying out the renewal process. Having cheques instead of cash has been a big help.

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.



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But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,

All losses are restored and sorrows end.

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William Shakespeare

Come Out and Enjoy Lunch With Your New Friends...

by Catherine Parr - Convenor

urtle Jack's Muskoka Grill, 1101 Maple Avenue, will be expecting us for lunch after our November 18th meeting. The restaurant is beside Boston

Pizza; it used to be Casey's. The full menu can be seen online at http://turtlejacks.com/locations/milton/. There is not a separate lunch menu but a "November Specials" menu will be available in addition to the full menu. The manager has offered us 15% off our meals so please remember to check your bills for the discount. Enjoy your lunch!

Lunch Bunch Banter

Escarp	ment PROBUS Club - 0	Calendar of Even	ts
EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
NOVEMBER 2015			
Executive Meeting	11 November at 7:00 pm	Crawford Home	Gloria Pennycook
Sobey's Appetizers	12 November - 11:00 am	1035 Bronte St. S. (at Louis St. Laurent)	Anne Marie Stockley
Escarpment PROBUS	18 November , Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch	18 November , Wednesday - 12:00 pm	Turtle Jack's Muskoka Grill. 1101 Maple Ave.	Catherine Parr
Sleemans	26 November	TBD	Anne Marie Stockley
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	John and Julie Flynn
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thursday - 7:00pm	Nov 2- Tschirhart home, Nov 5 - Strachan & Tomson homes	Michael Hooker
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Willcocks Home	Chris Strachan
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st & 3rd Monday	Comstock Home *	Diane Comstock
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1:00pm	Castello Home	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
PROBUS Executive Meeting	2nd Wednesday - 7:00pm	TBD	Cliff Read
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	Cannell Home	Judy Nelson
Golf Club-Probus Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday	Burlington Springs GC	Ron Millichamp
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Galaxy Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
Euchre	3rd Tuesday	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Bid Euchre	2nd Thursday	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ellen Crawford
Nosh Neighbours	3rd Friday	TBD	Dianne Tomson
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Capper Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch Inklings - Writing Club	3rd Wednesday - noon 4th Thursday - 1:30pm	TBD Grace Anglican Church*	Catherine Parr Gillian Reynolds
DECEMBER 2015			
Mega-Nosh	4 December, 5:30 PM	Babcock Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dundurn Castle	5 December, 7 - 9 PM.	610 York Blvd, Hamilton	
Executive Meeting	9 December at 7:00 pm	TBD	Gloria Pennycook
Escarpment PROBUS	16 December , Wednesday - Start time TBD	Crosswinds Golf & Country Club	Gloria Pennycook
Christmas Lunch	16 December , Wednesday - 12:00 noon	Crosswinds Golf & Country Club	Anna Strachan
Celtic Tenors	17 Dec.	Rose Theatre, Brampton	Anne Marie Stockley
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