



Gloria Pennycook

President

The Kick Off of Another Exciting Year with the Escarpment Probus Club

am delighted and honoured to be your President for the next year. It is the third year of OUR Probus Club. For the past year as Vice President I have had great training and I know that I am surrounded by friends on the Management Team. We are ready to help each other out at any time. Collaboration is what it's all about. Escarpment Probus Club is all about meeting new people, making new friends, learning new stuff and having fun. I know that through participation in various clubs, activities and monthly meetings, I certainly have achieved that goal. I have gone places and done things that I wouldn't have done if it hadn't been for Probus. Of course, none of these activities happen without somebody's good idea and willingness to organize. So please consider joining one of the clubs and signing up for one of the many activities being offered. Also please bring forward your good ideas. With 170 members with many diverse interests and backgrounds, it is certain that your good idea will be shared by others.

Enjoy the beauty of this fall season that we are so fortunate to experience!



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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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Our October Speaker

Thanh Campbell - Author

hanh Campbell was a Vietnamese orphan loaded onto a Canadian Forces plane on April 12, 1975.

Beside him, there were 56 other babies who would become possibly the last infants flown from the country as



part of Operation Babylift, a frantic effort to save lives before Saigon fell.

Now, 40 years later,

Campbell (born Nguyen Ngoc Minh Thanh) tells us his story, from growing up in a Canadian family, to tracking down the other orphans who were on the same plane as he was, to being re-united with his Vietnamese family a few years back.



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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.





Christmas Lunch!

The December 16th Probus meeting will be held at Crosswinds Golf and Country Club, Guelph Line, with the Lunch following the meeting. Reserve this date on your calendar! Details will be announced later.

The Social Scene

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

fter some reminders and a little coaxing the Escarpment Probus 2nd Anniversary Dinner took place 11th September at the Grand Chalet where 86 Probus members ate a nice meal and were entertained by Dr J, whom I'm sure you enjoyed immensely.

At our Meeting on Wednesday Cliff very kindly thanked me for the work I had done putting this evening together. As all of you may know, an event like that does not get done by one person so I have a few people that I'd like to thank for their help and support.

My posse of Norma Capper and Barb Finnie, my thanks for your suggestions, encouragement and support, I couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks to Martin Capper for selecting the prizes that some individuals were lucky enough to win, including my husband Chris, no, it wasn't a set up, he just had the right ticket. Now if he could only pick the right ticket in the million dollar lottery. Ah! I'm dreaming...

My thanks also goes out to Gloria Pennycook and Joanne Millichamp for arranging and setting out the Centerpieces and their encouragement and support when I get a little frazzled.

Many thanks to Lorrette Shermet for assembling the slide presentation that kept us amused with our own antics and reminiscences, Pete, thanks for helping out with the set up etc....

Special thanks to Paul Crawford, just back from vacation and right away taking on the task as MC for the evening. Thanks for the lovely job you did Paul, you kept us on track, the evening was very well paced. You did so well that you have just given yourself the job for next year so keep the

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date open.

I would be amiss if I didn't publicly thank my husband Chris, always in the background but always there to help out when I need him, thanks dear.

The next event that I am responsible for is the Christmas Lunch. This will take place at Crosswinds Golf and Country Club directly after the December 16th meeting. I hope to have more details and sign-up sheets available for the October and November meetings. Please sign up as soon as possible, preferably checks they are easier to control, thanks.



Our Coffee Crew...
Gloria Pennycook, Sandy Cannell, with help from Martin, Bob, Chris & Pete

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We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once

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Friedrich Nietzsche

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.



Kicking It Up at the 2nd Anniversary Dance!











Next Year's Trip: Poland & Prague!

by Joanne Millichamp - Correspondent

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.

