

HE FLOWEERS ARE <u>HERE</u>

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No Summer Break for Us Probians



Paul Crawford

s summer slowly approaches, we are looking forward to our annual picnic in July. It is always a fun day and if you have not attended before why not come and join the fun this year. As we were unable to arrange a meeting location for July this will be our one opportunity for a large scale gathering in July. As always remember to bring your cheque book to June's meeting so you can register for the event and other offerings of the club. Also looking ahead, the Supper Club has proved to be President a great way to enjoy good food and conversation. You try some foods which may be outside of your usual comfort zone for a very reasonable cost. If you are a constant winter traveller sign up as a spare as there

has shown to be a need for spares from time to time.

The club does not take a summer break but has many interesting events for your enjoyment and participation, with the pin seekers golf starting as well as the usual card and board game groups, wine and whiskey tasting. There is no holiday from fun at Probus.

Banner photo provided by Donna Blair

-TheSocialScene=

by Pat Vogt - Social Chair

he Sixth Annual Anniversary Dinner/Dance will be on Friday September 13th at the Grand Chalet on Steeles Ave. We will be enjoying a four course dinner followed by dancing, music provided by Rockin' Rob Hewlett. Tickets will be sold at the June and August meetings: \$50.00 per member, \$60.00 for non-members.



Remember there is no general meeting in July - instead join us for the annual Picnic on Thursday July 11 details on page 4.

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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

This PROBUS Club is open to both ladies and gentlemen members.

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

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at the **Conference & Event Centre, 121 Chisholm Dr., Milton, Ontario, L9T 4A6**

FORUM - ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

The newsmagazine is published monthly in PDF format on our website: www.escarpmentprobus.com If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this newsmagazine with our compliments.

FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular monthly 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 June Speaker



Novelist and Comunications Consultant

two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, Terry Fallis is the awardwinning author of six national bestselling novels, including his latest, **One Brother Shy**, all published by McClelland &

Stewart. His seventh novel, **Albatross**, is due in bookstores in August 2019.

The **Best Laid Plans** was the winner of the Leacock Medal for Humour in 2008, and CBC's Canada Reads in 2011. It was adapted as a six-part television miniseries, as well as a stage musical.

The **High Road** was a Leacock Medal finalist in 2011. **Up and Down** was the winner of the 2013 Ontario Library Association Evergreen Award, and was a finalist for the 2013 Leacock Medal. His fourth novel, **No Relation**, was released in May 2014, debuted on the Globe and Mail bestsellers list, and won the 2015 Leacock Medal. His fifth, **Poles Apart**, hit bookstores in October 2015, was a Globe and Mail bestseller and was a finalist for the 2016 Leacock Medal. **One Brother Shy** was released in May 2017 and became an instant bestseller. The Canadian Booksellers Association named Terry Fallis the winner of the 2013 Libris Award as Author of the Year.



Terry earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree from McMaster University

(1983) where he became engulfed in university politics and somehow persuaded the undergraduates to elect him President of the Students Union.

In 1995, he co-founded Thornley Fallis with Joe Thornley, a full service communications consulting agency with offices in Ottawa and Toronto. Terry also created and co-hosted more than 200 episodes of the popular business podcast, Inside PR. For more than 25 years, Terry has counselled corporate and government clients on various fronts including crisis communications, media relations, issues management, marketing communications, public opinion polling, public affairs, stakeholder relations, etc. He has also written speeches for CEOs, cabinet ministers, and other community leaders.

No Meeting in July

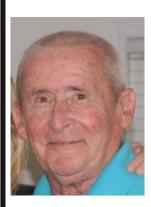


Escarpment Probus Picnic by Pat Vogt - Social Chair

B ring your cheque book to the June meeting as this will be the last chance to get your tickets for our Annual Picnic. Ticket sales were brisk at the May Meeting, you don't want to miss out on a fun day at the park - July 11, 11:00AM at Lowville Park (off Guelph Line in Lowville). We will have great food provided by Scooters Catering Services, along with lots of fun activities planned for the day. Tickets are \$18.00 per person.



Armand, Richard



June 14, 1946 - May 21, 2019. Richard died at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital after a valiant fight with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Diane (nee: Descoteaux) and his 4 children Eric (Alicia), Melanie (Rob), Kevin (Magda) and Evelyne (John) and his 3 grandsons Tyler, Aidan, and Liam. He also leaves behind his siblings, Carol, Susan, Maureen, Helene, and Raymond. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, coach, gardener, golfer, and lifelong Habs fan, he will be sadly missed. Donations to the SickKids Hospital Foundation in

lieu of flowers would be greatly appreciated. Messages of condolence may be left online at <u>www.earlyfuneralhome.com.</u>

Richard and Diane are original members of Escarpment Probus. They were in charge of the 50/50 draw until Richard's health failed. A donation on behalf of Escarpment Probus will be made to the SickKids Hospital Foundation.

Long Shot

by Theresa Spano - Convenor

n Tuesday, May 14th, the Probus movie goers went to see Long Shot. This movie came back with mix reviews. This is a R rated movie, some found it a little vulgar and over the top and had a hard time connecting to the love storyline. Others



enjoyed the humour and storyline. The average rating was 6 out of 10. Personally I do not think this movie will be a Oscar winner or runner up.

