



President's Message: Long and warmer days ahead



- Russ Cousins

June is almost upon us where we can count on long and warmer days.

There are as usual many activities planned for June; car rally, cards and Trivia, Grapenuts, our second Play Day, Mini Putt as well as many others events.

At our June meeting we will discover about the impact of Prohibition and the Temperance Movement in Halton.

We hope to see you all at the June General Meeting.

Have a healthy happy June



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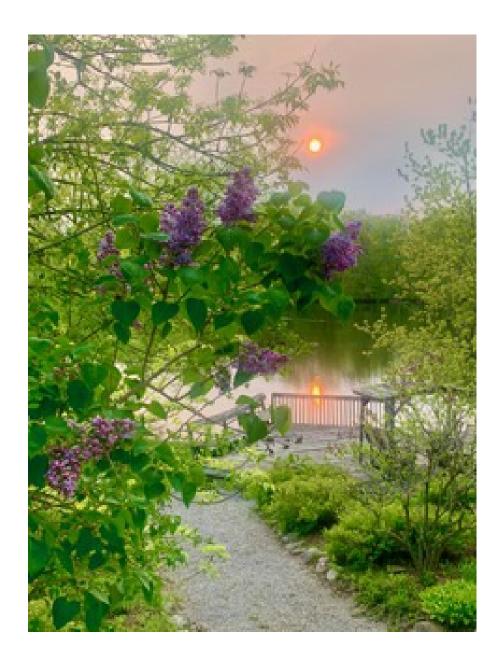
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Photo of the Month

This month's photo was contributed by *Beth Barnes*. She comments: "An Interesting reflection of the sun on the water with some lilacs in the foreground at our family cottage"

Send your photos to peterlasota@gmail.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES

Summer Days!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Check out our upcoming activities. Things are going to be a bit quieter in July and August. Whether you are travelling, at your cottage or just chillin' I hope your summer is great!!

June 1st is our last Kahoot Trivia until September.

I have one *Save the Date* for you, on Tuesday, September 19th at 10 am we will be heading to Crawfords Garden Centre to do a Fall Planter. Stay tuned for details later this summer.

On a Social Club note, I am adding in a "freebie" session for members who registered for the last four sessions. It will be on Friday, June 23rd at 12:30 pm. For those that didn't register, if you want to try out a class, the cost is \$10 but please let me now if you are attending. There will be no Line Dancing in July and August and I will have the dates for the four sessions (September – December) shortly.

For those of you that went to SNL at Ivy Arms, I heard you had a great time and enjoyed the food and the social! On June 3rd we will be going to Turtle Jacks at 6 pm. This will be our last SNL until September (maybe even October!).

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

Kahoot's Trivia Live - Thursday, June 1st at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

This is going to be our last Kahoot Trivia until September. Kelly needs time to prepare more trivia (not)! As usual, we will meet at Ned Devine's for a couple of rounds of Kahoot Trivia and dinner! *Cellphones or iPads are needed!*

We will be having a preset menu so please make your selection using Wild Apricot. Drinks & Dinner at your own expense. For menu pricing, please click here for Ned Devine's menu.

Second Play Day – Thursday, June 15th at 2:00 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

It's time for our second "play day"! Come on out and meet us at Rotary Park for a variety of games that will test your skills. Let's do some axe throwing, ladder golf games, yardzee, mini-putt, bean bag and more! Get yourself into a team of two and let the competition begin! This event is limited to 32 members.

After we've "played", Skip the Dishes will join us and we will head over to Casa Americo for dinner at a preset dinner at 5 pm. Please register for the Play Day and Dinner OR just Skip the Dishes using Wild Apricot and select your dinner choice. Dinner and drinks is at your own expense. The cost of the preset dinner is \$42 plus HST and gratuities (and of course, your drinks) which you will pay directly to the restaurant.

Activities Committee Members: Ruth Gagnon Kelly Ground Ron Millichamp Jenny O'Brien



Mini Putt - Thursday, June 22nd at 11 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Are you ready to swing? Come on out for a fun morning of "Within Range" mini putt at 3050 Guelph Line (Dundas and Guelph Line). Following mini putt we will head to *Beertown Public House* located at 2050 Appleby Line in Burlington for lunch (Millcroft Shopping Centre). The cost for the mini putt is \$10.50. Lunch is at your own expense.

