FORUM



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President's Message:

With a little help from our friends



Daylight savings time ends in Canada on Sunday morning on November 3rd when we turn the clocks back one hour. While it does provide more light in the mornings, the earlier darkness makes many of us less inclined to venture out in the evenings. This is when belonging to PROBUS can provide brightness in our lives.

If you need encouragement to keep moving, think about joining the bowling club, or go hiking with the trail walkers. If you feel like hunkering down and enjoying good cheer, join Skip the Dishes or the new Saturday Night Lives activity. All the information on these clubs and more can be found in the pages of this Forum.

If you were at our October meeting, you'll understand the context when I say that, "we all get by with a little help from our friends". Beatles songs were the topic of the monthly song quiz.

— Liz Read

Editor's Note:

You will notice some changes to the Forum this month as I start my stint as editor. With a fresh set of eyes, desktop publishing experience that goes back to the early days of the Apple Macintosh, and some time to fill now that I am "semi-retired", I have embarked on a mission to revamp the club newsletter.

I have incorporated elements of the previous design (like the club logos), but reorganized the content into sections ("Activities" for upcoming events, "Recent Events" for past events, etc.), and added some things (like the Contents list with hyperlinks). I also made some technical changes, like calendar pages that are sharp when you zoom in to read the details. It is a work in progress and this month's version is a bit bare bones as the setup took a lot of time, so watch for additional changes in future issues. If you have suggestions or see any problems, please let me know.

And by the way, if you haven't seen the website redesign check it out and let me know what you think (especially those accessing it on a phone)! My intention is to update the website regularly so it contains the most up-to-date information available. Here's the link: www.escarpmentprobus.com

— David Boss

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ACTIVITIES

Try something new!

By Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Before you know it the winter season will be upon us (December 21st). Don't even think about hibernating! Get out there and get active. Join us for the activities and events that we are planning. You can be guaranteed a good time with your Escarpment PROBUS friends! Check out the "Forum" to see what we have been up to! Check out our stories and pics on FaceBook at #Escarpment Probus!!

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Hints, Hacks & How To's for the iPhone/iPad

We had an overwhelming response to hold this session! Kelly Ground is going to show us Hints, Hacks & How To's for our iPhones (newer than an iPhone 5 is better) and iPads. There is a long list of what we will learn but to give you an idea, we will learn how to AirDrop, get the best apps, create a health emergency contact, take pictures, create albums, use your camera and so much more! The location for this event will be the Grace Anglican Church and we will be running two sessions. Kelly will be reaching out to you with your assigned date and time, which will be either on **Tuesday, November 12th** at 1:00 pm or **Tuesday, November 19th** at 10 am. The cost of this event is \$2/person.

Tuesday, November 5th – Terra Greenhouses – Christmas Planter

We will be going to Terra Greenhouses in Milton to make a Christmas Planter. This event will be held from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Friday, November 15th - Song Sung Blue: The Neil Diamond Story

CLOSED! Wait list only! Remember to pick up your ticket from the FirstOntario Arts Centre. Please mention that you are a member of the Escarpment PROBUS group when you pick them up.

Friday, November 22nd - Mohawk Racetrack & Dinner

We are off to the Races!! We will see you at the Woodbine Mohawk Park, Terrace Trackside Buffet at **6:00 pm.** The Buffet is a scrumptious Mohawk Harvest Themed Buffet. There will be free pocket programs for each guest and one full racing program for each table. Exciting harness races from the comfort of your dining table! There is a possibility that we will be able to visit the paddocks, but we cannot confirm this ahead of time as it is based on who is racing, the horses' temperament, licensing, etc. The buffet opens at 6:00 pm and the race time is 7:10 pm. The cost for this event is \$41/person.

NEW! Thursday, November 28th – Longo's, The Loft, Christmas Hors D'Oeuvres

Whether you are part of NOSH or not, join us on Thursday, November 28th at 6:00 pm to learn how to make some hors d'oeuvres and be ready for your Christmas entertaining! Get your taste buds ready to taste Cranberry, Brie Cheese and Caramelized Onion Puffs, Vietnamese Pork lettuce Wraps, Shaved Beef Tenderloin and Mushroom Crostini, Bela's Umami Bruschetta Bombs, Mediterranean (Sundried Tomatoes, Black Olives, Feta Cheese) Filled Cucumber Cups, and Thai Mango Fresh Rolls with Peanut Dip, then end the evening with a Mini Espresso Chocolate-Coffee Pots de Crème. Our November General Meeting will be your only opportunity to sign up for this event! The cost is \$40/person.



Need a lift to an activity/event?
Check out the sign up sheets for a member who is willing to drive!

Please remember to bring your cheque book to all PROBUS meetings so you can sign up for the great activities!

Unless otherwise stated, cheques will be cashed at the beginning of the month the event is scheduled.

Activities Committee Members: Ruth Gagnon Anne Gibbard Kelly Ground Stephanie Hamnett Irene Hiebert Joanne Millichamp Ron Millichamp Dawn Ross

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, December 5th - Crock A Doodle

Discover your inner artist and get ready to paint pottery pieces and turn them into amazing works of art! Choose from a gingerbread plate, snowman bowl or 7" votive Christmas tree!!! If you're looking at doing something for yourself or as a Christmas gift this event is for you! This event will be held at Crock A Doodle, which is at 1040 Kennedy Circle (Thompson at Louis St. Laurent – across from Metro) and will be held from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. The cost is \$28/person and it is limited to 30 members.