Charlotte Field (Charlize Theron) is the most influential woman in the world. Sophisticated, smart and accomplished, she's a powerhouse diplomat with a talent for...well, most everything. Fred Flarsky (Seth Rogen) is a gifted but disheveled journalist with a self-destructive streak. The two have nothing in common, except that she was his first crush. When Fred unexpectedly reunites with Charlotte, he charms her with his self-deprecating humor and his memories of her youthful idealism. As she prepares to make a run for the Presidency, Charlotte impulsively hires Fred as part of her campaign.

Our next Oscar movie night will be Tuesday June 11th. See you at the movies.

June Lunch at Tier 3 By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in June will be at Tier 3 - 243 Main St E, Milton, ON L9T 1P1

If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table at the meeting before the break.



We're gonna keep moving!

by Ruth Gagnon - Activities Chair

he Activity Committee has been busy planning events for you! See pages 9 and 17 for articles and photos on a events we had in May.

Here are some of our upcoming activities:

Sector Mark

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, June 27th:



If you like beer, this is an event for you! Longo's, The Loft will be doing a cooking demonstration with Sleeman's beer that includes beer tasting. From the notorious beginnings to a legendary insurrection, the Sleeman family upholds five generations of brewing heritage. Today, the Sleeman legacy lives on as Guelph's oldest brewery. We are bringing their story to Longo's Milton for a special evening planned just for you. Chef Damien Smith will bring us a wonderful four course meal. The cost is \$40 per person. This event will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Longo's in Milton. Guaranteed to be a fun evening!

JULY ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, July 4th:

Native Indians, Brewery, & Military Museum in Brantford. For our July 4th outing, members will drive to Brantford, (not Niagara) to the Woodland Cultural Centre where (at 10 am) they will tour and see a video about native Indians from the time of the Explorers to present day including the Residential Schools. Lunch will be at the Bell City Brewery (tastings \$8.50 not included) followed by a visit to the Canadian Military Heritage Museum's 13,000 sq. ft facility housing replica warplanes, restored vehicles, hologram, uniforms, weapons from 1812 onwards including the role of the First Nations in the WW's....All this for \$30.00 per person. We suggest carpooling and the directions are available at woodlandculturalcentre.ca/directionshours. Lunch and the museum directions will be provided prior to leaving the Woodland Cultural Centre.

Already Going? Please update the Sign-up Sheet with your lunch choice at the June meeting or e-mail Christy at <u>cbabcock5652@gmail.com</u>.

Tuesday, July 9th:

Join us for a fun game of Mini Golf followed with lunch at Adventure Village in Hamilton. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. with a tee off time of 11:00 a.m. The cost of this event is \$17 / \$18 per person and includes the mini golf and lunch. Lunch options are as follows:

\$17 lunch options: Hamburger, Sausage, Hot Dog or Pizza

\$18 lunch options: Crispy or Grilled Chicken Burger

All options include your choice of salad or fries and a drink.

Beer, coolers, and wine will be available at your cost.

Adventure Village only closes if there is going to be a long period of rain. Parking is free and you can check in at the Lighthouse (mini golf station). Directions are available at <u>www.adventurevillage.com</u> and it's about a 40 minute drive so you may want to consider carpooling.

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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



AUGUST ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, August 6th:

We will be watching Fiddlers on the Loose but first we will enjoy some shopping and lunch! The morning will be spent at St. Jacob's Market, followed by a buffet lunch at the Crossroads Family Restaurant in Elmira at 11:30 a.m. Then onto the Drayton Festival Theatre to see the show at 2:00 p.m. The cost for this event is \$65.47 per person and includes the buffet lunch, theatre show, all taxes and tip! Carpooling is suggested! Located at 33 Wellington Street South, directions are available at https://www.draytonentertainment.com.

Stay tuned for us to share more activities we are working on! We will also be providing an opportunity to sign up for events at our annual Probus picnic on July 11th as there is no general meeting in July.

Activities Committee Members:

Christy Babcock, Ruth Gagnon, Anne Gibbard, Kelly Ground, Stephanie Hamnett, Irene Hiebert, Joanne Millichamp, Ron Millichamp, and Dawn Ross.

Old and New by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

ive members of the Bees Gees gathered together on May 8 to play games. Lorhel brought several old-fashioned games as well as a couple of new ones. We opted to play Alphabet Dice first, kind of a cross between all the other letter/dice games and Scrabble. This clever little dice game uses terms from cooking for the gameplay. Game turns are made up of "servings" (rounds). The choice of moves when you roll your dice are:

1) Building, 2) Slurping, and 3) Passing. The last round of dice play is called "scraping the bottom". Bob took an early lead and despite our best efforts, he held onto the lead to win the game.

We then played Chinese Checkers. The aim of the game is to be the first player to move all ten marbles across the board and into the opposite triangle. At times, several players were blocked in the middle of the board, however Lorhel managed to use the blockage to her advantage and win the game.

Our next get-together will be the second Wednesday, June 12 at 1pm. If you like to play games, come on out and join us.