Summer Picnic - It's Gonna Be a Ton of Fun in the Sun!

by Jenny O'Brien, Social Chair

There's only 42 sleeps left until this year's Summer Picnic, and in traditional Probus style, it promises to be a great day in the sun, with good food, fun games and super friends!



If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon, so we can get a

good handle on numbers. We're excited to try something different this year, with catering by Firehouse Subs. You'll be treated to yummy deli subs, delicious kosher PICKLES, lots of cold drinks and sweet treat desserts!

We'll have some new games on the agenda, and I'd love some volunteer couples, or singles, to oversee the running of these games. If you can help out for an hour at the picnic, let me know and I'll make sure to hook you up with something that will be fun.

I'm also looking to borrow the following items:

Giant Jenga Block Set Large Size Connect Four Game Canopy Tents Light weight folding tables

If you can assist with any of the items on the list below, please send me an email. For the games, I'd be happy to pickup before the picnic so we can get setup in advance of the members arriving. For the canopy tents and light weight tables, I'd appreciate you letting me know if you can bring over to the Sports Center on the morning of the picnic.

Remember .. the day starts by you registering. Looking forward to seeing many of you there and don't forget to wear *RED* in celebration Canada's July birthday!

Things to ponder Contributed by Fred Ground	No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.	A dog gave birth to puppies near the road, and was
I thought I saw an eve doctor on an Alaskan island.	cited for littering.
	A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would
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She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.	result in Emoleum Biownapart.
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JUNE CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities					
Kahoot's Trivia Live	June	1	5:00 PM	Ned cDevine's	kelly Ground
Executive Meeting	June	14	7:00 PM	Zoom	Russ Cousins
Second Play Day	June	15	2:00 PM	Rotary Park	K. Ground & R. Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	June	21	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Russ Cousins
The Lunch Bunch	June	21	12:00 PM	Rad Brothers	Joy Castello
Mini Putt	June	22	11:00 AM	Within Range Mini Putt	Kelly Ground
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only	/			Cliff Read
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	June	1	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	June	1	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Bridge	June	1	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Chris Lloyd
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	June	3	5:00 PM	Turtle Jacks	Ruth Gagnon
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	June	5	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper
Trail Walkers	June	6	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers	June	6	1:00 PM	No June Meeting	Diane Comstock
Crafts - Craftoholics	June	7	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherell
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	June	7	7:00 PM	TBD	Chris Strachan
Pin Seekers	June	7	11:00 AM	Oakville Executive	Roy MacKay
Games - Jokers	June	8	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Nosh & Natter	June	9	5:30 PM	Schmidt/Willcocks Home	Jenny O'Brien
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	June	12	7:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Books – Trilogy	June	12	10:00 AM	TBD	Dawn Ross
Books – First Edition	June	12	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Paul Crawford
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	June	13	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Movies - Oscar Nights	June	13	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex	Petra Halk
Trail Walkers	June	13	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	June	13	2:00 PM	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	June	14	7:00 PM	TBD	Martin Capper
Books – Sequel	June	14	1:15 PM	Rumley Home	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	June	14	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Cards - Bid Euchre	June	15	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks	June	15	10:30 AM	HIATUS	Christine Willekes
Dining - Skip the Dishes	June	15	5:00 PM	Casa Americano	Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	June	15	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Cards - Euchre	June	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Trail Walkers	June	20	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	June	22	7:00 PM	CANCELLED	Looking for new convenor
Nosh @ Nite	June	23	5:30 PM	TBD	Paul Crawford
Line Dacing with Tammy	June	23	12:30 PM	Grace Church Bsmt	Ruth Gagnon
Dining - Appy Hour	June	24	6:30 PM	TBD	Mary Cousins
Cards -Canasta	June	26	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	June	27	1:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Trail Walkers	June	27	1:30 PM	Various	Cliff Read
Pin Seekers	June	27	11:00 AM	Oakville Executive	Roy MacKay
Friendship Club	June	28	10:00 AM	Seasons Retirement	Judy Krauss
Games - Jokers	June	28	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall	Auriel Halliday
Sports Club	June	TBD	1:30 PM	TBD	Garry Flemming
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MEETING: JUNE



John McDonald - Milton and the Temperance Movement

This colourful PowerPoint presentation will look at the impact of Prohibition and the Temperance Movement in Halton, especially Milton, the County Town. The conflict between officials and ordinary citizens during this tumultuous period will be discussed as well as how Ontario developed an exit strategy which has resulted in today's liquor regulations.