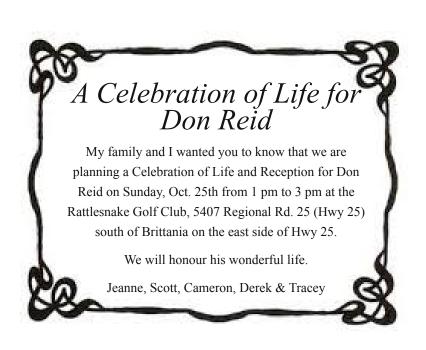




Ravenous Readers Recycle

🛮 By Ellen Crawford - Convenor

Current books continue to be the most popular among our readers. If you have borrowed a book from the table and enjoyed it, consider returning that book for another avid reader to appreciate.

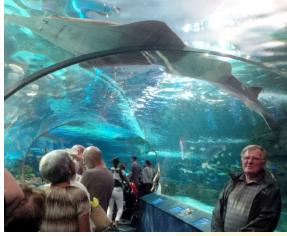






Our Mystery Winner of \$139 with Jim McConvey, our new 50/50 Ticket Purveyor







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Ripley's Aquarium

By Barbara Finnie - Secretary

hat a delightful outing it was. 23 members boarded the bus and headed downtown. Despite the traffic we arrived at the Aquarium in good spirits and proceeded to be fascinated by the number of species of fish found in the Great Lakes Basin. As we wandered through the many large aquariums depicting the varieties of fish around the world, we found ourselves looking up and walking under the sharks as they were resting. Who would have thought that fish actually rest on the rocks. I guess they get tired too?

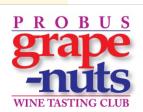
I think the most fascinating were the skeleton fish and the very tiny sea horses. Did you know the female seahorse lays her eggs in the males pouch and he carries the eggs until they hatch? This could be as many as 1,000 babies at one time. Ladies, do you think we need to change the way we carry our young?

We ended our tour with a fabulous lunch at the OverDraught Irish Pub where some of us ordered fish in a particularly cold hearted move. Unfortunately the Pub was a little further than some of us could manage so they ended their tour at Baton Rouge.





Grape Nuts Not Following the Rules



By Auriel Halliday -Correspondent

Once again a group of intrepid Sampler's gathered in our Sun room for another tipsy trip around the world.

Having broken the three white, three red rule once we decided to be reprobates once again. This time we started with the three reds Don had chosen. His theme..Big, Bold and Beautiful. We have tasted quite a few wimpy reds over the last two years so he went all out for colour, aroma, body and taste.

The first wine to titillate our taste buds was called CARNIVOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON. Wow! Right there we were tasting the highest scoring wine of the evening, with an average score of 14.7. Carnivor is a Californian Cab Sauv and costs \$16.95.

The second bottle to be tested was called REVOLUTION RED, a blend from California also. This wine did reflect it's cost which was only \$10.95. It scored an average of 12.5.

The final wine was called APOTHIC RED. Yet another Californian blend, it was my personal favourite. Normally it costs \$16.15 per bottle, but it is on sale right now for \$14.15, Guess who just bought a case?

We then took time to finish of the snacks that accompanied the bold reds, because something much more delicate was coming! We needed to find an excuse to celebrate, and found some of us had something to which we could raise our glasses. Yeah! Ireland here we come. As the flutes arrived we started to taste the sparkling whites. To accompany the bubbles we nibbled on strawberries dipped in chocolate and enjoyed a creamy brie.

The first bubbles were from COOK'S BRUT SPARKLING. The winery producing this is called Candandaigua and it is to be found in the beautiful Finger Lakes area of New York State. For a cheap wine, at only \$9.95, it scored the highest score of 12.5 in the bubbly trio.

The next wine was called AURORA SPARKLING WHITE BRUT PINOT NOIR. It is Brazilian and costs \$15.95; not as popular as the less expensive Cook's and only scored 11.

My personal favourite, and most expensive, was called PIERRE SPARR CREMANT D'ALSACE BRUT RESERVE. The cost was \$18.95 but it only scored 10.3. So 'inexpensive' wins out for the sparkling wines and the most costly red was the hit of the night!