Congratula</mark>tions Bonnie











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A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Liz Read - Correspondent

n May, the First Edition book club read this semi-biographical novel by Betty Smith. It was written in 1943 and focuses on an adolescent girl coping with poverty in Brooklyn during the two early decades of the 1900s. Francie

> Nolan benefitted from guidance of the strong women around her, particularly her mother, in order to rise above the adversity of her circumstances.

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The symbolism of the title refers to a tree, known as the Tree of Heaven, which is able to grow and flourish in poor soil and crowded conditions just like Francie.

Our members rated the book from 6 to 9 out 10.

by Stephanie Hamnett - Correspondent

Milton Players Theatre Group

TREE GROWS

e had 26 Members out to support our local "Milton Players Theatre Group" 's last play of the season "The Red Velvet Cake War". The Theatre Group let us know how much they appreciate our support and offered to take our group picture on the actual play production stage. Afterwards some of us met at Shoeless Joe's for cocktails/coffee/dinner which was also enjoyable.

Thanks to everyone for coming out!



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One of my beliefs is that there are certain institutions within a community which stand for the spirit and heart of that community, there's the church, the local football team, the local pub and the theatre.

- David Soul

The Book of Awesome by Gretchen Greene O'Brien - Correspondent

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he Book of Awesome, by Neil Pasricha, was enjoyed – in various degrees – by our members. It was a light read – and could be opened at any page to enjoy his little stories

reflecting everyday "awesomeness"! Like having a whole row of airplane seats to yourself...all the way to Hawaii! Or being in a hurry to be on time for an appointment and having ALL green traffic lights! The smell of newly mown grass in the Spring ... or ... a baby fresh from her bath! Awesome!

It helped to know the author's personal story – and the reasons he wrote the book. It was cathartic for him as he had experienced several losses. Daily, he willfully acknowledged the sense of wonder and beauty in all the tiny joys of life – reminding himself of how lucky he was to be alive.

Neil Pasricha came to Milton last December as part of our Library's "One Book – One Milton" series. Several of our book club members listened to him that evening and enjoyed his candor.

Noshing in the Country by Mary Cousins - Convenor



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We had a lovely evening at Dianne and Udo's beautiful retreat in the country last Saturday. The yard was fresh from the rain and we were entertained by their flora and fauna during the evening. Thank-you Dianne and Udo!

A gentle reminder, if you have signed up to attend but find at the last moment you are unable to go, please call the host to let them know. Several folks did not show up Saturday and had not called Dianne. Unfortunately Dianne had turned several folks away.

We were so busy chatting that we forgot to take pics. We will try to be better next time.

Our next App Hour will be hosted by Wendy and Bob Stringer on June 29th. I will send an email to all mid June and Wendy and Bob can let us know how many they can accommodate.

Random Thoughts

by Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

- 1. I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.
- 2. My short-term memory is not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my short-term memory's not as sharp as it used to be.
- 3. A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.
- 4. The statement below is true. The statement above is false
- 5. I am a nobody. Nobody is perfect. Therefore I am perfect.

Inside the O'Brien's by Louise Ellis - Correspondent

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he Trilogy Book Club met on May 8th at the home of Louise Ellis to discuss Lisa Genova's book "Inside the O'Brien's". The O'Brien's, an average American family, live in Charleston a suburb of Boston. Joe, 44, is happily married to Rosie and they have four adult children. He is proud of being a police officer



and loves his job and life in Charleston. As we get to know the family Joe has an uncharacteristic reaction of anger, throwing a heavy frying pan against the wall. His rages gradually increase over time and the family becomes increasingly concerned with his changes in behavior. He finally visits their Doctor and learns that he has Huntington's disease, a disease with no recognized treatment or cure. The author, an American neuroscientist, takes the reader on a journey of this progressive and fatal hereditary disease informing the reader of its physical manifestations as well as the emotional and psychological changes that occur to Joe and to his family and friends as the symptoms gradually increase in severity.

The members of the group found this book to be informative and thought provoking. The author provides useful information about the disease and the changing reactions of the O'Brien family members. We had a lively discussion about the reality of the disease and the psychological as well physical effects of the disease. The group rated the book an 8 out of 10.

Members & Guests By Maggie Boothe - Membership Chair

Please let me know of any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, email) so I can keep our records up-to-date. Email me at mbdice5@gmail.com.

I ask all new members to let the Membership Chair know that you are in attendance at the business meeting in order for me to call your name to receive your badge.

Bringing a guest to the meeting?

Please introduce your guests to me, so I can acknowledge them during the business meeting.

Please remember to wear your membership badges to the meetings so that we can get to know your name and introduce you to other Probus members.

More Random Thoughts

by Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

6. I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

- 7. When you work here, you can name your own salary. I named mine, "Fred".
- 8. Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- 9. I want to die while asleep like my grandfather, not screaming in terror like the passengers in his airplane.