RECENT EVENTS

May General Meeting

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday May 17th. Our speaker was *Colin Best* who talked about *"What's New in Milton"*.

The meeting was not recorded.



Colin Best, our speaker



50/50 winner Jim Coulson





Colin Best's helpers







Greeters Beth Barnes and Megs Shellard









Guest Donna Chevrier

June 2023

Car Rally

by Kelly Ground and Ruth Gagnon, Convenors

One sunny day, two eager activities' committee members, twelve cars, and 47 enthusiastic Probians "rallied" around town to scope out and snap photos of all sorts of things. They googled clues that led them from residential areas, (the street named after first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada that we celebrate for an August holiday), to local businesses past (the Roxy Theatre), and present (the Canadian company Brothers JW and AJ Billes founded). Milton history was also relied upon having to find the streets named after the five family members of Hugh Foster. Our participants were not daunted by theses tasks however we did get some interesting photos that were their own take on the clues given! Pictures that didn't include any members of the team (good try you guys!), pictures that included partial pictures of the team and some of you got the whole team in! Please know that you gave "us" lots of laughs as we counted up your scores (to the best of our ability!).

Congratulations to the winning team of Willy and Debbie Ceelen with Lynda and Ron Johnson, who narrowly beat out a number of other teams in what was truly a competitive contest. All in all it was a great afternoon of fun and a very enjoyable social time at Ned Devine's with good food and drinks!



SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
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	Looking for new convenor		
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wed Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wed 1:15 pm	Carolyn Rumley	905-302-0442	carolynrumley@sympatico.ca
Book Club - Trilogy	2nd Mon 10 am	Dawn Ross	905-636-9838	sdawnross55@gmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre	3rd Thurs 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Thu 1:15 pm	Chris Lloyd	416-402-7464	Cldmi95@gmail.com
Cards - Canasta	4th Mon 1;15 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 2:00 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Euchre	3rd Mon 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	1st & 3rd Thu. 2:00pm. ZOOM	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 - Craftaholics	1st Wed - 1 pm	Dana Weatherell	905-875-9064	dweatherell@yahoo.com
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	Joy Castello	416-844-9404	alegriav@cogeco.ca
Dining - Nosh & Natter	2nd Fri 5:30 pm	Jenny O'Brien	289-851-8477	jenny0103@rogers.com
Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	1st Sat various times	Ruth Gagnon	905-462-4740	gagnonruth@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
Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wed 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	4th Tues 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	2nd Tues 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - Jokers	2nd Thurs 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Games - Jokers	4th Wed 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Line Dancing with Tammy	4th Fri 12:30 PM	Ruth Gagnon	905-462-4740	gagnonruth@gmail.com
Movie Club - Oscar Nights	2nd Tues 7 pm	Petra Halk	647-913-6041	petra.halk@gmail.com
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	Shut Down	Looking for new convenor		
Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers	ТВА	Roy MacKay	416-953-0633	roy@roymackay.ca
Sports - Sport Club	Special sports events	Garry Flemming	905-878-6738	danagarryflemming@gmail.com
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	4th Thurs 7 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Tastings - Whisky - D'Stillers	1st Wed 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Mon 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Thurs 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	2nd Wed 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.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

Convenors and anyone else intending to use the Escarpment PROBUS Zoom account for an event: The account allows the operation of one event at a time with up to 100 participants. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact our Zoom coordinator Lorrette Shermett (lorrette@sympatico.ca) before planning your event.

If you need help with the Zoom program, check out our Zoom page at https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

Remember: Under the Escarpment PROBUS Bylaws Article 2 – Membership – Members must not use other member's email addresses for their own personal use such as fundraising.

Clubs: Food and Drink May Nosh a Hit in Sunny Campbellville

by Jenny O'Brien, Convenor

It was a full house at the home of Chris and Ellen Wallhouse, as the Nosh & Natter group made their way to Campbellville, to enjoy a sunny May evening on the back porch. Co-hosted by the gracious Alan and Rosalind Jordan, this Nosh

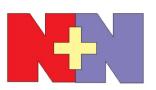
saw no shortage of amazing appies, with an overflowing sandwich tray, cheese trays, shrimp platter, bacon wrapped breadsticks, hot dips, spanakopita, feta and spinach loaf, meatballs, shortribs, sausage rolls and cranberry turnovers.