Thank you, Michael, for being the Convener of this successful Probus wine tasting group. We were delighted that you could join us last night, even though we did not follow all the rules.

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I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food.

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W.C. Fields

The D'Stillers Pit Ireland vs Scotland

By Chris Strachan – Convenor

s summer draws to a close the D'Stiller's held their monthly meeting at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp. Up for tasting were three Whiskies from Scotland and three from Ireland. As usual we got down to the task of sniffing and tasting; following are the whiskies we tasted in order of preference.

Bushmills1608 400th Anniversary – This was the best of the best.

This Irish whiskey was blended to perfection and unanimously captured the number one place.

Macallan Select Oak – This is a single malt whisky from a distinguished Scottish distillery that has won medals from all over the globe for it's excellent whiskies.

Smooth !!!!

Balvenie 10 year Old Founders Reserve – Another

great example of single malt whisky from Scotland and a favourite of whisky connoisseurs.

The Famous Grouse – A blended Scotch Whisky, the best selling whisky in Scotland by far, so they must

be doing something right. This is a whiskey for all occasions.

Red Breast 12 year Old Irish Blended Whiskey – This is not a popular whiskey in Canada. It's not as smooth as we thought it should be.

Bushmills Original Blend – Nothing special but still a good whiskey as whiskies go but nevertheless we still enjoyed this whiskey.

Our thanks again to the DD's who saw us safely home.

There will be no meeting of the D'Stillers in October. The next meeting will take place in November.



By Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

uchre and Bid Euchre will not be played in the month of October due to the lack of participants (many in Ireland). We will resume in November. Bid Euchre being played the second Thursday of the month and Euchre the third Tuesday of the month. We are still looking for players for both games, and are willing to teach anyone who is interested.



2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$45.00 are due October 1'st, 2015. Payments (preferably by cheque) may be made at the October 21st meeting. Otherwise, please mail your cheque (no cash) to:

Ron Du Pont 2170 Lower Base Line Oakville, ON, L6M 4G1

Make cheques payable to Escarpment PROBUS Club dated October 1, 2015.

Please mark the memo section of your cheque with the names of who the payment is for.

Old World Versus New World Battle

Ron Millichamp - Convenor

ourteen Hardy and thirsty souls gathered at the Millichamp's on Sept.7th to partake in the latest round on our quest to learn as much as we can regarding THE GRAPE. The theme of the evening was The Old World versus The New World. The chosen wines were 2 white followed by 2 rosés then 2 red. The rosés didn't garner too



much interest and came in last. The winning white was a Canadian Niagara Unoaked Chardonnay by a little know winery named Kacaba. The winning red was a French wine. It was a syrah blend from G.S.M. Old Vines Tessallae CT Rouss. It also was the overall winner from the evening.. Paul Crawford guessed the theme and won an outstanding prize. The contest ended in a tie with less that one point separating the two worlds. I was very impressed with both the winning white and red and I have purchased them for my cellar. The red had a 91 rating which we were told could reach 94 if laid down for 5 years; so says wine critic Jeb Dunnuck.

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Life may not have dealt you a great set of cards... but who says the one with better cards will win.



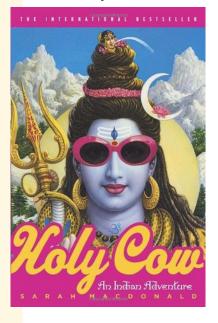
Manoj Vaze

Holy Cow: An Indian Adventure by Sarah Macdonald

By Liz Read - Convenor

eeling it was time for a different kind of reading, our book club turned to Holy Cow: An Indian Adventure which is a travelogue about India written by a young Australian journalist.





Sarah Macdonald moved to India to live with her

boyfriend and became immersed in the culture. The sights, sounds and smells of India are vividly described by the author and at times, the reader's mind reels with sensory overload.

Sarah details her encounters with the multitude of religions and regional customs in India and traveled extensively from New Delhi's urban landscape to war torn Kashmir. Experiences are filtered through her critical eyes and we agreed that her irreverent attitude was not universally entertaining.