Saturday, December 7th - SNL (Saturday Night Lives)

You deserve a break today! Come out and join us for dinner. If you haven't yet given your name and email address, there is a sign up sheet at the Activities Tables. An email will be sent confirming which restaurant we will be going to. So come out and have some fun with other Escarpment PROBUS Members! Venue will be a local Milton restaurant and suggestions are welcome!

Friday, December 13th - Tour of Dundurn Castle

Join us for a Christmas Tour of the Dundurn Castle in Hamilton. We will begin our evening with carol singing, followed by a tour of Sir Allan MacNab's lavish home, then eat some traditional Christmas foods served in Dundurn's historic kitchen. The cost for this event is \$30/person and it will run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The November General Meeting will be your last chance to sign up for this event. Please note that your cheque will be cashed right away.

Tuesday, December 31st – Pete's Rockin' New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

Bring in the New Year with the best retiree club around! Pete's Rockin' New Year's Eve Celebration Dinner & Dance is a Pete Paquette Production. This event will be held at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre at 1280 Dundas Street West in Oakville. This event is open to family and friends. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the buffet is at 8:00 pm. Pete Paquette is an Elvis impersonator, but also performs a wide range of music. We will be dancing to 50's, 60's and 70's music. The dress code is smart casual. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PRICE OF \$139/person (including tax and gratuities) as we will no longer be providing transportation, but will look at driving ourselves, taking an Uber or having a DD. The price includes a three course sit down dinner, open bar, late night buffet table, party favours, champagne toast at midnight, live entertainment by The Tonettes and The Rockin' Royals and dancing until you can't dance anymore!

The November General Meeting will be your last chance to sign up for this event.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

Saturday, January 18th – Take It Easy: The Story of the Eagles

CLOSED! Wait list only! Your tickets are available at the FirstOntario Milton Arts Centre. Please let them know you are with Escarpment PROBUS.

Tuesday, January 21rd – Halton EMS: Falls & Strokes

Paul Lamey is a Public Safety Education Coordinator with the Paramedical Services in Halton. He is a dynamic, engaging speaker who will be presenting on: Heart Attacks, Cardiac Arrest, How and When to use a Defibrillator, Calling 911, EIV (Emergency Information Vial) and Falls. There will be a time at the end of his presentation to ask questions. This event will be held at the Grace Anglican Church at 317 Main Street East at 10:00 am. The cost is \$5/person as we will be making a donation to Grace Anglican Church and providing Paul with an honorarium. After the presentation we will go on a short walk (or ride) to Eddieo's and enjoy a preset lunch menu at your own cost. Make your food selection when you sign up. This event is limited to 50 members.

Tuesday, January 28th - Paint and Cocktails

Here is another opportunity to come out and discover your inner artistic qualities. We will be enjoying an afternoon of painting and cocktails and once we are done have a great dinner together! We will be painting a "Paris Path", as shown on the flyer and sign up sheet. This event is being held at Shoeless Joes at 800 Main Street East in Milton. The cost for all painting supplies is \$35/person. Dinner and cocktails are at your own cost. Start time is 4:00 pm and we will finish painting at 6 pm and enjoy dinner together.

NEW! Wednesday, January 29th – Crawford Lake Snowshoeing Hike

Snowshoes offer a unique perspective on a unique season! A truly Canadian activity, snowshoeing is a magical way to explore the winter landscape. Join us to discover the origins of snowshoeing in the unique setting of Crawford Lake's reconstructed 15th century Iroquoian village. We will learn how to snowshoe and then go on a guided hike. They will give a little talk, get us set up with the snowshoes and set off for the hike. They do not provide poles, but you can always bring some if you wish. If we don't have enough snow they will lead us on a hike. Meet at the park at 2:15 pm. Park entrance fees are on your own. Cost is \$9/person. Join us for dinner after at St. Louis Bar & Grill, located at 604 Santa Maria Blvd., Milton (off Derry Road).

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Friday, February 14th – Fifty Shades of Gray – I mean darker!!

Do something extra special on Valentine's Day. Join us at Longo's, The Loft for a cooking demonstration with chocolate as the star for the savory and sweet menu. Yes, chocolate! Chef John Bela will be preparing Chocolate Temptation Mussels, Dark Chocolate and Wild Mushroom Mille-Feuille, Cocoa Nib and Black Pepper Encrusted Beef Tenderloin with Chocolate Port Sauce, White Chocolate Potato Mash, Asparagus with Prosciutto and Cocoa Nibs and a Chocolate Soup with Floating Meringue Island for dessert! The cost of this event is \$45/person.

MARCH ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, March 1st – Drury Lane Music Hall 40th Anniversary!

Join us for a matinee with the Marvelous Misters, Melodious Misses, and the distinguished Mr. Chairman as they present an amazing show that is bound to astound! Take a trip down memory lane with the most entertaining, comedic and touching moments of Olde Tyme Music Hall, featuring some surprise guest artists performing favourite numbers that span four decades. Booing and cheering are encouraged! The cost is \$27/person and we have purchased 30 tickets with an opportunity to purchase more.

