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For the Birds

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Paul Crawford

Thinking About Travelling? Check it out!

t was exciting to hear about the Norway trip from Joanne at our April meeting as it started a real buzz in the conversations that followed as members start to think of the possibility for themselves. At the May meeting, Joanne will let us know what the Fall trip for 2020 will be and again that will create a certain excitement as members consider which, if any, of the offerings they will choose. As in the past, the trips will be for members only at the beginning and then could possibly open up to friends President depending on the number who sign up. As we saw with the presentation at the April meeting of last year's

trip on the Elbe, Probus trips are known for the comraderie and good times. If you never have taken one of the trips and are unsure about whether it is for you, check out with some of the members who have been on the trips. No matter what the destination, a Probus trip is well organized and has many points of interest.

Banner photo provided by Gloria Pennycook

Our annual survey is now ready for your input. The survey is quick and easy to complete. We are anxious to hear your responses as they will be used to plan the activities, speakers, and trips that the club considers. Also is the issue of seating at our dance and Christmas dinner on which we need your feedback. We need your input by the end of May so it can be considered at our June management meeting. Of particular note is our request for members to serve on the management group. Our search committee, headed by Robyn Balfour, will be considering people for the roles of Vice-president, treasurer, membership, activities, and auditor.



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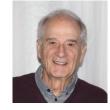
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ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB

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**

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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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Book Club - Trilogy	2nd Wed 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Book Club - Happy Bookers	4th Thurs 12:30 pm	Judy Wallace	905-878-3374	lollipops@sympatico.ca
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Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
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Our May Speaker

Jazz Chanteuse

Judith Lander began her early career as an English and French chanteuse on the CBC networks. By the age of 21 she became the youngest star of Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris. Starring in many Brel productions in the US and Canada,she appeared in Carnegie Hall with Brel himself. Judith went on to star in the first Kurt Weill compilation on Broadway

(Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill), under the tutelage of legendary Lotte Lenya. Judith continued to collaborate in NYC as a composer for dance, her acclaimed works of Diary and Spy being performed by Chicago's Hubbard St Co, the National Ballet, Les BalletsJazz, American Ballet Theatre, the Jeoffrey Ballet, and many others. Judith appeared in NY in the Baker's Wife, directed by Stephen Schwartz. As well as appearing in US theatre and dance productions, Judith returned to Canada to star in the hit Getting My Act Together..., and has continued to appear in cabaret, performing the works of Weill, Brel, Sondheim and Lander. She has appeared many times under the auspices of Soulpepper as well as often being featured at Toronto's prestigious Jazz Bistro.

Judith resides in Oakville and is a sought-after vocal coach. She considers her best creative accomplishment her son, Kalan. She will return to perform at the Jazz Bistro June 27th in the Toronto Jazz Festival's cabaret series.

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 sixpart 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.





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"

Terry Fallis writes just about the tidiest romantic comedic novels you can find on earth, let alone in Canada.

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- The Globe and Mail

Iravel Memories

Cruise on the Elbe and Vitava Rivers Sept 25 - Oct 05, 2018 (11 days)











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Although the river trip didn't live up to our expectations, being Probus members, whose philosophy is to live, laugh, and learn; we just made the best of it. We took everything in our stride, rolled with the punches, and laughed at all the things that didn't go as planned. Personally, I had a great time. I got to experience a river cruise, saw a part of the world that I hadn't seen before, and spent time with a great bunch of Probus members and friends. 11

- Gillian Reynolds



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Lots of Activities Coming Your Way! By Ruth Gagnon – Activities Chair

am excited to be part of the Activities Committee. You have a great team who are working hard to bring you a wide variety of activities and events. We also welcome your suggestions and appreciate feedback! Your Activities Committee Members are: Christie Babcock, Anne Gibbard, Kelly Ground, Stephanie Hamnett, Irene Hiebert, Joanne Millichamp, Ron Millichanp, Wilma Peer, Dawn Ross, and of course me (Ruth Gagnon).



On April 17, after the Probus meeting, twenty-two women strapped on their dancing shoes and their spirit for adventure and headed to the Bronte Legion for an afternoon of line dancing. Hosted by Tammy from Bronte Bootsn'Spurs we enjoyed good music, a healthy dose of laughter, and a feeling of accomplishment. A good time was had by all!