Our members gave the book an average of 6.5 out of 10 and would recommend it to anyone even thinking of travelling to India.

We followed up our meeting with tastes of India in the form of samosas and sweet treats from Thiara Market on Nipissing Road.

Credit Valley Explorer Train Ride Information

By Liz Read - Convenor

ighteen members will be enjoying the Credit Valley Explorer train ride and lunch on Thursday, October 22nd. We have reserved spaces in the dome car for the 74 km excursion aboard classic rail cars. Boarding starts at 11:00 and it's about a 3 ½ hour round trip.

Jim and Michelle Tschirhart will be at the box office in the train station by 10:45 to distribute tickets. There is ample parking and the address is 49 Townline, Orangeville, L9W 1T6. For further information, go to www.creditvalleyexplorer.com



After the train trip, you may wish to extend your time in the area by exploring the 58 intricately carved tree sculptures scattered through town. Maps may be picked up at Orangeville City Hall or downloaded at www.orangevilletourism.ca

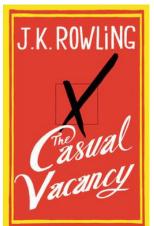
Here's hoping you'll have a sunny fall day in which to enjoy the glory of autumn foliage.

The Casual Vacancy

By Judy Nelson - Convenor

he sequel Book Club resumed meeting on September 9, 2015 at the home of Carolyn Rumley. We reviewed The Casual Vacancy, by J.K. Rowling. There was only a small group in attendance due to conflicts of interest of several of our members so





we set aside organizational matters and concentrated on our book. The group had mixed reviews. There were many characters and some of us took a while sorting them out. However, we had a lively discussion which resulted in a clearer understanding for many of us. It is unlikely that many would give the book a recommendation.

Judy Nelson has taken over as convener for the coming year. We would like to thank Fay MacDonald for convening the group for the past 2 seasons.

Our next meeting will be held at Judy's home on October 14th. We will be discussing "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai.

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A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one.

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George R.R.

Martin, A Dance
with Dragons.

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

Report from the **Activity Committee**

By Anne Marie Stockley - Activity Chair



e're off to a running start for the 2015-2016 season. There are so many events and activities we haven't even thought about, so if you have any suggestions, please pass it along to one of the Committee members. They are; Ron Millichamp, Chris Strachan, Sandy Cannell, Joanne Millichamp and Pete Shermet, and me, Committee Chairman, Anne Marie Stockley.

Right off the top we have the Sleeman's Brewery Tour on November 26th, but that sold out on the first meeting. Other tours of interest to our group will come at a later date.

On Saturday, December 5th, absorb the ambiance of a by-gone era with an evening tour of Dundurn Castle in Hamilton. You will enjoy a two hour tour of the Castle, ending in the kitchen with sampling of traditional fare, with the music of a harpist in the background, along with traditional carolling. Tickets are \$27, and we have a few left. Carpooling to this event will be made available.

Also in the works is a concert by the Celtic Tenors at the Rose Theatre in Brampton on Thursday, December 17th. The cost will be about \$60 & details will follow. We'll bring you up to date with this at our October meeting.

For 2016, a tour of Walker's Chocolates in Burlington is reaching maximum numbers on Thursday, January 21st, at 2:00. There is no charge for this tour and you will be able to visit the Chocolate Store after the tour...if you dare!

February plans are in the works, but right now I have blocked a number of tickets to "Lunch at Allen's" at the Milton Arts Centre on Saturday evening, February 13th. Tickets are \$38 (with a further discount if we get our numbers up). The performance is made up of four Canadian songwriters: Murray McLauchlan, Ian Thomas, Cindy Church and Marc Jordan. Their songs will bring back a lot of memories as they reminisce about the glory days and who did what to whom back then.

March plans are also coming together. More on that at our meeting. Bring your cheque books to our October meeting and look forward to a busy season.

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The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people.