MEETING: NOVEMBER

The most fun I ever had with my clothes on!

This is about a year of teaching a group of challenging grade nine boys in the early 1960s. You do not have to be a teacher to enjoy this hilarious presentation. You simply have to be a senior who once went to school. Anyone who has gone through grade nine will understand and laugh over what happened to Ken Weber in his first year as a teacher.



Born in Neustadt, Ontario, Ken Weber retired from the University of Toronto in 1996 to continue his developing career as a writer. His fiction series, Five Minute Mysteries, became a best seller in Canada, the U.S., and Japan, and is now published in twenty-two different languages, having sold copies in the millions. A passion for history has taken Ken into a most enjoyable third career; convincing Canadians through PowerPoint lectures that their history is fascinating. At retirement, U of T honored Ken by naming him 'Emeritus', one of the youngest professors ever to be awarded this title by the university. The students at his faculty also named him 'Teacher of the Year'. Ken and his wife Cecile live in Caledon and are trustees of the Bruce Trail.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER

Remember to bring your cheque book to the November meeting as it will be your last chance to sign up for our annual Christmas Lunch on December 11 at Piper's Heath Golf Club. Sign up starts at 9:00 AM and it will be first come, first served for the 66 remaining spots. The cost is \$45.00 for members, \$55.00 for non-members.

You will enjoy a delicious lunch of either grilled beef sirloin, grilled salmon with maple butter sauce, or vegetarian option, followed by a yummy dessert of sticky toffee pudding with caramelized pecans and dark rum butter. There will be great entertainment and a cash bar, and we will all being wearing our smart Couture Christmas outfits.

— Pat Vogt, Social Chair

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wed 1 pm	Stephen Comstock	905-876-4909	scomstoc@sympatico.ca
Board Games - Jokers	2nd Thurs 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Board Games - Jokers	4th Wed 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Mon 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Happy Bookers	4th Thurs 12:30 pm	Judy Wallace	905-878-3374	lollipops@sympatico.ca
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wed Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wed 10 am	Catherine Parr	289-971-9214	4catparr@gmail.com
Book Club - Trilogy	2nd Wed 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre	3rd Thurs 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Tues 1 pm	Jeanne Reid	289-878-9920	jreid345@cogeco.ca
Cards - Canasta	4th Mon 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	2nd Mon 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	Tues. after the 2nd Mon 1:30 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Euchre	3rd Tues 1 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	4th Tues 1:30 pm	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net
Club Français	2nd Wed 10 am / 11 am	Anne-Françoise Gibbard	905-854-3781	anne@gibbard.net
Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks	3rd Thurs 10:30 am	Christine Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers	1st Tues 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - Appy Hour	Last Sat 6:30 pm	Mary Cousins	416-628-6275	mlecousins@outlook.com
Dining - Lunch Bunch	3rd Wed noon	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - Nosh 'N' Natter	1st Fri 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - Nosh 'N' Natter	2nd Fri 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - Skip the Dishes	3rd Thurs 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Dining - Supper/Dinner Club	Scheduled by convenor	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Friendship Club	4th Wed 10 am	Judy Krauss	289-878-8194	judyckrauss@gmail.com
Movie Club - Oscar Nights	2nd Tues 7 pm	Theresa Spano	416-618-2955	1tspano@gmail.com
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	2nd Tues 4 pm	Michelle Tschirhart	416-668-9083	mltschirhart55@gmail.com
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	Last Wed 4 pm	Michelle Tschirhart	416-668-9083	mltschirhart55@gmail.com
Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers	Every Thurs. 9:30 am (May-Sept.)	Harold O'Brien	289-851-8477	harold0727@rogers.com
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	4th Thurs 7 pm	Pete Shermet	905-878-1293	peteshermet@gmail.com
Tastings - Whisky - D'Stillers	1st Wed 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	anstrac1945@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Mon 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Thurs 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	2nd Wed 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Travel - Annual Trip	Scheduled by convenor	Joanne Millichamp	289-878-2969	jmillichamp@hotmail.com
Travel - Wanderlust	2nd Thurs 7 pm (bi-monthly)	Gloria Pennycook	905-659-7789	gpennycook@icloud.com
Walkers - Trail Walkers	Every Tues 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca
New information	Temporary change			

Club Notes:

Bowling

Hello to all of our regular bowlers and welcome to those newbies who signed up at our last meeting! Our dates for November are Tuesday November 12th and Wednesday November 27th, both at 4 pm at Champs. We bowl two games. Champs will provide water for free and other beverages (alcohol or not) for a fee, so please do not bring your own in. Looking forward to seeing you on either Tuesday or Wednesday or both! - *Michelle Tschirhart, Convenor*