Our tickets for the Milton Players Theatre Group performing "Red Velvet Cake War" on **Saturday, May 11th** at 2:00 pm are sold out! Following the performance we will enjoy a drink and/or dinner at Shoeless Joe's across the street. *For those going, don't forget to pick up your tickets at the box office before the date.*

The **May 16th taping of Cityline** is also full. There will be 20 people at 9:30am attending this Canadian talk show and lifestyle program and enjoying a lunch at 1:15 at the 3 Brewers. You will be looking after your own transportation; however a group of us will be meeting at the Milton GO train station the morning of, to take the 7:35 train.

We have a 3-item event planned for **Thursday**, **July 4th**, starting with a guided tour, video, and a questions & answer session at the Woodland Cultural Centre. Afterwards, we visit the Bell City Brewery for a tour and lunch (if you wish, tastings will be available at a price of \$8.50 for a flight of 4 beers). After lunch, we will be visiting the Canadian Military Heritage Museum. Cost of \$30/person includes entry fees, tours, & lunch. We suggest carpooling. Directions will be published closer to the date in the June Forum.

Mark **Tuesday**, **August 6th** on your calendar for shopping, lunch, and the show Fiddler on the Loose. Join us as we spend our morning at the St. Jacob's Market, followed by a buffet lunch at the Crossroads Family Restaurant in Elmira at 11:30am. Then onto the Festival Theatre in Drayton to see Fiddler on the Loose showing at 2:00 pm. As the signup sheet also filled up on this event, we were able to secure more tickets; so space is available. Cost of \$65.47/person includes buffet lunch, theatre show, all taxes, and tip. We suggest carpooling. Directions will be published closer to the date in the July Forum.



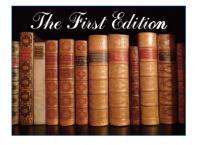




Please remember to bring your cheque book to all the Probus meetings if you would like to sign up for any of the activities. Thank you!

Born a Crime by Ellen Crawford - Convenor

his is Trevor Noah's autobiography with a mix of humour and pathos. Trevor was born in South Africa to a black Xhosa mother and a white Swiss German father. Apartheid was still prevalent at this time and his parents' union was a punishable crime, hence the title of his memoir.



In Trevor's early years, his rebellious mother went to great lengths to hide her son from the government, thus he spent long periods by himself. His mother was very religious and many hours were spent attending different church services with her children. Trevor was conversant in many languages, allowing him to fit in with many different people as he could speak their language. Trevor identifies as a black person.

He suffered many traumatic events during his childhood, such as eating worms and caterpillars, extreme poverty, and an abusive relationship with his stepfather. He had some contact with his biological father and later found that his father had followed his life path through the years. Trevor's strength and fortitude is a testament to his loving strong mother. He skilfully weaves apartheid attitudes with the themes throughout the book.

Trevor Noah can be seen on "The Daily Show", a humorous take on the daily news.

Our book club members enjoyed the book and gave it a rating of 7-8.

Tight Scores

by Paul Crawford - Correspondent

S ixteen euchre loving card players gathered at Ellen and Paul Crawford's for a raucous afternoon. Grace Ricci won top prize by a slim 1 point margin. Harold O'Brian had most lone hands and Ray Matthews shared the award for least points with Barb Chliszczyk.





Norway - Classic Roundtrip Voyage by Joanne Millichamp - Travel Convenor

e will be offering two trips for our club in 2020. The date for the first trip is **May 7-22** to the country of Norway, known for its majestic glaciers, dramatic fjords, picturesque fishing villages, and gorgeous

coastline. We will spend 11 nights onboard the Hurigruten ship MS Trollfjord cruising 2,500 miles and crossing the Arctic Circle (twice). We will visit several cities/areas such as Trondheim, Tromso, the North Cape, Kirkenes (near the Russian border), and the Lofoten Islands. Excursions include a cable car to the top of a mountain, a visit to Norway's largest cathedral, museums, a concert at the Royal Neptune Hall, and a visit to a Sami camp.