La Fête des Mères by Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

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ur meeting on May 8th was probably one of the most animated to date. We were only eight in number, and this perhaps decreased inhibitions and thereby increased the amount of



conversation, which was centred mostly on 'la fête des mères' (mother's day-mothering Sunday for Brits) and linguistic differences between le français de la France and le français du Canada. Our male/female ratio remains very imbalanced in favour of the female, but the two males, Chris and John, appeared on this occasion quite unperturbed. Many interesting detours were taken, for too many to go into a report such as this, but one of particular interest was the variation of wording between the French and English versions of the national anthem, most us being surprised to learn that since its composition in 1880 the English version has seen several alterations of its wording and

The French none. We also had need, in a discussion of foods for mother's day, to run down the origin of the marzipan (french pâte d'amandes, lit (almond paste), to discover, courtesy of monsieur Google, that it is derived from an Italian word marzapane, probably itself deriving from Arabic...Amazing what can

come up in English-French conversation! For our going out this month, we were nine in all at the Creperie in Oakville on May 15th, with the usual preponderance of females and welcome Rejane to the club. The food, good traditional French dishes of crêpes, onion soup, salads of various kinds, was accompanied by wine for non-drivers and soft drinks for those taking the wheel, and by stimulating conversations centering largely on members' french experiences between France and Quebec, in which the main roles were taken by Suzanne, Megs, and sweet flower of Anne. There was also some discussion of the forthcoming Probus trip to northern France in the fall. It proved an entertaining afternoon, one sure to be repeated in future years. 11



Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. *If love is sweet as* a flower, then my mother is that

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- Stevie Wonder

love.

Last Meeting before Summer Break by Christine Willekes - Convenor

small, but enthusiastic group met at the home of Wendy Stringer. Thank you Wendy for hosting and for all of your "good eats". Our next meeting will be on Thursday June 20 at the home of Norma Capper. We will then pause for the summer.



If you're interested in knitting or crocheting, experienced or beginner, come out to one of our meetings, as all Probus groups, lots of fun.



Greeting Cards

"Where have you been?"", "We missed you!", "Sorry to hear that you were under the weather!", "Oh, no I am sorry, I was not aware of that!", "Sorry, that you lost a loved one"

At PROBUS we want to keep in touch, we are all friends and if you know of anyone ill, hurting, moving away, lost a loved one, etc., please let Lorrette

Shermet know and she will gladly send a card. (lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293)

Upcoming Beer Tastings

by Pete Shermet - Convenor

e have enjoyed several beer tastings since our inaugural meeting in September 2018. Thanks to all who have hosted and to the upcoming hosts: Ron Millichamp (June 27th), Chris Strachan (July 25th), and Parr (August 22nd)



Catherine Parr (August 22nd).

We are in need of club members to commit for hosting the following dates: September 26th, October 24th, and November 28th.

December will be a break because of everybody's busy schedule. If you would like to host, please contact me (905-878-1293) (peteshermet@gmail.com).

April was a Busy Month by Diane Comstock - Convenor

ive members of the Piece Makers met on Monday, May 6 atGrace Church hall. All five members brought their recent and not so recent projects.

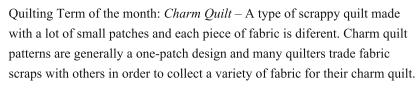
Carol Anne showed us her pillowcases that she made for the upcoming fundraiser at her church.

Judy brought three baby quilts destined to help out her grandson's school fundraiser. We all loved the elephant quilt.

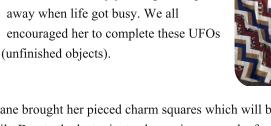
Wendy brought two more squares for her shop hop quilt.

Barbara brought various projects that she stumbled upon when looking through her fabric stash - Card Trick, Checkerboard, Zig Zag, and her QAYG (quilt as you GO) Dresden Plate and 16 Square. These were all done many years ago, and put away when life got busy. We all encouraged her to complete these UFOs (unfinished objects).

Diane brought her pieced charm squares which will be the backing for a comfort quilt. Due to the last minute change in venue, she forgot to bring her Hexagon Flower door hanger but promised to bring it to the next meeting.



Our June meeting date is TBD (perhaps a road trip) as three members will be going to a quilting retreat on June 2-3.





















The 'Last' Supper Club by Cliff Read - Correspondent

B ecause of travel commitments two of the Supper Club groups had to postpone their meeting by one week. A Hawaiian Luau was held at Cliff and Liz Read's place and as usual for Probus events fun was had by everyone as we got to know each

Service Contraction





As guests arrived they were greeted with a specialty drink of the night – Hawaiian Margaritas. Everyone was dressed in the spirit of the evening yet it was John Flynn who left an impression that is hard to forget. This put us in a good mood to listen to sweet sounds of the Hawaiian singer Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and his ukulele in the background. Conversations were animated as we worked our way through the various delicious courses. The only things missing were gentle ocean breezes and of course sand. It became clear that one does not need to be in Hawaii to have a truly enjoyable evening.

Aloha by Ellen Crawford - Correspondent

ur last successful supper club was Hawaiian themed. We enjoyed pineapple in most courses, even the table centre piece exemplified the theme. Guests were greeted with a lei and enjoyed Blue Hawaiian cocktails with the appetizer which was served in a pineapple boat.

Many thanks to Auriel and Megs for organizing and coordinating the various supper clubs for 2018/19. Lots of fun, food, and friendship!