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Christmas Planter	November	5	1:30 PM	Terra Greenhouse	Ruth Gagnon
Hints, Hacks & How To's for the iPhone/iPad	November	12	1:00 PM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
Executive Meeting	November	13	6:00 PM	Read home	Liz Read
Song Sung Blue: The Neil Diamond Story	November	15	8:00 PM	FirstOntario Milton Arts Centre	Ruth Gagnon
Hints, Hacks & How To's for the iPhone/iPad	November	19	10:00 AM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	November	20	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Liz Read
unch Bunch	November	20	12:00 PM	Boston Pizza, 1085 Maple Ave.	Bonnie Lennox
Mohawk Race Track & Dinner	November	22	6:00 PM	Mohawk Race Track	Ruth Gagnon
Christmas Hors D'Oeuvres	November	28	6:00 PM	The Loft	
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Nalkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tuesd	ay	1:30 PM	as per email	Ronald Flannagan
Dining - Nosh 'N' Natter	November	1	5:30 PM	Watkiss home	Gillian Reynolds
Гastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	November	4	7:00 PM	Crawford home	Jim Tschirhart
Cards - <i>Bridge</i>	November	5	1:00 PM	Corker home	Jeanne Reid
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	November	5	1:00 PM	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	November	6	7:00 PM	Willcock home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	November	7	7:00 PM	Halk home	Jim Tschirhart
Dining - Nosh 'N' Natter	November	8	5:30 PM	Tomson home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - First Edition	November	11	1:00 PM	McIlwaine home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	November	11	7:00 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	November	12	1:30 AM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>		12	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	November	12	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	November	13	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Stephen Comstock
Book Club - Sequel		13	10:00 AM	Cannell home	Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>		13	10:00 AM	Mathews home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>		13	10:00 AM	Yardley / Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibb
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>		13	7:00 PM	Strachan home	Jim Tschirhart
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>		14	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Travel - Wanderlust		14	7:00 PM	Read home	Gloria Pennycook
Dining - Supper/Dinner Club	November		6:30 PM	as per setup	Auriel Halliday
Cards - Euchre	November		1:00 PM	Kotack home	Lorrette Shermet
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	November		9:30 PM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Cards - Bid Euchre	November		1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks	November		10:30 AM	Houlihan home	Christine Willekes
Dining - Skip the Dishes	November		6:00 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - Canasta	November		7:00 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	November		1:30 PM	Asoka Yapa home	Michael Hooker
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	November		1:00 PM	Combined Jokerama Nov 14	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	November		10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement home*	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	November		4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Book Club - Happy Bookers	November		12:30 PM	Murphy home	Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	November :		7:00 PM	Hiebert home	Pete Shermet Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i> Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	November		5:30pm 6:30 PM	Millichamp home O'Brien home	Mary Cousins
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Activities					
Executive Meeting	December	4	6:00 PM	Gagnon home (324 McNabb Cr.)	Liz Read
Pottery Painting at Crock a Doodle	December	5	2:00 PM	1040 Kennedy Circle	Ruth Gagnon
Saturday Night Lives	December	7			<u> </u>
Christmas Lunch	December	11	11:00 AM	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Pat Vogt
Christmas Tour of Dundurn Castle	December	13	7:00 PM	Hamilton	Ruth Gagnon
Pete's Rockin' New Years Eve Celebration	December	31	7:30 PM	St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre	Ruth Gagnon
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tueso	day	1:30 PM	as per email	Ronald Flannagan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	December	2	7:00 PM	TBD	Jim Tschirhart
Cards - <i>Bridge</i>	December	3	1:00 PM	Lenarduzzi home	Jeanne Reid
Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers	December	3	1:00 PM	Comstock home*	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stiller</i> s	December	4	7:00 PM	Millichamp home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	December	5	7:00 PM	TBD	Jim Tschirhart
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	December	6		Cancelled	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - First Edition	December	9	1:00 PM	Shermet home	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	December	9	7:00 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	December	10	1:30 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	December	10	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Night</i> s	December	10	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	December	11	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Stephen Comstock
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	December	11	10:00 AM	Ground home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	December	11	10:00 AM	Yardley / Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibba
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	December	11	7:00 PM	TBD	Jim Tschirhart
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	December	12	10:00 AM	100 Millside Drive	Catherine Parr
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	December	12	1:30 PM	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	December	13		Cancelled	Gillian Reynolds
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	December	17	1:00 PM	O'Brien home	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	December	17	1:30 PM	Reid home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	December	18		Cancelled (no meeting)	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	December	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks	December	19	10:30 AM	TBD	Christine Willekes
Dining - Skip the Dishes	December	19	6:00 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	December	23	7:00 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Board Games <i>- Jokers</i>	December	25	1:00 PM	Cancelled	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	December	25	10:00 AM	Cancelled	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	December	25	4:00 PM	Cancelled	Michelle Tschirhart
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	December	26	12:30 PM	Cancelled	Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	December	26	7:00 PM	Cancelled	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh</i> @ <i>Nite</i>	December	27	5:30 PM	Cancelled	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	December	28	6:30 PM	Boss home	Mary Cousins
New information					
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RECENT EVENTS

October Meeting



Our greeters: Pamela Lester and Beth Barnes.



New members: Lois and Joe Oatman



Departing Management Team members: Robyn Balfour, Maggie Boothe and Diane Comstock



Chris Wallhouse thanks our speakers from the Juno Beach Centre Association.



Anybody need a book?



Our 50/50 winner: Barb Chliszczyk



Lunch Bunch after the meeting

Sincere thanks to Lorrette and Pete Shermet, photographers at large.