At the completion of the cruise, we will enjoy an overnight in Bergen and a city sightseeing tour. Then we travel via boat to Flam and then onto a spectacular train journey to Myrdal, then through the mountains to Oslo. This is considered one of the world's greatest rail journeys. We will spend two nights in Oslo and will see all the highlights of the city as well as a visit to the Viking Ship Museum and the Kontiki Museum.

Flights are via Icelandic Air: Toronto/Reykjavik/Bergen and return Oslo/Reykjavik/Toronto.

The cost for an inside cabin is \$7,110 based on double occupancy. Prices for outside cabins start at \$7,500. All the usual inclusions apply, food, shore excursions, tipping, etc. Air taxes are extra at \$390 per person. We need a minimum of 15 people for this trip to proceed.

Our second trip for 2020, to be announced at the May meeting will take place in mid September 2020. Watch this space for the next announcement!

For further information, please call: Joanne Millichamp 289/878-2969.

Wizard Battles by Stephen Comstock - Convenor

e had seven people out on April 10th. Due to the OSGA games being played at Grace Church, Stephen and Diane Comstock hosted at their home. There were two tables playing Wizard. When two players had to leave, we combined into one table of five, and continued our battle.





Wizard is a trick-taking card game for three to six players designed by

Ken Fisher of Toronto, Ontario in 1984. The Wizard Card Game is more fun than Hearts and more challenging than Rummy! The rules are simple, but mastering the strategy is the real challenge. Its the ultimate trump game, and a great deal of fun for the whole family. The specially designed score pad makes game play easy for everyone and is included in all versions.

Our next get-together will be May 8th and Lohrel White will be providing the refreshments and game. We will be at our usual locale (Grace Church on Main Street).

Please come join us, all are welcome. If you have a favourite game, bring it along and we'll give it a go.

The Orenda by Margaret Anne Fehr - Correspondent

he Trilogy Book Club's selection for Wednesday, April 6th was The Orenda by Joseph Boyden. Kelly Ground was our host and presented a wonderful array of refreshments including home-made bannock, an Indigenous staple, in keeping with the subject of the book.



The story-line describes the early days of New France and the Jesuits in the mid-1600's, under the auspices of the French government to bring the native peoples, referred to as 'sauvages', to Christianity. The story is told through the eyes of three main characters, the French Jesuit priest, Christophe; Bird, an influential warrior of the Huron tribe and Snow Falls, Bird's adopted daughter through kidnapping from the rival Iroquois tribe. The novel was meticulously researched by Boyden, who depicted the Huron's way of life in great detail including their long houses, their diet and customs, and their concept of the world that honoured the Orenda or life spirit that infused not only humans but all things animate and inanimate. The arrival of the Jesuits is met with skepticism from the Hurons and was hardly the rush to Christianity that our history

has portrayed.

Without a doubt this book was the most challenging our book club has taken on to date. The depiction of torture at the hands of the Iroquois is viscerally excruciating and has been described by critics of The Orenda as one of the most graphic representations of torture in current works of literature. For this reason, our group could not arrive at a usual numerical rating since the subject matter was so intense and affected everyone in their own way. The discussion sparked so many comments from our group including the motives of the Jesuits in trying to convert the tribes. We discussed topics like was the attempt to convert the tribes motivated by altruism or meant to ultimately further the economic agenda of France; the vendetta sense of justice that motivated tribes to war with each other in an environment that was lush and unspoiled, to the many instances in history where conquering powers have exploited the lands they acquired with no consideration for the native people and their living conditions.

As for recommending the book, we collectively felt it to be a hard call. There is a lot to be gained from Boyden's research and the insightful look into the very beginnings of a fledgling nation, but the torture segments may just be too difficult for some to bear.

Our next meeting will be held on May 8th when Louise Ellis hosts "Inside the O'Brien's" by Lisa Genova.

Lunching at Bryden's

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Calls Dictate Game Outcomes by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

n Thursday April 18th, fourteen Escarpment Probus and 2 Milton Probus members descended on the Comstock condo (thanks to John and Carol for filling out our numbers). It was evident from the laughter and groans, that some had a great day and others not so much. After

reviewing the scoresheets, it was clear that most games were won or lost due to numerous Call 1s and Call 2s, resulting in some very lop-sided scores (40/1, 25/-3, 38/6, 34/0, 23/-1). All I can say is "You can't win if you don't bid".