But wait ... there was more! Let's talk the "D" word! Desserts are always a highlight of the evening, and this night included key lime pie, brownies, cherry tarts, fruit tray and Ellen's famous pudding shots (say what .. yes that's right .. 3 flavours of spiked pudding shots! ... The next best thing to being young is eating like we're in college!) For those of you who have never had Ellen's pudding shots, well let's just say you need to join a Nosh group! These two couples really outdid themselves with the sweet treats, and folks left on a bit of a sugar high (which is the best and only legal way to go :)

You know it's a good night, when the Leafs are playing the last game of their season (sigh), and no one asks to watch the game, instead opting for the robust conversation of this lively group.

Until next month ... Nosh On!

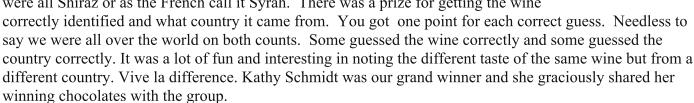




Wine Tasting at the Millichamp's

by Ron Millichamp, Correspondent

Who knows the wine? The theme at the Millichamp's wine tasting was two wines...what countries. The white wines were all Sauvignon Blanc and the red wines were all Shiraz or as the French call it Syrah. There was a prize for getting the wine





Lunch Bunch Banter by Joy Castello, Convenor

After May's meeting 25 PROBUS members went to EddieO's PourHouse for lunch. The restaurant has an extensive menu and portions were very generous so many of us had leftovers to take home. The wait staff were friendly and hospitable.



On June 21st we will be going to The Rad Brothers Sports Bar and Tap House. The address is 550 Ontario St. S. The location is in the plaza on the north-west corner at Ontario St. and Derry Rd. Click here to check out the Rad Brothers' menu.



Skip the dishes

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

Fifteen people enjoyed a wonderful delicious meal at Marciano Pasta Café in Waterdown in May. They surprised us with a series of lovely appetizer in addition to our entrées: meatballs, bruschetta and brie fritters.



I highly recommend this restaurant and would consider Skip the dishes returning there. The server Richard was very attentive and helpful.

In June, Skip the Dishes will be joining the activity group and heading to Casa Americo on Main street after the play day on June 15th.

You can still attend Skip the dishes if you are not attending the Play Day. The dinner starts at 5 p.m. It is a three course dinner (dessert – cheesecake – and coffee/tea are included) at a cost of \$42 plus HST and gratuities.

Please sign up on Wild Apricot.



SNL at the IVY ARMS *by Cindy Penfold, Correspondent*

On Saturday May 6th, 8 PROBUS members got together at the Ivy Arms. It was a beautiful weather night, nice to be out of the house.

We enjoyed great food and drinks, always generous servings at reasonable prices at the Ivy.

There was a lot of interesting conversations about upcoming travel plans and previous travels with family and friends. It is so exciting to be travelling again.

Thank you to Roy MacKay for getting to the Ivy a little earlier to ensure we had enough seating for our group. Also, a big Thank you to Ruth Gagnon and Anna Strachan for always finding and booking a restaurant so that we can all enjoy the first Saturday of each month eating out.



May D'Stillers tasting - A Photo Gallery



More musings Contributed by Fred Ground	A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.	
The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.	If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.	
The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.	All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.	
The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.	The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.	
Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.	I almost had a psychic girlfriend-but she left me before we met.	
If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.	OK, so what's the speed of dark?	
If your car could travel at the speed of light, would	How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?	
your headlights work?	If everything seems to be going well, you have	
I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.	obviously overlooked something.	
Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it	Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.	
back.	When everything is coming your way, you're in the	
Half the people you know are below average.	wrong lane.	
99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.	Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough	
82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.	sense to be lazy.	
A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.	Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.	

Noshing with Gloria and Bob - A Photo Gallery



At PROBUS we want to keep in touch, we are all friends. If you know of anyone who is ill, moving away, lost a loved one, etc., or someone with a new grandchild, great grandchild or special anniversary, please let Lorrette Shermet know and she will gladly send a greeting card from PROBUS (contact lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293).

Clubs: Games, Cards & Dance

Code Names

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On May 10th, 6 BeeGees turned into spies and played Code Names. Marg Jones brought the game, and we divided into two teams of three. Two teams compete by each having a "spymaster" give one-word clues that can point to multiple words on the board. The other players on the team attempt to guess their team's words while



avoiding the words of the other team. We played several rounds, swapping the teams each round. The rules were very easy to learn, however, we soon discovered that we do not all think alike. What one thought was an obvious clue turned out to be questionable by the teammates!