Activities

Longo's, The Loft Cooking Demonstration

by Ruth Gangnon

Delish is the best way to describe it! On Friday, October 25th, seven of us enjoyed an excellent meal even with a last minute change in chefs! Chef Christie Contini prepared an excellent meal of beer cheddar soup (oh yum!), chicken schnitzel, creamy potato salad, kolbassa and cabbage, and ended with a Black Forest cake! As you can see, we even got

involved! Watch for the next cooking demonstration coming your way soon!







Fire Safety Training

by Kelly Ground

On a sunny Thursday morning, twenty PROBUS members traveled to the Oakville Fire Training Centre, where the Milton Fire Department goes to train. We began our session in the classroom, with two Fire Prevention Officers educating us on required safety measures for our homes, equipment, and new technologies. This was followed by a very moving video simulation of a fire that took the life of a five-year-old boy. The exact conditions were recreated, the fire was set, and it took only a minute and a half to render the exits impassable, with conditions impossible to survive. This stressed the importance of having smoke detectors on every level of your home.

Afterwards, we toured the outdoor training facility, where they practice water and ice rescues, and controlled burns in apartment structures, houses, and industrial units. The trainees utilize a

maze of pipe to replicate confined space rescues, a high rise structure to practice rope rescues, and donated cars to simulate extractions. We all feel safer knowing how their skills are honed and kept sharp.

A few tips:

- If you have appliances you don't regularly use, unplug them.
- When buying small appliances, be sure they are approved products and stamped ULC or CSA.
- Replace hard wired smoke detectors every seven to ten years.
- Remember three things we must do to be safe: Prevent, Detect and Escape.







Mission possible, we escaped!!

by Kelly Ground, Correspondent

A keen group headed to Champs to try out two of the three new Escape Rooms. Each room was full of challenges, puzzles and its own frustrations. Teamwork was needed to gather, decode, and decipher clues. It was a lot of fun and certainly encouraged cooperation, built teamwork and made for a fun event.



This group of wiz kids worked their magic on Wizards' escape room!



This group of heroes triumphed over evil in the Heroes escape room!

Trivia Night

by Stephanie Hamnett, Correspondent

Escarpment Probus had a good turnout for our Trivia Night at Ned Devine's on October 21st. It was fun and challenging for a lot of us but "Fred Couple's" rose to the challenge and were declared The Winners, taking home \$100 between them and more important, bragging rights. Congratulations to you and also to the 2nd and 3rd place teams shown here.











Clubs: Food and Drink

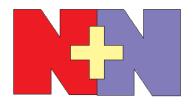
"What's in a name?"

by Gillian Reynolds, Convenor

The name of the game was to choose an appetizer starting with the same initial as your surname. This was Pat Vogt's idea when she and Rejane hosted the October 4th Nosh n Natter. What a creative bunch we are: Cousins - crostini, Shellard - sausage rolls, Boothe - brioche with brisket (posh word for "buns"), Flynn- falafel, Watkiss -



wontons, Reynolds (nee Smith) ribs and sausages, Halk - ham and provolone, Pond - pecan, cheese and bacon tarts, Murphy - melon and prosciutto, O'Brien - olive kebabs. It made for an interesting change and evoked discussions on how women today have a choice of last names for themselves and their children when they are married. As usual the men started off sitting together but we soon split them up. The event was very convivial and the conversation flowed freely, as did the wine.

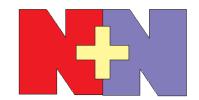




September Nosh

by Irene Hiebert, Correspondent

The rain stopped just as the first guests arrived at the Hiebert house to allow us to sit outside and enjoy the outdoors! There were many tasty appetizers, and lots of great conversation as we sipped the evening away with the warmth of the fire. Someone tried to calculate the average age of all of us, and came up with 71! Not sure how this could have happened when most of us women were 39! We will have to have a recount at our next nosh night!









An 'appy group

by Paul Crawford, Correspondent

Twenty 'appy people joined in for a fun evening of lively chatter and delectable food.

The evening started with the group congregating in the kitchen area and then dispersing throughout to savour their "appies" and dessert. Afterward the women conversed in the

kitchen area while some men enjoyed conversation in the living room and others caught the latest game on the downstairs TV.

We all look forward to our next get together at Jenny and Harold O'Brien's on November 30.







Nosh at Night

by Robyn Balfour, Correspondent

October Nosh at Night was hosted by Sandy Cannell and Robyn Balfour. A most enjoyable evening was had by all. Excellent company, delicious appetizers and desert along with Don Evans' birthday celebration cake.















A Splendid Supper

by Gillian Reynolds, Correspondent

We had a problem finding substitutes for our Dinner Club but after six phone calls we finally ended with Pete and Lorrette Shermet. Well it turned out to be serendipitous because we had a simply splendid supper with scintillating social intercourse. With very little notice, Pete whipped up a delicious sticky toffee pudding (because Lorrette was busy that day). I told him he could have bought it from Heritage Fish & Chips, but he wanted to prove his culinary prowess. The cost was half of what a bought pudding would cost and, I can guarantee, twice as good!