Next month, the games will be back at Grace church.

P.S. Congratulations to Ev and Reg Zanatta on their First Place finish at the OSGA games.



Appy Hour By Mary Cousins - Convenor

hank you to Deb and Roy for a lovely evening. The food was delicious and the company delightful. We managed to organize the group for a picture.

Next month will be hosted by Dianne and Udo Tomson.





It'is Time to Golf! by Harold O'Brien - Convenor

he Probus Golf club starts again on May 23 at Granite Ridge. Tee-off times start at 9:30am. You can opt to play 9 or 18 holes.

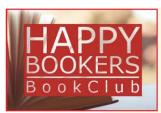


Inaugural Meeting by Judy Wallace - Convenor

THE COUPLE NEXT

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n Thursday April 25th was the Happy Bookers first meeting. We discussed "The Couple Next Door". It is author Shari Lapena's suspense debut novel.



The story revolves around the couple, Anne and Marco Conti. They seem to have it all..a loving relationship, A wonderful home and beautiful baby. But one night when they are at a dinner party next door, a terrible crime is committed. Suspicion immediately focuses on the parents. But the truth is a much more complicated story. An unsettlingly account of what actually happened unfolds. The detective knows the panicked couple is hiding something. The couple soon discover that the other is keeping secrets, secrets they have kept for years. What follows is the nerveracking unravelling of a family, a chilling tale of deception, duplicity and unfaithfulness that will keep you in suspense until the final shocking twist.

Now our group did indeed find the story was a page turner and hard to put down, because we needed to know what happened next. BUT, BUT, BUT...as one member so adroitly put it....and I quote ...

"A nasty book about nasty people with a particularly nasty ending." Overall rating was between 1-6.

Next meeting is May 30th to discuss Colson Whitehead's Pulitzer Prize winner 2016 book UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

Winter Hiatus Ends by Anne-Françoise Gibbard - Convenor

he most recent meeting of the club, after a somewhat prolonged winter hiatus, took place at the usual venue (Crowe/Yardley residence) on April 10th and began with discussion of activities since the previous one in the



winter. It commenced with travel reports, the most exotic of which was certainly Lohrel's trip to Papua New Guinea and other Pacific islands and John's daughter and family on the island of Wallis, also in the Pacific. Other topics included things as health care and public transports, and Dianne, who must be heartily thanked for providing the morning's succulent cookies, broached the hot topic of the previous day



of the black Hole (at this point the discussion pretty much lapsed into English-though it must be added the level of fluency in French has certainly improved greatly since the inception of our club il y a plus d'un an!). Also present as an invited guest was John's old university friend, Chris Kolk, a Toronto actor best know for his appearance in the youth oriented movie Billy Maison, in which he played the drunken janitor, a "teen-flick" that probus members unlikely to have seen or admit to having seen.

Au Plaisir de vous voir tous notre reunion mensuelle.

Busy Quilters by Diane Comstock - Convenor

our members of the Piece Makers gathered at Diane's home on
Monday, April 1st (no joking) and brought with them work-in progress projects as well as finished projects. Louise showed us
her wonderful pinwheel quilt made of half-square triangles that she

had quilted by a long-armer and is currently completing the binding. Judy showed us the quilt that she is repairing for a neighbour as well as a baby quilt top she is making forher grandson's school fundraiser. Wendy brought 4 completed blocks for the quilt she is making for her downstairs bedroom - 20 blocks made, only 10 more to go. My door hanger for April was a log cabin cross. We received a box of goodies donated by Gretchen Greene O'Brien containing quilting templates, scissors, and rulers and a large bag of batting donated by Ev Zanatta - thanks Gretchen and Ev. I am sure we will be able to make use of these. We made plans to trek up to Geogretown to take advantage of the Hobby.



plans to trek up to Georgetown to take advantage of the Hobby Horse 31% fabric sale (do we need more fabric? ALWAYS) and the possibility of attending the Creativ Festival quilt show.

Quilting Term of the Month: *Template* – A shape cut from plastic or cardboard and used as a pattern for tracing either piecing or appliqué patches, or it may also be used to transfer quilting lines to a quilt top.

Our next meeting will be on May 6th at Diane's home.