Our game on June 14th will be Ticket to Ride - the Africa version provided by Lorrette. We will also have the original US Game. Anyone interested in playing games, let me know and I will add you to the group.



The Cowgirls Have Got It!

by Ruth Gagnon, Convenor

It was another fun afternoon of Line Dancing with Tammy! It is so great that we can laugh with each other as we get our steps mixed up, our counting mixed up and never mind trying to recall a song we did less than hour ago!

We have done four sessions and there will be a "freebie" Line Dancing class on Friday, June 23rd at 12:30 pm for those of you who registered for these sessions. For those of you who might wanna give it a try, the cost is \$10 for the class and I really need to know if you are going to join us.

We will not have a class in July and August and will pick up another four sessions from September to December. As soon as I have the dates nailed down I will share them with the members who have participated.



Lots of Jokers here

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

On May 11th, Grace Church Hall was filled with 24 Jokesters As two or more tables concluded their games, the winners switched tables and the losers changed chairs so people played with different partners. In the end, four games were played by all, with eight players managing to squeak in a fifth game. Pete Shermet was the overall winner

for the day with five wins, making Jenny's day with her first and only win. Chris Strachan came in a close second with four wins and one loss.



Even more Jokers

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent

On Wednesday, May 24th the Joker group of 24 keen players met for an afternoon of fun and games. As usual, there were winners and losers, with the big winner of the day being Martin Capper who went 4-0. Lorrette Shermet managed 3 threesomes (an amazing feat), none of them involving her hubby Pete!





Euchre

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

On Monday May 15th, twenty four people gathered at Grace Church to play euchre at six tables. Our number of players have been increasing as we have a lot more room to play at the church.

A total of six games were played. Barb Campbell had the highest score of 59 and only one lone hand.

Bob Stringer had the most lone hands, four, but could not catch up to Barb. Our most honest player was Dianne Comstock with a score of 23.



Canasta

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

On Monday May 29th, twenty players played canasta. Canasta, normally played the fourth Monday, was played on the fifth as the fourth was on the long weekend.

Two complete games were completed. Penny M and Ginny G both ended up getting the four red threes which gave them 800 points each. Ginny G not only did it once but twice ... something very difficult to achieve but they both did it.







Bid Euchre

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

On Thursday May 18th, fifteen people played bid euchre. Three tables had four people and only one had three players (which is unusual and more difficult). I chose to start at that table as I am the teacher but ended up having the lowest score.



I taught how to play three handed bid euchre and stayed there for the rest of the afternoon. As one person had to leave early, we ended playing six handed euchre, which was a first time for many.

A total of five games were played. Barb Chliszczyk, who is new to the game, ended up tying for first place with Jacquie Gerrard with a score of 158 points. Stephen ended up getting a "moon" where you go alone, and achieved 24 points. The most honest player was Lorrette. As the staying goes: "Those who do - do ... Those who can't do - teach".



Interesting Stuff Contributed by Ron Millichmap

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

When a person dies hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off. Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Clubs: Books and Crafts

Craftaholics

by Dana Weatherell, Convenor

Well, I forgot to get pictures this month however there were three of us to start. Auriel was working on some quilting squares for a bit before popping them back into her purse as she could not stay long this month. It was then

down to just Diane and I. I forgot my stamp blocks (again) so didn't get very far into my crafting, Diane was working on a quilt design. I was amazed to see how much effort goes into just designing a quilt. She

photocopied pictures of her completed quilt and was going through a couple books drawing different stitch patterns onto her pictures to decide what she liked best.

In June we will work on our own projects. I will be bringing some card making supplies so if you have no projects, you are welcome to make some cards with me. In July, we are going to try Diamond Painting which is not really 'painting' at all. I currently have three kits available at \$8 ea. I can however order more if there is more interest. It will be first come, first serve for pattern selection. I have the six kits in the picture shown here. Come on out and join us!

The Burning Girls, by C. J. Tudor

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent

This is the 4th book by the author and is loosely based on real events that occurred in 1555 in the city of Lewes when 17 Protestants were burned at the stake. While the title refers to this event, I can assure you no one is burned in this story.