Skipping to Guelph by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

group of diners ventured out of Milton to savour the food at the Aberfoyle Mill in Guelph. The service was excellent, the company enjoyable, and the food was scrumptious, especially the dessert.



Lorrette and Pete got a huge surprise when the bill was presented - as the restaurant misinterpreted her "Separate Bar tab" request thinking that she was paying for the food and individuals were paying for their own drinks. We all thanked Lorrette and Pete profusely - but alas, the bills were corrected and we had to pay our own - LOL.

Thanks Lorrette for making these dinner arrangements.













Cityline by Irene Hiebert - Correspondent

wenty very excited ladies spent a wonderful day together attending Cityline on May 16th. This excitement spilled over into the GO train car! The smiles, laughter, and conversation had other passengers in our train car smiling back at us and joining our conversation both to and from Toronto! We arrived at Union Station to the morning rush hour rat race. In order to keep the group together, I popped up my umbrella to act like a flag and guided the ladies through the PATH system. Bonnie Walsh snapped the pic below saying Mary Poppins has nothing on Irene! Thanks to Tita Bartels for ensuring I was not leading everyone astray!

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We all enjoyed seeing the behind the scenes action of putting this show together! To our surprise, Dan Aykroyd arrived to show us how to make the perfect Caesar! Of course, using his Crystal Head vodka from his distillery! Much to everyone's dismay....there was no taste testing! It was home day at Cityline and we were the cheering section! We clapped, cheered, nodded, smiled, and just had a blast! The show demonstrated amazingly creative ways to use a garden shed. They featured some stylish additions to keep your backyard comfortable with some unique patio umbrellas, custom tiles, shingles, and diy painting. Tracy Moore is very personable, and took time to take pictures with all of us. Liz Read won one of the \$50 Joe Fresh gift certificates. Everyone received take-aways consisting of everything to make a Caesar (however without vodka), a TSC gift certificate, Chatelaine magazine, and Cheerios! The show aired on Thursday, May 23rd, where we could all be seen sitting in the audience. The Dan Aykroyd portion will be aired at a future date.

Our lunch spot was just half a block away at the 3 Brewers. It was good food, good service, and they could handle a large group. We had fun chatting amongst each other, and it was an excellent chance to show people how to airdrop and share our pictures from the morning.

Thanks to Wilma Peer, Liz Read, Christy Babcock, Anne Gibbard and Tita Bartels for your help!We all enjoyed such a wonderful day, and it was an awesome way of getting to meet new people and getting to know each other better!







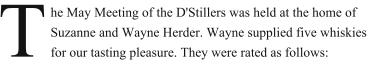


Johnny Walkers Explorers' Club Voted Winner

by Chris Strachan - Convenor

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The winner for the evening was Johnny Walkers Explorers' Club **'The Spice Road**' with an Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$52.00 and a score of 76.2. The Spice Road is one of three Johnnie Walker releases from their Explorer's Club Collection, originally released for the Travel Retail market, hence they are only found in Duty-Free shops. As you might expect from the name, this is an enjoyably spicy whisky, packed with cinnamon and nutmeg notes.

Number Two is **'Signal Hill**' a Canadian blended whiskey with an ABV of 40% it costs \$40 and had a score of 73.3%. Signal Hill, St John's Newfoundland is where ships were given safe passage into harbours. It is where fires were lit to signal between villages. It is where the world's first transatlantic wireless signal was received in Morse Code and the place of the first non-stop transatlantic flight carrying airmail.

In third place was **'Proper Twelve**' a blended Irish whiskey with an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$30 with a score of 69.9. Proper Twelve is made by Bushmills for UFC star Connor McGregor who is the founder, chairman and majority owner of Proper Twelve, so named because he's from the Dublin suburb of Cremlin meaning that 12 is the area code in Dublin where McGregor grew up.

Fourth **Gibson's Finest 12 yr Old** is a Canadian whiskey with an ABV of 40% it costs \$34.95 with a score of 69.9. Gibson's Finest is a blend of grain whiskey, corn, with rye and barley aged in both exbourbon and new barrels. Founded in Pennsylvania by Scottish immigrant John Gibson as a rye whisky but chased into Quebec due to Prohibition, Gibson's now calls the Hiram Walker distillery in Ontario home.

Last but not least was '**Aquavit**' made in Newfoundland with an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$35 and a score of 55%. Aquavit is the first spirit ever produced in Newfoundland that has been fully grown and legally distilled in the province. The ingredients come from coast to coast; the barley was grown and dried in Cormac, the honey is from Tuck's Bee Better Farm in Grand Falls, pristine spring water comes from Springdale, the peat and juniper from Clarke's Beach, Newfoundland and a dash of savoury from Mt. Scio in St John's.

Thanks to Suzanne for the lovely goodies, her ice cream cake was especially delicious. Also, our hats off to the DD's for getting us home safe and sound.

The June 5th meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Mary and Russ Cousins.





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May the Force of the Grape be With You!

Station Can

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

Liz and Cliff Read



Theme: Organic vs. Non-Organic Wines



rganic wines are one of the fastest growing trends in overall **WINE TASTING CLU** consumption, and each country establishes its own criteria as to

what can be labeled as organic. Generally, grapes need to be grown without the use of toxic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or synthetic fertilizers.