My Secret Sister by Carolyn Rumley - Correspondent



his is the harrowing and heartwarming story of two sisters who didn't know the other existed for 44 years. They always felt that something was missing.

Jenny was adopted by a kind, nurturing couple who raised her with love. Helen was raised by her neglectful mother and her abusive, uncaring husband. With perseverance and hope they finally found one another and discovered that not only were they sisters but twins.

The book was written for the sisters by a ghost writer and several members of our group felt that while the story is compelling the book was not well written.

Overall we would recommend the book.

Happy Spring Everyone!

by Jeanne Reid - Convenor

ur bridge club met on April 2nd at Elinore Shannon's home. There were 12 of us and we had a wonderful game as usual. The big winner was Ginny Galipeau and second was Vickie Lenarduzzi. Elinore and Barb Jones were our hosts. We didn't go hungry.

On May 7th we will have two tables attending the Allendale Card Party. June 4th, our bridge will be at the Mathews home.

Cribbage Overflows to Two Days by Martin Capper - Convenor

ixteen members gathered for the Monday night session and 12 for the Tuesday afternoon games. On Monday, Sandy achieved high score of 24 and the writer

succeeded in scoring 19 on three successive hands. Tuesday saw Gretchen win 5 out of six times emulating Malcolm's 5 win streak of the previous night! (Clearly Malcolm's cribbage skills didn't deteriorate over winter). One member who shall remain nameless went 0 for 5!

It looks like the Tuesday session is going to be a regular feature each month, particularly as our snow bird members begin their return. Malcolm and Lorene were the first to return!

Thanks to everyone who brought nibbles and treats (Ellen - the Malva cake went down very well with both groups!) and good luck to those members of the group who are competing in the OSGA at cribbage!

Mozart and Friends See an Opera

by Michael Hooker - Convenor

group of us were hosted by Asoka Yapa for a DVD performance of Mozart's greatest opera, Don Giovanni – the story of the Don's many romantic conquests and his untimely end, dragged down to hell by the statue of the

murdered father of one of his victims. Filmed in many historic and beautiful settings in Italy (rather than a stage set), and beautifully acted and sung.

Fran Murphy hosted our regular April meeting, entertaining us with "Fran's Favourites". As Fran loves to sing, many of them were choral selections, mainly French composers, with a couple of stirring orchestral pieces for good measure. All great and enjoyable stuff.

Our May session with be hosted by Jeanne Reid, on Tuesday 28th May, at 2 pm.

Calling all Bowlers!

by Michelle Tschirhart - Convenor

e meet on the last Wednesday of each month (May 29th / June 26th) at 3:00pm at Champs on Bronte Street. Drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and food are available for purchase, so no need to bring your own.



Come out and have some fun!





Adonis by Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

he second Thursday in April, 29 of us skipped out of Milton into Oakville to Adonis, a Mediterranean restaurant. The restaurant was in a strip mall and did not look too attractive from the outside. But one can never tell a book by its cover. The food



was delicious and the service was terrific. I heard a few people say we are coming back.

In May, we will once again be skipping out of Milton, this time going west. On Thursday May 16th at 6 pm, we will dine at the Aberfoyle Mill located at 80 Brock Rd South, Guelph (on Highway 6). It is about 1/2 hour drive West of Milton. Because it is out of Milton, I am suggesting people to car pool.









Join your friends for lunch in May

By Bonnie Lennox — Convenor

The Lunch Bunch in May will be at Eddios - 370 Main St E #1, Milton.



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

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Dinner is often a very celebratory environment, a very safe place, a time to reflect and let the day go and enjoy good food and good wine. It's a very peaceful moment during the day. A great dinner can change your day around.

- Brett Gelman

2 Movie Night by Teresa Spano - Convenor

his month a few Oscar movie goers ventured out to the movies. We split into two groups and viewed 2 movies: 5 Feet Apart and Dumbo.

Beth had the following to say about 5 Feet Apart:

I found the story compelling as it reveals the seriousness of Cystic Fibrosis but tells us of the desire and need of these young people to have some fun in their lives and form relationships. Stella, who is seventeen, spends much of her life in hospital on a rigid routine of medications and restrictions. Her focus changes when Will, who has been admitted to the hospital on a special drug trial, peaks her interest in the opposite sex. Their ensuing "smart quips and teasing" develops into a love for each other. In this movie, I learned that different bacteria can spread between different individuals with CF therefore, they are to stay 5 feet apart, hence the title of the movie. This becomes very difficult for Stella and Will as their relationship develops.