Shepherd's Crook

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

A total of 29 people skipped to Shepherds Crook pub n Georgetown. It was a great evening.















September Results

by Jim Tschirhart, Convenor

Hosts: Robyn Balfour and Sandy Cannell Theme: Wine

On October 3rd, Sandy and Robyn had the pleasure of hosting twelve avid wine tasting Probians' for this fun filled evening. Three whites and four reds were reviewed.

grape -nuts wine tasting club

White Wines:

South Africa's THE BEACHHOUSE SAUVIGNON BLANC was the number one white with a score of 14.4 and cost of \$11.40. This wine has a Pale Straw colour; citrus, grass and light gooseberry aromas; dry light body; flavour match the aromas; with crisp, clean finish. Serve with seafood salad or light pasta.

This was followed by 2 Italian whites: MASI MODELLO PINOT GRICIO DELLE VENEZIE with a score of 13.58 (\$11.50) and RUFFINO LUMINA PINOT GRIGIO, which scored 13.25 (\$11.95).



Red Wines:

LOHR CABERNET SAUVIGNON from Californian was the number one red with a score of 15 (\$23.95). There is a reason this Cab is the most popular red in the Vintages Essentials Collection. Full bodied and packed with black cherry, blackcurrant, cedar, vanilla and spice. Equally at home with a casual steak sandwich or a thick rib-eye steak.

DONNA PAULA ESTATE MALBEC from Argentina was second with a score of 13.33 (\$14.95). In third, California's CARNIVOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON scored 13.08 (\$17.99). Last was a French wine, LES JAMELLES MERLOT VIN DE PAYS with a score of 12.75 (\$15.00).



Hosts: John and Julie Flynn Theme: Non LCBO Wines

Nine guest joined John and Julie Flynn in tasting six Ontario wines that are not available in the LCBO.

The winning wine was a 2013 Merlot from Calamus Winery in Jordan. This \$17.95 wine scored a total of 164 points (avg 14.9). The Pinot Grigio from Caroline Cellars in Niagara On The Lake was the best white with a score of 161 (avg 14.64).

Hosts: David and Maggie Boss

This wine tasting was postponed due to a family emergency.

All tastings start at 7:00 pm. Please email or phone your preferred host directly.

All hosts can initially accept a maximum of 10 people (including hosts) till all tastings have this number, then hosts are free to accept more – at their discretion. If you can't find a spot after they are opened up, please email me. If there is enough interest, I'll attempt to set up a 4th tasting.

"What's in a name?"

by Chris Strachan, Convenor

The October Meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Anna and Chris Strachan. I selected five whiskies that the D'Stillers hadn't tasted before. They ranged in Alcohol by Volume (ABV) from 40% to 46.8%, and were rated as follows:



The winner of the evening was **Jura The Road** single malt with a score of 67.8%, an ABV of 43.6% and a cost of \$107. One of a series of five releases from the Isle of Jura for the Travel Retail market, therefore, it is not available in the LCBO. Whyte & Mackay, the owner of the Jura brands, is currently running a promotion that forms part of their 175th anniversary celebrations, giving UK residents the chance to win a 50yr old bottle of whisky. Promotional bottles of the namesake blended Scotch feature a code that consumers upload online to enter the draw. There are 1500 bottles available to be won and the value of a bottle is \$8400 Canadian dollars.



Second was **Niagara Falls Rye Canadian Whisky** with a score of 66.9%, an ABV of 40% and a cost of \$32.95. Niagara Falls Distillery started out as a craft brewery making beer and is now

a craft distiller making whisky, gin and vodka. One can purchase a three-litre barrel of whisky called 'The 8th Wonder', which is a single malt that will set you back \$250.

Third of the evening was **Lohin McKinnon Single Malt Whiskey** with a score of 66.2% an ABV of 40% and a cost of \$61.00. The brewing talent of Gary Lohin of Central City Brewing Co, BC, and the distilling artistry of Stuart McKinnon have won three World Cups for their craft beers and they have also won World Gold medals for their whisky, rum and gin.



Fourth was **Kirkwall Bay Orkney Single Malt Whiskey** with a score of 61.8%, an ABV of 46% and a cost of \$89.95. Kirkwall Bay is in Scappa Flow, where after the first world war a German fleet of 52 ships was scuttled. This was a deliberate act of sabotage ordered by the Fleet Commander who refused to let his ships become the spoils of war.



The Fifth whisky was **Timorous Beastie**, a blended malt with a score of 56.4%, an ABV of 46.8% and a cost of \$69.95. This whisky is a nod to Robbie Burns. The Timorous Beastie was made famous by the poem "To a Mouse" written by Burns after he had turned over the nest of a tiny field mouse with his plough. Burns was a farmer and farmers are generally far too busy to be concerned with the health of mice. This poem is another illustration of Robert Burns' tolerance to all creatures and his innate humanity. Scottish schoolchildren are taught this poem but they don't always remember all eight verses.

Thanks to my wife Anna for hosting us and supplying the treats. Thanks once again to the DD's, without whom the D'Stillers would not have a safe drive home. The November 6th meeting will be held at the home of Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks.