Each part of the tasting session (one white and one red) had two organic and one non-organic wine of the same variety. We wondered how our Grapenutters would compare the

different growth and production techniques. Results surprised, in that both of the winners were the non-organic wines!

• Best White: Root 1 Sauvignon Blanc, from Chile. LCBO 445882; \$14.00; Score 12.2

• Best Red: Sister's Run Bethlehem Block Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia. LCBO 360636; \$18.75; Score 14.0



Marg Jones and Frank Dawe

Theme: Spanish Wines

arg and Frank made excellent choices – all six wines were really good, with the lowest score being 12.6 and the highest 14.1, a remarkably narrow range!

• Best White: Marques De Riscal Duenda; LCBO 36822; \$13.35; Score 14.1

• Best Red: Beronia Reserva; LCBO 50203; \$21.95; Score 13.8



Anna and Chris Strachan Theme: Italian Wines

he evening theme was accidentally revealed when the hostess blurted out that she was unable to pronounce some of these 'Italian' words...go figure! They were on wine number five at this point but that is no excuse – Black Mark – Anna!!!. After much hilarity at the faux-pas, they got back to the tasting.

• Best White: Campodora Albana Secco Romagna; LCBO 632893; \$14.75; Score 12.3

• Best Red: Bersano Costalunga Barbera D'Asti; LCBO 348680 \$11.95; Score 16.1

Next meetings: June 3 at the Lester home, June 6 at the Wallhouse home, and June 12 at the Flowers.



Islands of the Mediterranean

by Joanne Millichamp - Travel Convenor

n September 2020 we will be visiting three islands located in the Mediterranean Sea: Sicily, Malta, and Cyprus. We will finish out trip in Athens, Greece.

- Sicily is the largest of the Mediterranean Islands. We will visit the capital city of Palermo, then drive along the north coast to Catania, our home for the next 3 nights. Visits include the beautiful hilltop town of Taormina, with its breathtaking views of the Bay of Nexus. We will take a cable car up Mount Etna (the only active volcano in Europe) and also enjoy a wine tasting with lunch in that area. A trip to Syracuse on the southeast coast is followed by a high-speed ferry, which takes us to our next stop, the island of Malta.
- Malta has played host to many cultures over the years, Roman, Greek, Arab and of course British. A tour of the capital city of Valletta is first on the agenda where we will enjoy views of the Grand Harbour from the hilltop Barrakka Gardens. A highlight of our trip will be a cruise on a Turkish Gullet to the island of Gozo where we will have the opportunity to swim or snorkel in the crystal clear waters of the Blue Lagoon. The ship offers a wonderful hot and cold buffet lunch and complimentary wine and beer. We will also visit the medieval town of Medina. This tiny nation also produces quality wine and we will have an afternoon wine tasting before proceeding to the airport and our Emirates Air flight to Cyprus.
- Cyprus is the 3rd largest island in the Med and since 1964 has been divided into two parts, the Turkish Republic (north) and the Greek part known as the Independent Republic of Cyprus (south). We first tour Famagusta, a medieval city. The walls, built by the Venetians are 60 feet high and 30 feet thick. After lunch we visit the Protaras and Cavo Greco area to enjoy the spectacular views on the way to Asia Napa. On another day we will drive through citrus groves and vineyards to the ancient city-kingdom of Curium, with free time to wander around the old fishing harbour. A full day excursion takes us to the capital Nicosia where we will visit both the Turkish and Greek sides of the city. We will also visit Buyuk Han, a former Caravanserai (hotel or inn). With its 67 rooms, this Han is a typical example of Ottoman architecture.
- Our last stop is Athens, the capital of Greece. Our tour includes an overview of the modern city with striking contrasts to the remains of its glorious past. We will visit the Acropolis and its many monuments, including the Parthenon. A walking tour of the Plaka area, one of Athens' oldest and most picturesque neighbourhoods completes our tour. Our final dinner will be held in the rooftop garden restaurant of our hotel where we can enjoy an amazing view of the lights of the city and the monuments of the Acropolis lit up at night.



The dates of the trip are September 11-24, 2020. The cost is \$5,790 per person. The single supplement is \$1,590. Included are all meals as per the brochure, hotel accommodation, ship, ferry and ALL gratuities for guides and drivers. Not included are airport taxes, currently \$680. Please ensure you have trip cancellation insurance.

This trip is first-come, first-served and is open to members of our club only at this time. Please call Joanne Millichamp at 289/878-2969 for further information.

Travel to India by Gloria Pennycook - Convenor

he fourth Wanderlust evening was held at Joanne and Bob Wright's house. We travelled to India this time. Joanne and Bob put together a wonderful picture show which took us on a colourful and educational tour of the southern and northern parts of India. We

Select Anna



heard them speak of wonderful interactions with the people, amazing scenery and architecture, and some very different customs in a very different culture! An example was a picture of a cow walking through the train station as they were waiting for their train!! We also enjoyed some delicious Indian food - butter chicken, paneer, and gajar ka hawla for dessert. As always, the chatter and laughter of PROBUS people coming together made the evening. Thanks, Joanne and Bob, for a lovely evening.