Rating 8 out of 10

Dumbo was our second movie:

Circus owner Max Medici (Danny DeVito) enlists former star Holt Farrier (Colin Farrell) and his children Milly (Nico Parker) and Joe (Finley Hobbins) to care for a newborn elephant whose oversized ears make him a laughingstock in an already struggling circus. But when they discover that Dumbo can fly, the circus makes an incredible comeback, attracting persuasive entrepreneur V.A. Vandevere (Michael Keaton), who recruits the peculiar pachyderm for his newest, larger-than-life entertainment venture, Dreamland. Dumbo soars to new heights alongside a charming and spectacular aerial artist, Colette Marchant (Eva Green), until Holt learns that beneath its shiny veneer, Dreamland is full of dark secrets. We found Dumbo entertaining and really enjoyed watching the special effects in 3 D.



Rating for this movie was 7 out of 10

Mark you calendars, May 14 will be our next Oscar movie night.

Nosh @ Nite By Peter Lasota - Correspondent

wenty one Probians braved the cold, the rain, and the rush hour drive to Brampton. We noticed that we are still missing a few of our winter travellers. Sadly, our group is losing Anne and Ron Du Pont as they are moving to London, Ontario, in a few days. We toasted them to much happiness in their new home. Thanks to all our Noshers for a great variety of tasty canapés, interesting conversation, and to all those who helped with the cleanup.

Ontario Micro Breweries by Ted Chliszczyk - Correspondent



n March, twelve enthusiastic beer drinkers gathered at Barb and Ted Chliszczyk's place to sample six different beers. The theme was Ontario Micro

Breweries and all beers were from the Railway City Brewing Company in St. Thomas, ON.

The results were:



6th place: Honey Elixir - Brown Ale: A beautiful mahogany coloured medium body English style brown ale.

5th place: Maple Bock - Dark Lager: Notes of molasses and dark maple syrup as well as dark fruit.



Tied for 2nd place:

- Iron Spike Copper Ale: A medium to full-bodied creamy and sweet ale.
- Iron Spike Amber Ale: A full-bodied amber ale with an ideal balance of cream, grains, and fruitiness.
- Fehr Game Irish Red Ale: Exceptionally smooth, malt body, paired with caramel and toffee tones.



1st place: Barrel Reserve - Citrus Sour: Barrel aged on orange and lemon peel.

The evening finished with a Guinness chocolate cake and Coffee.

How Beer Tasting Works

by Pete Shermet - Convenor





i All. We are welcoming Escarpment Probians to join our beer tasting club. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, usually in a members home.

The host determines the maximum number that they can host and sends out the invite a couple weeks prior to the event, attendees are accepted on a first come first serve basis. The host purchases sufficient quantity of beer and divides the cost of the beer between the guests (excluding themselves). They are advised of the cost before the tasting. If an attendee cancels on short notice after the cost is shared with the group they are obligated to still pay their share to the host. The host provides snacks of their choice (peanuts, pretzels, chips cheese, crackers, etc.) and desert tea and coffee at the conclusion of the tasting.

If you would like to join our group or have any questions please contact me (peteshermet@gmail.com or (905) 878-1293) or see me at the general meeting.



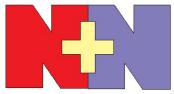
Worth the Drive to Guelph

by Gillian Reynolds - Convenor

If the men hung out in Harold's man cave. She wrote: "Thank you Lynda and Harold for the lovely evening - awesome beef on a bun that went with the great salads and desserts." I think everyone would heartily agree.

Strangers become Friends

by Patricia Kotack - Correspondent



n April 12th, twelve Noshers gathered at the home of Patricia Kotack to enjoy an evening of feasting and fun! Many of us were meeting for the first time but thankfully we didn't have to work too hard to remember new names as 50% of male guests had the name Chris! (nametags not required).