The story takes place in Sussex, England and is of the psychological thriller genre. The main characters are an unconventional Vicar, Rev. Jack Brooks (a woman) and her daughter Flo (age 15). The Diocese transfers them to a small town for a fresh start. Many strange and eerie events occur involving them both. There are many other characters in the novel, who each have secrets that come out as the story evolves. It turns out that our main characters have secrets also. The book is descriptive, multi-layered and has many twists and turns that most of us didn't see coming. Tension and unease build up as the story progresses.

While the book was a little creepy in places it is an easy read and most of us really enjoyed it.

Words redefined to reflect their real meanings	Poor (adjective); When you have too much month at the end of your money.
Contributed by Fred Ground	Irony (noun): Drawing trees on paper.
Clapping (verb): Repeatedly high-fiving yourself for someone else's accomplishments.	Ohhhhhh (interjection): I don't get what you said but I'm going to pretend that I do.
Study (verb): The act of texting, eating and watching TV with an open textbook nearby.	Pets (noun): The only members of your family that you actually like.
Synonym (noun): A word used in place of the one you can't spell.	Relief (noun): The feeling you get when someone else cancels the plans you were planning on
Tomorrow (noun): The best time to do everything that you had planned for today.	cancelling anyway.









Busy Sewers

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

Back from her winter home down south, Carole Windsor welcomed the PieceMakers on May 2nd. Judy Nelson is working on a Log Cabin quilt called "Winding Ways". She has completed the first 3 blocks. It will use 16 FQ dark and 16 FQ light fabrics cut into



2.5" strips. Carol Ann had been working on several floral table runners for her church's fundraiser using fusible fleece batting. Judi Jones has completed the top of her grey/teal table runner. Now to get it quilted. Diane received a quilted bedspread from a friend which she turned into a prayer hug. She will be donating this to a church group that make prayer shawls for those in need. Sandi Gilbert has been working on an applique butterfly. Her fabric choices and stitching are beautiful. Dawn brought her pointed table topper made using half-square and half-rectangle triangles. She practised her free-motion quilting on this project. She is currently working on a bed runner and pillow. She showed us two blocks that she has completed. Carole showed us her Red Truck panel bordered and backed with red & black flannel. She also had a cute appliqued snowman. She is planning on making a quilt for a friend and in need of black dog fabric. If you have any you are not using, send it Carole's way.



Quilting Terms of the Month:

Fat Quarter (FQ) — A half yard of fabric that has been cut in half again vertically and is now $\frac{1}{4}$ " yard, measuring 18" x 22" and allows for cutting larger block sizes.

Fusible fleece batting – Fusible fleece is very much like fusible cotton batting in that it has a glue like side which when heated allows the batting to fuse to the fabric layer. This is perfect for projects where you require layers to stay in place or if you are working with multiple layers. This batting is thin, easy to use, and has great quality.

There will not be a meeting in June – instead, 6 members will be hunkered down in New Hamburg for four days devoted to quilting.

Anyone interested in quilting whether it is large bed-size quilts or small table runners, consider joining the group.



Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

by Margaret Anne Fehr, Correspondent

Trilogy Book Club met on May 8th to discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. We are pleased to welcome Ginny Johnson as our newest member and to extend our thanks to Louis Ellis for her warm hospitality.



Homegoing traces the descendants of two sisters across three hundred years in Ghana and America. Two half-sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonist, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising "half-caste" children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, before being shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery.

Homegoing moves through histories and geographies over the unfolding span of three centuries and two continents to describe harrowing stories of nine generations of descendants as they struggle with their circumstances.

Through the novel's meticulous research, we learned about the warring tribes of Assante and Fante who captured war prisoners and sold them off to the highest foreign bidders and how it affected the local tribes themselves who looked askance at the slave trade that was rampant on their doorstep.

We also learned about southern U.S. states that had the worst reputation for the brutal treatment of slaves who were 'sold down the river' from the north.

This book was packed with research and there were many parallels to other historic events like residential schools and the obliteration of native cultures through government interventions that sought to clone these populations in the mould of the governmental victors. i.e. British/white ideology

We were reminded that it is the victors who go on to record and write the story and to present a narrative that is self-seeking and dismissive.

On average, Homegoing scored 7 out of 10 while others awarded 8 or 9 for its depth of research. Homegoing takes its rightful place among other novels like Roots and The Book of Negroes to provide a penetrating view into a horrific period of human history.