Cold Filtered Beers

by Cliff Read, Correspondent

The beer drinkers met October 24th at Liz and Cliff Read's for a chance to sample 'cold filtered' beers. This characteristic type of beer is cooled for up to eight weeks during the final stages of the brewing process. During that time, trace amounts of unfermented sugars and yeasts tend to clump together and then are readily filtered out before bottling. This results in a very clear beer which some people claim has a clean aftertaste.



The beers we sampled were Coors
Banquet, and Old Credit Brewing
Company's Pale Pilsner, Amber Ale
and Holiday Honey. When all was said
and done, the results were very close.
The Amber Ale was the favourite of
the night by a slim margin. All agreed
that if one liked lager ales then the cold
filtering process resulted in a pleasant
beer experience.











Clubs: Books and Hobbies

An American Marriage

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent

Review of AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE by Tayari Jones: Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. As they settle into the routine of their life together, they are torn apart by circumstances they could never



have imagined. Roy is sentenced to 12 years in jail for a crime he did not commit. The novel explores love, loyalty, racial injustice and betrayal as they both struggle with the stress his incarceration places on their marriage. The book is sometimes heartwarming, then heartbreaking as they struggle to find their way forward. The complex characters and the timely topic combined to invest us in this story.

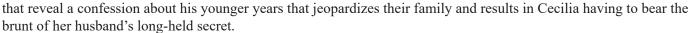
The Husband's Secret

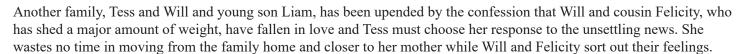
by Margaret Anne Fehr, Correspondent

Trilogy book club met on Wednesday, October 9th at Dawn Ross' home to discuss our collective take on The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty.

The novel takes place in Australia though aside from a few references to Sydney and Melbourne, our club agreed that the story could have unfolded in any major city.

The plot revolves around the intersection of the lives of Cecilia and her husband John-Paul, who represent a picture-perfect image (at least from the outside) of a prosperous, happy family. But in an instant, Cecilia finds a letter that John-Paul had written years ago with the provocative instruction that the letter be read only in the event of his death. Cecilia argues with herself about opening the letter, but eventually she reads the contents





Rachel Crowley, an elementary school secretary lost her daughter Janie when the 17 year old was killed by an unknown murderer more than 29 years before. Rachel's life has been severely affected by her loss, compounded over the years by the death of her parents and husband. Her son and daughter-in-law deliver the news that they are planning to move to New York City, an event that Rachel must come to terms with since she is so attached to her grandson, Jacob.

By the end of the novel, the lives of the characters are affected by circumstances and actions in the past for which they have no control or even knowledge. The plot is complicated and focuses on issues like family loyalty in the face of devastating secrets, long-standing grief and emotional walls that hinder family closeness and communication.

Our group was divided when it came to rating The Husband's Secret with a scale from 5 to 8. Some members felt that the author's use of an ending with a lot of loose ends doesn't live up to what a skillful novel should be, while others, who rated the book in the 7 to 8 range, felt that the ambiguous ending was more in keeping with real life. All in all, a very spirited discussion!

Our November selection is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, to be hosted by Shirley Matthews on November 13th.



My Own Words

by Diane Armand, Correspondent

Our book selection for October was an autobiography of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Justice Ginsberg has had an illustrious career as lawyer, teacher, and judge, and was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by Bill Clinton in 1993.

In the early seventies, she spearheaded and later became legal counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. She was an effective and prolific writer and speaker and was instrumental in changing laws that dealt with gender-based discrimination.

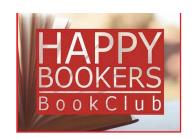


Law students and lawyers are the target audience for this book. Our members rated it between 4 and 6 as it proved a difficult read, too academic. While the writing is concise, it is nonetheless dispassionate and does not draw you in. The movie version titled On The Basis of Sex came out last December and gives a more compelling account of Justice Ginsberg's early career achievements and her legacy.

Never Let Me Go

by Judy Wallace, Convenor

We read Kazuo Ishiguro's book Never Let Me Go. This story is set in England in the 1990s. In some ways it is simply the story of three students, Kathy, Tommy and Ruth, at an exclusive boarding school named Hailsham. The school had a most unusual student body: human clones created solely for the purpose of medical harvesting of organs, their lifespan already decided. They are sheltered from the "real world" and constantly reminded of how special they are. They are protected and treated much as children everywhere. The students



do not seem to reject their purpose of being donors, as they were meant to be. Kathy becomes a "carer" and years later Ruth and Tommy re-enter her life as "donors". Kathy looks back at their shared past and understands just what makes them so special. She cares for Tommy and Ruth until they "complete", meaning they give four donations...after which they die.

This is an epic ethical horror story or sci-fi or normal fiction....we couldn't decide. Suspenseful, moving, and very thought provoking! We rated the novel anywhere from 6.5 to 8.

Joker

by Anna Strachan, Correspondent

Five hearty Oscar members chose to see Joker and were unanimous in their praise of the film. Especially the Oscar-worthy portrayal of Arthur Fleck/Joker by Joaquin Phoenix.