We also had no problem finding conversation topics of interest to all as around 90% of guests hailed from the UK – so needless to say the wine and wit was flowing freely. We may have started the evening with strangers but in true Probus style we ended with new Friends! A good time was enjoyed by all (especially Oliver).



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.

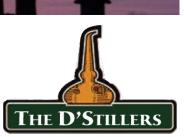
Bringing a guest to the meeting?

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.

Taste of Scotland by Chris Strachan - Convenor

he April Meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Lorrette and Pete Shermet. Pete had five whiskies for our tasting pleasure they were rated as follows:





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The winning whisky of the evening was '**Glendronach 12 yr Old**' Single Malt with an ABV (Alcohol by Volume) of 43% at a cost of \$80.30. In 1826 the Glendronach Distillery was founded by James Allerdice, in the 1860's Glendronach was the largest duty paying distillery in the Scottish Highlands. Over 50 people lived on site at this time, including all of the workers and their families.

Second, of the evening was 'Glen Scotia Double Cask' Single Malt with an ABV of 46% at a cost of \$71.50. The Glen Scotia Distillery was founded in 1832 and has been operating for approximately one hundred and eighty years. It is located in Campbeltown a small town on the Kintyre Peninsula on the west coast of Scotland. It is affectionately known as the "Wee Toon", and the Victorian Whisky Capital of the World. At its peak in the 1800s, there were 21 distilleries in this small town with approximately 170 distilleries operating at that time in the UK (129 of those in Scotland).

The third whisky was **Glencadam 13 yr. Old Single Malt** with an ABV of 46% at a cost of \$129.95. This whisky was a limited edition whisky with only 6,000 bottles being produced. Angus Dundee, the current owner of the Glencadam distillery, recently won a prestigious award for one of its products the 'Tomintoul33 Yr Old Single Malt. There are many prestigious awards and commendations to be won for Whiskies, but none as elegant as the "World Whiskies Awards".

Fourth of the evening was '**Jura Seven Wood**' single malt with an ABV of 40% at a cost of \$98.70. Jura, this island on the west coast of Scotland has only one road, one pub, and one Distillery. Less than 200 people live on the island (while it has a red deer population of around 5000). The inhabitants of Jura are known as Diurachs, which is their Gaelic name.

Bringing up the rear was **'Deanston Virgin Oak'** with an ABV of 46.3% and cost \$49.95. Deanston Distillery started life in 1785 as a cotton mill and remained as such for 180 years until it was transformed into a distillery in 1966. The constant supply of pure water from the River Teith contributed to the decision to turn the mill into a distillery and Deanston is now the only distillery in Scotland to be self-sufficient in electricity, with power generated by an on-site hydro-energy facility. The Deanston whisky warehouse was used in the filming of 'The Outlander' TV series as a French wine warehouse in Le Havre.

Thanks to Lorrette for the lovely goodies. Also our thanks to the DD's, sometimes we need them more than others.

The May 1st meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Susan and Wayne Herder.



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Last Report by Michael Hooker - Convenor

Lorrette and Pete Shermet: Whites and Blues: "Blue Mondays"; Reds: Wines from Israel's Golan Heights Winery



ete sent me a write-up on the tasting; I thought it so interesting that I decided to share some of it:

The first wine to be tasted was Naked Grape Blue, a low alcohol (6% abv) novelty wine distributed by the Wine Rack during the summer. There was a gasp of shock as the first glass was poured and came out blue,



APRIL FOOLS! It was a very sweet wine 50g/l of sugar best served chilled as a summer sipper. Score 12.4 Price \$10.45. The second was a make it yourself Blu wine by Vin Bon, a wine shop on Steeles. It was also a blue wine (13% abv) It had notes of hair perm solution as one taster pointed out and then everyone agreed, (maybe from the sulphite solution used to clean the bottles); not a popular

wine and the spit bucket was requested! Score 8.25 Price \$138.00 for a batch of ~28 bottles. Blue wines are coloured white wines using the skins of red grapes to impart an indigo tinge to the wine, it's all natural, not food colouring! The last white was indeed a

white: BLUE NUN which was a popular white for the evening. Score 14.25 Price \$9.55.