Too good to not share	8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
Contributed by Fred Ground	9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes
1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.	back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.	10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but pm is the new midnight.	seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.	11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
5. The older get, the earlier it gets late.	12. finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.	days, but whatever.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.	

Clubs: Classical Music & Movies

Mozart and Friends – Minus the Mozart!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

Our two May Zoomers didn't contain even one note that could be considered "classical". Which shows that despite our illustrious Sponsor, Wolfgang Amadeus M, we love delving into any area that could be considered musical – no holds barred!



Asoka Yapa started with "The Motown Sound", 29 different tracks. Motown got its name from the home city of the founder of the record label, Berry Gordy: Detroit or 'Motor City', shortened to 'Motown'. A driving beat, accented by an insistent tambourine, a prominent electric bass line, distinctive melodic and chord structures, and a gospel-inspired call and response singing style marked the genre. Simple structures, sophisticated melodies, then-unusual use of horns and strings, carefully arranged background vocals, and a 4-beat drum pattern were typical features. Another distinction was the treble heavy mix, ideal for AM broadcasts.

Black musicians, mostly from poor neighbourhoods in Detroit, were the first stars of the Motown label, which became the most successful soul music marque in history.

For your YouTube treat, here's "The Supremes" with one of their big hits, "Come See About Me": Click here to see video - $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes.

I Zoomed our second program, songs by Rodgers and Hart. Before Richard Rodgers paired up with Oscar Hammerstein II (to produce gems like South Pacific), in the 1930s and early 40s, he and Lorenz Hart were THE songwriter partnership of the time, turning out one Broadway musical hit after another. In total they worked together on 28 stage musicals (plus several films), and wrote more than 500 songs! Just a few of their hits: Manhattan; Bewitched; Isn't it Romantic; Falling in Love with Love; Mountain Greenery. All songs that you may have grown up with.

Hart's lyrics, effortless, vernacular, dazzling, sometimes playful, sometimes melancholic, raised the standard for Broadway songwriting. His ability to write cleverly and to come up with unexpected, polysyllabic rhymes was something of a trademark, but he also had the even rarer ability to write with utmost simplicity and deep emotion. Rodgers, as a creator of melodies, ranks with Jerome Kern and Irving Berlin as "The Top".

Your YouTube Tickler: Video of "The Lady is a Tramp" by Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga: Click here to see video - 3 minutes.

More - Too good to not share	remember things and get really excited.	
Contributed by Fred Ground	18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words	
13. run like the winded.	like "east."	
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.	19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.	
15. When someone asks what did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"	20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and	
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?	changes you forever. We call those people cops.	
	21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.	
	Which one is YOUR favorite?	
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly		

Clubs: Travel The Netherlands and Belgium

By Gloria Pennycook and Liz & Cliff Read

It was wonderful to meet in person again for the first time since Covid! Liz and Cliff were kind enough to host Wanderlust with a wonderful presentation and wonderful country appropriate snacks afterwards. Here is their write-up:





Wanderlust met in person this month at the home of Cliff and Liz Read. Recently returned from the Netherlands and Belgium, we shared photos of our informal culture and food tour. Despite technical difficulties, we were able to give the club members an overview of our trip and a taste of some of the delicious foods of Holland.

It was tulip time and the fields were ablaze with colour. But the showstopper bulbs were found at Keukenhof Gardens just outside Amsterdam. Seventy-six acres of park were planted with seven million tulips, hyacinths, narcissus and daffodils.

The trip included many Dutch food specialities including apple dessert. And of course, a visit to Gouda's cheese market was on the itinerary. And finally, plenty of windmills were to be found.

Please join us at our next Wanderlust on July 13 hosted by Maggie and David Boss who will take us on a journey around Ireland.



Clubs: Sports

Pin Seekers Golf, Date reminder

by Roy MacKay, Golf Convenor

On May 10th, sixteen Pin Seekers got into the swing of things on a beautiful Spring Day at Oakville Executive Golf Course. We welcomed seven new members to Pin Seekers; Harold O'Brien, Karen King, Karen Latremouile, Mavis O'Neil, Verne O'Neil, Pam Grundie and Evelyn Lim.

While the weather was not as nice on our golf date on May 24th, fourteen hardy golfers made their way to play and enjoyed the improved weather as the round progressed. Highlight of the day was the Chip in birdie by Ann MacKay from the grass bunker on the second hole.

Golf dates for next month are Wednesday June 7th and Tuesday, June 27th.