G.K. Chesterton.

Nosh Neighbors

By Dianne Tomson - Convenor

ur fledgling group met for the first time on our own on Friday September 16th. Our gracious host was Anne Taylor who lives in Guelph, and there were 8 of us in attendance. Despite our small numbers, we had some very lively discussions, while enjoying delicious appetizers. Anne provided a variety of desserts and we were still socializing at 10 pm.

Because we remain small, it seemed appropriate to join up with the Nosh n Natter group for future events. We will have 2 evenings for members to choose from - the first or the third Friday of each

month. It will be structured like Grapenuts, with participants contacting the host for the evening of their choice. Participation will

be on a first come



basis. Each host will cap the numbers according to how many can be comfortably accommodated in his/her home. The upcoming dates will be October 2nd and October 16th. We look forward to meeting and making new friends in the months to come!



Ireland ... Here We Be!
Our Travellers Begin Their Journey





















Nosh at Night Goes Green

By Gloria Pennycook - President

fun Nosh evening was held at Bob and Gloria's with 25 people attending. The theme was Ireland to wish all of the Irish travellers safe travels. Everyone wore something green, Irish music was played and Ron Millichamp led us in a series of hilarious jokes. We enjoyed a cake for dessert that was decorated with green shamrocks and words from the Irish blessing ... may the road rise up to meet you, may the wind

be always at you back. May all of the Ireland travellers have fun and come home safely.

By Paul Crawford - Program Chair

he Noshers enjoyed a lovely Irish themed evening at Gloria and Bob's historic Campbellville farmhouse. The western sky provided a spectacular sunset as some of us dined on the covered porch. Afterward, we all moved indoors to be regaled with some Irish humour provided by Ron M. Three large four-legged canines were a welcoming presence both inside and outside.











Lunch at Yovanna at Harrop House after last month's meeting







Come Out and Enjoy Lunch with Your New Friends

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

ollowing our October meeting we will welcome our travelling Probians home with lunch in a local Irish Pub, The Ivy Arms. The Ivy is located at 201 Main Street in downtown Milton. I recommend you park behind the restaurant; the lot is accessible from Mill Street. The back entrance to the restaurant will take you to the lower level room which has been reserved for PROBUS. This dining room can also be accessed from the Main Street entrance via a staircase.

Menus can be downloaded at

http://www.ivyarms.ca/pdf/menu.pdf . Scrolling down you will find a \$6.95 Lunch Menu as well as a list of daily specials. Wednesday's specials are 2 for 1 Liver & Onions or Bangers & Mash and .55 Wings. Pitchers of beer are also specially priced for the extra thirsty! Hope you can make it!



Our September Greeters...
Betty Ovenell & Susan Holloway

Escar	pment PROBUS Club - (Calendar of Event	ts
EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
OCTOBER 2015			
Executive Meeting	13 October at 7:00 pm	Gloria Pennycook Home	Gloria Pennycook
Murder Mystery	18 October, Sunday - 1 pm	The Atrium, 5420 North Service Rd, Burlington	Ron Millichamp
Escarpment PROBUS	21 October , Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch at the Ivy Arms	21 October , Wednesday - 12:00 pm	201 Main St, Milton.	Catherine Parr
Credit Valley Explorer Train Ride22 October, Thursday - 10:45 am 49 Townline, Orangeville 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	Various	Michael Hooker
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Skipping October	Chris Strachan
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st & 3rd Monday	Diane Comstock Home	Diane Comstock
Book Club - First Edition	19 October - 1:00 pm	Karolina P 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	Judy Nelson 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	Josie and Peter's Home	
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch	3rd Wednesday - noon	TBD	Catherine Parr
Inklings - Writing Club	4th Thursday - 1:30pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Gillian Reynolds
NOVEMBER 2015			
Sobey's Appetizers	12 November - 11:00 am	1035 Bronte St. S. (at	Anne Marie Stockley
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Sleemans	9:30am 26 November	TBD	
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