Phoenix inhabits Arthur: having lost weight for the role, he looks thin, frail, hungry. Shadows carve out his exposed bones. His usual intensity is on full display and it's captivating, even overwhelming at times. The movie starts in Gotham City, 1981. The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. There's a garbage strike, rats rampaging in the piled-up trash, and parts of the city are no better than slums. Arthur Fleck, the troubled professional clown and wannabe stand-up comedian, sits in front of a mirror, slowly painting his face. He attempts to smile and resorts to holding the corners of his mouth up in a grin that stretches from ear to ear. A single tear rolls down his cheek unnoticed. So begins Joker, just a man, a sad clown.



In the current climate, this could be viewed as a lament for outsiders and the ignored but that's too simple and Joker does anything but deliver you easy answers. It's a sad, chaotic, slow-burn study of someone who isn't visible; who doesn't even exist to the world around them. But your empathy, sympathy even, isn't guaranteed, and it begins to dissolve as Arthur somehow moves even further to the edges. This is, we mustn't forget, the story of how a villain was made. It is not a film for everyone as it is a bit dark but it is very compelling to watch; one cannot take their eyes off of Arthur/Joker as he slips deeper into madness.

Road Trip

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

Four Piece Makers went on a FART and journeyed to Cambridge, Waterloo, and Kitchener on Oct. 1 to visit three LQS in search of fabrics and notions. What — you don't know these acronyms?

Quilting Terms of the Month: FART - Fabric Acquisition Road Trip LQS – Local Quilt Shop



We first visited Caroline Quilts in Cambridge. Caroline runs her quilt shop out of her home. We were totally blown away with the amount of fabric she had for sale: fat quarters, charm packs, candy coins, and yardage. She also had kits to complete pillowcases and bags, not to mention threads, rulers, and quilting stencils. Needless to say, we all bought a little something.

We then drove to Waterloo to investigate Spools & Spindles. While the shop carries a curated selection of fabrics, threads, and notions suitable for all sewing endeavours, they cater more to individuals interested in making clothing. Some of the ladies were interested in a bra-making course they plan to offer in the near future.

Lastly, we went over to Kitchener and sought out the Creative Sisters Quilt Studio. We were sad to find out that Linda & Brenda are retiring and the store will close at the end of October. Another quilt shop bites the dust!

We ended our day at Casey's where we all enjoyed a lovely lunch and traded our round robin blocks.

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 5 at Diane's home. Anyone interested in quilting, come join us.

Mozart digs Chopin!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

This month, Mozart and all his Escarpment Probus friends were ably hosted and entertained by Ann Corker at her home. Ann gave us a solid introduction to the piano music of the great Polish composer, Frederic Chopin. Born in 1810, he died young in 1843. The 1700s and 1800s were not kind to great composers; our "patron" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died at 35, Franz Schubert died at 31, and the illustrious Beethoven at 57 (which would be considered "old" for that time).



For those of you who have been to Poland, the chances are high that you bumped into Chopin during your visit, likely either a statue or two, or getting subjected to one or two bursts of his piano music!

On a serious vein, Chopin was probably the greatest composer of music for the piano, as well as being a stupendous performer (most of his musical compositions were for solo piano). And the CDs that Ann selected certainly illustrated the breadth of his musical genius, everything from short delicate pieces to thundering major works that left us looking at each other and saying "How on earth is it humanly possible to play that?".

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (most months). Our next two meetings are November 26th (Asoka Yapa) and December 17th (Jeanne Reid).

Clubs: Games and Sports

Jenny - no - Harold

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

On Thursday, Oct. 17, eight Probians gathered in the Grace Church hall to play Bid Euchre. The tables were more subdued than expected because Harold came to play instead of Jenny. The bidding was fast and furious with Reg and Stephen each successfully completing a "Shoot the Moon" bid. There were also two successful "Call 1"s, and a successful "Call 2". In the end, Reg, with a score of 135, beat out Stephen's score of 131. Jenny aka Harold did not fare so well – maybe next time – ha ha. We missed you, Jenny!



Come on out

by Stephen Comstock, Convenor

On Wednesday Oct 9th, ten Probians gathered in the Grace Church hall to play board games. One table with six players played Wizards, while the other table played Yatzee Showdown. Come on out and have fun!!



Stormy Day

by Jeanne Reid, Convenor

It was a stormy day at Allendale but the lunch was lovely and many prizes were won. Elinore Shannon was the big winner with Bev Moreland coming second.

Our Nov. 5th bridge will be at the home of Don and Ann Corker.

December bridge will be our Christmas luncheon at Vickie Lenarduzzi's.





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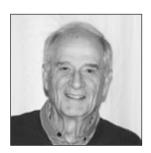
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Membership

by Penny McIlwaine, Membership Chair

As you know, our Club is at full capacity of 275 members and has a waiting list. At the October meeting we passed a Bylaw requiring that all renewing members must pay the annual fee of \$45.00 by October 31. After that date Management has the right to terminate members who have not yet paid, considering any extenuating circumstances. This motion was intended to encourage prompt payment of dues while ensuring that members who may have overlooked this task are aware of the consequence.

On October 31 I emailed all members with outstanding dues and provided a deadline for payment or notice of resignation. The situation will be reviewed at the November Management Meeting.

Undoubtedly we will be welcoming new members from the waiting list. So – look for some new faces at upcoming meetings and events and say hello and welcome to our Club!

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