If you are interested in travel and would like to join Wanderlust, please sign up at the next PROBUS meeting or send me an email (Gpennycook@icloud.com). We meet every second month. Each member will host an event. The host decides how many people they can have, provides snacks, coffee, tea. The guests bring their own drinks.











At the Opera by Michael Hooker - Convenor

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n April, Michael Hooker entertained us to a video performance of Jacques Offenbach's Tales of Hoffmann (based on three short stories by the German fantasy and horror writer E. T. A.

Hoffmann, 1776 – 1822). Hoffmann, drinking in a tavern, tells three tales of his unsuccessful loves:

• To Olympia, who turned out to be a mechanical doll, with disastrous results;

• To Antonia, who has a disease that will kill her if she sings too much. A charlatan doctor conjures up a vision of her mother who encourages to sing, with the inevitable results – she dies in Hoffmann's arms;

• To Giulietta, a Venetian courtesan, who is bribed to steal Hoffmann's reflection; then she abandons him for a rival.

At the end of the opera - in the tavern, Hoffmann, now thoroughly drunk, is abandoned by his current love, Stella. The performance, a telecast by New York's Metropolitan Opera, was beautifully sung, acted, and staged. Tales of Hoffmann is certainly one of the most entertaining and melodic operas.

Ten members of Mozart and Friends attended the Milton Philharmonic Orchestra's concert "May the Fourth Be With You", at the Milton Arts Centre, on (of course) – the Fourth of May, as part of a sold out

audience. Many thanks to Jeanne Reid who organized it for us. This concert was the music of John Williams, one of the greatest American composers of all time. He has worked on over 100 films throughout his 60-year career. We heard the music themes from Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Superman, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Close Encounters of the Third Kind and the theme from Jurassic Park. It was a wonderful concert, enjoyed by all. The orchestra conductor took questions from the audience and we learned a lot about the workings of a symphony orchestra. e.g. harp has 47 strings.

Our group looks forward to the five Milton Philharmonic concerts in the Fall of 2019 and Spring 2020. November 29 will be a Celebration of Scottish Music with the Georgetown Pipe Band and ending with Verdi's Requiem on May 2, 2020.

Starting in July, our regular monthly sessions will normally be on the fourth Tuesday of each month instead of the third Tuesday.

Scrabble

See what happens when you rearrange the letters:

- THE EYES : THEY SEE
- DORMITORY : DIRTY ROOM
- SLOT MACHINES : CASH LOST IN ME
- ELECTION RESULTS : LIES LET'S RECOUNT GEORGE BUSH : HE BUGS GORE
- THE MORSE CODE : HERE COME DOTS
- SNOOZE ALARMS : ALAS! NO MORE Z'S
- A DECIMAL POINT : I'M A DOT IN PLACE
- THE EARTHQUAKES : THAT QUEER SHAKE
- ASTRONOMER : MOON STARER





Our May Meeting



The friendly faces of Keith and Marion Flowers greeted us as we came in



Enjoying social time!



And the lucky50/50 Draw winner is..... The first ticket sold that day to Chris Wallhouse who took home \$163.50





Ron Armstrong spoke about his passion for swimming and had a display of his achievements







Judith Lander delighted us with her musicand stories



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The wonderful thing about

cabaret is, you

can do a lot of

things you can't do in a concert. You can't do smoky ballads for 50 minutes in a concert. It's a different animal.

- Rita Moreno



June 12 - 9:30 am

June 19 - 9:30 am

June 19 - noon

June 27 - 6 pm

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events DAY OF MONTH MEET AT

Millichamp home

Longo's, Milton

Tier 3

121 Chisholm Dr., Milton*

CONVENOR

Paul Crawford

Paul Crawford

Bonnie Lennox

Ruth Gagnon

EVENT

Activities Management Meeting Escarpment PROBUS Lunch Bunch Longo's Cooking Demonstration