Lorrette and I returned from a trip to the "HOLY LAND" last November. During our trip, we were fortunate to visit the Golan Heights Winery, where we tasted several fine wines. We brought

back 3 bottles to share for our tasting. The owner said they were available in Canada (Ontario) but this is not so. All the wines from the Golan heights winery said the same thing in the tasting notes "they will improve with age and should reach their peak in 10-15 years".

- Best White: Blue Nun Deutcher Tafelwein, from Germany (Rhineland); LCBO 729; \$9.55; Score 14.3
- Best Red: Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon 2015; Israel (Golan); Not available in LCBO; \$42.00 (US); Score 15.1

Jeanne Reid and Michael Hooker: Organic Wines

- eanne is very knowledgeable about organic wines, and gave us a quick introduction to them, mentioning that LCBO stores now have a section for Organic Wines. I was impressed by their quality all the six wines we tasted were really worth drinking.
- Best White: Adobe Reserva Sauvignon Blanc Organic, from Casablanca Valley, Chile; LCBO 266049; \$13.15; Score 13.3
- Best Red: Ciao Sangiovese Organic Terra de Chieti, from Italy; LCBO 29090; \$12.70' Score 14.0

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Ann and Ron Dupont: Canadian wines – Four wineries – Wine A versus Wine B same winery / same grape / different quality

on did the unthinkable – rather than serve six wines he served us eight! (Which was necessary to keep the number of reds the same as whites). However knowing this in advance we generally adjusted the amount we poured! This will likely be that last time that Ron and Ann host us – they are shortly moving to London ON. We'll all be sorry to see you go, Ann and Ron; you've been with Grapenuts since our start – you first hosted us in October 2014.

- Best White: Jackson-Triggs Reserve Sauvignon Blanc VQA, Niagara Region; LCBO 58438; \$14.25; Score 13.6 (versus Jackson-Triggs Sauvignon Blanc; LCBO 399410; \$1145; Score 13.4)
- Best Red: Henry of Pelham Estate Cabernet Merlot VQA, Niagara Region; LCBO 395855; \$24.95; Score 13.9 (versus Henry of Pelham Cabernet Merlot VQA; LCBO 504241; \$15.95; Score 12.8)

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Our May Tastings: Thursday 2nd May – Liz and Cliff Read, Monday 6th May – Marg Jones and Frank Dawe, Wednesday 8th May – Anna and Chris Strachan



by Pat Vogt - Social Chair

ircle your calendar (Thursday) July 11th for our annual picnic at Lowville Park. For fun in the sun we will have bocce, ladder ball, trivia quiz, and a few other interesting adult games! We are working with a new "caterer", and am confirming the menu. I will have details at the May general meeting.

Bring your cheque books to purchase your tickets for the picnic at the May and June general meetings.

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)



Welcome to Hawaii! by Anna Strachan - Correspondent

t was fitting that the last of the Supper Club get-togethers was a balmy evening for our Hawaiian night themed dinner. Maggie and Michael Boothe met us at the door with a warm Aloha hug and a colourful lei for each of us. The meal was quite delicious, in keeping with the Hawaii theme it was pineapples based, very yummy. The conversation flowed with anecdotes

and much laughter and before we knew it, it was time to take our leave. In summary, a grand time was had by all, as seen by the happy faces in our group picture.



Auriel and Don. I get into the Island



elow are photos from the Hawaiian Supper Club dinner hosted by Auriel and Don. The food was excellent and the Blue Hawaiian drinks helped us all get into the Island spirit. Especially Martin and Norma .







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Our April Meeting - Celebrating Probus Month



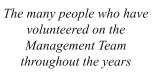
The friendly faces of Maggie and David Boss along with Fiona Christie and Patricia Belvedere greeted us as we came in. They also had the honour of cutting the cake.

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Researchers consistently find that most older volunteers, when compared to older nonvolunteers, have fewer functional and physical *impairments, overall* better health, higher life satisfaction, and less depression. In addition, they attend religious services more frequently and belong to more social organizations.

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- Edgar Bronfman, Sr.







And the lucky50/50 Draw winner is..... Anne Taylor who took home \$206





Burton Lim enlightened us on the many faces of a ROM Museum Curator



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Vogt home 121 Chisholm Dr., Milton* TBD

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Paul Crawford **Paul Crawford Bonnie Lennox**

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