Clubs

Probus Info Exchange - PIE Online only - no meetings Online only - no meetings Ron DuPont Every Tues. - 1:30 pm Walkers - Trail Walkers as per email Ronald Flannagan Every Thurs. - 9:30 am Sports - Golf Club - Pin Seekers Granite Ridge Golf Course* Harold O'Brien Crafts - Quilting Club - Piece Makers June 3 - 1 pm Comstock home* Diane Comstock Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts June 3 - 7 pm Lester home Jim Tschirhart Cards - Bridge Club June 4 - 1 pm Mathew home Jeanne Reid J Tastings - Whisky - The D'stillers June 5 - 7 pm Cousins home Chris Strachan U Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts June 6 - 7 pm Wallhouse home Jim Tschirhart Dining - Nosh+Natter June 7 - 5:30 pm Gillian Reynolds Jordan home Ν Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps June 10 - 7 pm Capper home* Martin Capper Book Club - First Edition June 10 - 1 pm Flannagan home Paul Crawford Е June 11 - 1:30 pm Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps Capper home* Martin Capper Movie Club - Oscar Nights June 11 - 7 pm Milton Cineplex Cinemas* Theresa Spano Board Games - Bee Gees June 12 - 1 pm Grace Anglican Church hall* Stephen Comstock Book Club - Sequel June 12 - 10 am Leach home Catherine Parr Book Club - Trilogy June 12 - 10 am Dolan home Linda Green Club Français June 12 - 10 am / 11 am Yardley/Crowe home* 0 Anne-Françoise Gibbard Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts June 12 - 7 pm Flowers home Jim Tschirhart 1 Board Games - Joker Club June 13 - 1:30 pm Halliday/Evans home Auriel Halliday Travel - Wanderlust no meeting Gloria Pennycook 9 Dining - Nosh+Natter June 14 - 5:30 pm Bennink home Gillian Reynolds Cards - Euchre June 18 - 1:15 pm Lorrette Shermet Campbell home **Classical Music** June 18 - 2 pm Barnes home Michael Hooker June 19 - Probus Meeting 121 Chisholm Dr., Milton* Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycle Ellen Crawford June 20 - 1:30 pm Grace Anglican Church hall* Cards - Bid Euchre Lorrette Shermet Crafts - Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks June 20 - 10:30 am Capper home Chris Willekes Dining - Skip the Dishes June 20 - 6 pm TBD Lorrette Shermet Cards - Canasta June 24 - 7 pm Crawford home Lorrette Shermet June 26 - 3 pm Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin Champs Bowling* Michelle Tschirhart Board Games - Joker Club June 26 - 1 pm Flowers home Auriel Halliday Friendship Club June 26 - 10 am Season's Retirement Home* Judy Krauss Book Club - Happy Bookers Cancelled for Summer Judy Wallace Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds June 27 - 7 pm Millichamp home Pete Shermet Dining - Nosh@Nite June 28 - 5:30 pm Shermet home Paul & Ellen Crawford Dining - Appy Hour June 29 - 6:30 pm Stringer home Mary Cousins New club, date, and/or time Temporary Change * Always held at this location

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	EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
	Activities			
	Musuem Tours	July 4 - 10 am	Woodland Cultural Centre, Brampton	Christy Babcock
	Mini Golf	July 9 - 10:30 am	Adventure Village, Hamilton	Kelly Ground
	Management Meeting	July 10 - 9:30 am	Vogt home	Paul Crawford
	Picnic	July 11 - 11 am	Lowville Park	Pat Vogt
	Escarpment PROBUS	Cancelled		Paul Crawford
	Lunch Bunch	Cancelled		Bonnie Lennox
	Clubs			
	Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>		Online only - no meetings	Ron DuPont
	Walkers - Trail Walkers	Every Tues 1:30 pm	as per email	Ronald Flannagan
	Sports - Golf Club - Pin Seekers	Every Thurs 9:30 am	Granite Ridge Golf Course*	Harold O'Brien
	Crafts - Quilting Club - Piece Makers	July 1 - 1 pm	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
	Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	July 1 - 7 pm	Jones / Dawes home	Jim Tschirhart
	Cards - Bridge Club	July 2 - 1 pm	Heath home	Jeanne Reid
	Tastings - Whisky - The D'stillers	July 3 - 7 pm	Capper home	Chris Strachan
	Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	July 4 - 7 pm	Halliday / Evans home	Jim Tschirhart
	Dining - Nosh+Natter	July 5 - 5:30 pm	Wallhouse home	Gillian Reynolds
	Book Club - First Edition	Cancelled for Summer		Paul Crawford
	Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	July 8 - 7 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
	Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	July 9 - 1:30 pm	Capper home*	Martin Capper
2	Movie Club - Oscar Nights	July 9 - 7 pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
	Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	July 10 - 1 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Stephen Comstock
J	Book Club - <i>Sequel</i> Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	July 10 - 10 am Cancelled for Summer	Strachan home	Catherine Parr Linda Green
1	Club Français	July 10 - 10 am / 11 am	Yardley/Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
	Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	July 10 - 7 pm	Tschirhart home	Jim Tschirhart
9	Board Games - Joker Club	July 11 - 1:30 pm	Wallhouse home	Auriel Halliday
	Travel - Wanderlust	July 11 - 7 pm	Millichamp home	Gloria Pennycook
	Dining - Nosh+Natter	Cancelled		Gillian Reynolds
	Cards - Euchre	July 16 - 1:15 pm	Stringer home	Lorrette Shermet
	Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycle	Cancelled		Ellen Crawford
	Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	July 18 - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church hall*	Lorrette Shermet
	Crafts - Knitting Club - Chicks with Sticks	Cancelled for Summer		Chris Willekes
	Dining - Skip the Dishes	July 18 - 6 pm	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
	Cards - Canasta	July 22 - 7 pm	O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
	Classical Music	July 23 - 2 pm	Kennedy home	Michael Hooker
	Board Games - Joker Club	July 24 - 1 pm	O'Brien home	Auriel Halliday
	Friendship Club	July 24 - 10 am	Season's Retirement Home*	Judy Krauss
	Book Club - Happy Bookers	Cancelled for Summer		Judy Wallace
	Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	July 25 - 7 pm	Strachan home	Pete Shermet
	Dining - Nosh@Nite	July 26 - 5:30 pm	Halliday/Evans	Paul & Ellen Crawford
	Dining - Appy Hour	July 27 - 6:30 pm	Strachan home	Mary Cousins
	Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	July 31 - 3 pm	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
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