Calling All Trailwalkers - Come on Back!

by Cliff Read, Convenor



Here is a photo of one of our latest walks to Crawford Lake. Notice that the weather is cooperating and the sun is shining and even the



Trilliums are out (see photo on page 1). It is time to dust off the hiking boots and join us in our weekly walks. They take place at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoons and we would be delighted if more Probians could join us. The location of the walks changes weekly so if you want to be on the mailing list to learn details about each week's walk be sure to contact Cliff Read at cliffread1595@gmail.com.



NEWS AND VIEWS

Why you should be concerned about Artificial Intelligence

by Peter Lasota, FORUM Editor

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly advancing and is being integrated into various aspects of our lives. While AI has the potential to bring about significant benefits, such as increased efficiency and improved decision-making, it also raises serious concerns that should not be ignored.

One of the primary concerns with AI is its potential impact on employment. With the increasing automation of jobs, many fear that AI could lead to mass unemployment, especially in sectors that are more susceptible to automation, such as manufacturing and transportation. This could lead to significant social and economic consequences, including increased inequality and poverty.

Another concern with AI is its potential to perpetuate and even amplify existing biases and discrimination. AI systems are only as objective as the data they are trained on, and if the data used to train an AI system is biased, the system will also be biased. This can lead to discrimination against certain groups, perpetuating existing societal inequalities.

AI also poses significant security and privacy risks. With the increasing amount of data being generated and analyzed by AI systems, there is a risk that sensitive information could be compromised or misused. Moreover, AI can be used to create fake videos or deepfakes, which could be used for malicious purposes, such as discrediting individuals or spreading disinformation.

Finally, there are concerns about the accountability and transparency of AI systems. As AI systems become more complex, it can be difficult to understand how they reach their decisions. This lack of transparency can make it difficult to hold AI systems accountable when they make mistakes or cause harm.

In conclusion, people should be concerned about AI because it has the potential to bring about significant social, economic, and ethical consequences. While AI can bring about benefits, such as increased efficiency and improved decision-making, these benefits must be balanced against the potential risks and concerns associated with AI. It is therefore essential that we carefully consider the development and deployment of AI and take steps to mitigate its potential negative consequences.

What's in a Name?

by Beth Barnes, Correspondent

Councillor Colin Best's presentation on "What's New in Milton" at our May General Meeting was very detailed and informative and got me thinking back to Milton's beginning...

The name "Milton" is thought to have been chosen for this area because of the mill in the town but it was a village at that time so here is another explanation. In 1820s when immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland settled here and a name was chosen, there were two prominent landowners, the Martins and the Fosters along with others. However, the Martins owned most of the land north of Main Street and the Fosters owned most of the land south of Main Street. The Martin's favourite author was John Milton (writer of Paradise Lost among other books) and the name of Milton was chosen as a tribute to him.

Milton was part of Trafalgar Township, created in 1806, and the name "Trafalgar" was chosen after the Battle of Trafalgar. Trafalgar Township along with the townships of Nelson, Nassagaweya and Esquesing formed Halton County on lands that were acquired from the Mississauga Indians. Acknowledgement of this agreement was shown in Colin Best's video presentation.

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"Halton County" was named after Major William Matthew Halton, a British Lieutenant who served Upper Canada's Lieutenant Governor, Sir Francis Gore from 1806-1816.

In 1853, Milton was chosen as the County Seat for Halton District and county buildings were built such as the Court House and the Jail, now the New Town Hall. The first meeting of the Council was held on July 4, 1857 and Milton was confirmed as the name of the village that was now incorporated as a town. The Milton Historical Society located at 16 James Street in Milton has a number of publications related to the history of Milton and who made it what it is today.

In 1974, the Town of Milton, as part of Halton County, was incorporated into the Regional Municipality of Halton (Halton Region) along with the towns of Oakville and Halton Hills and the city of Burlington. However, with the very current breakup of Peel Region that encompassed the cities of Mississauga and Brampton and the town of Caledon, we wonder what may be in store for Halton Region and for the town of Milton in the future?

Fooled you!

by Peter Lasota, FORUM Editor

You probably heard in the news not too long ago that teachers and professors have been seeing a high incidence of students submitting essays that were actually written not by the student but by an Artificial Intelligence (AI).

I confess. I didn't write the essay on the previous page. I'm guilty of plagiarism! An AI called Chat-GPT actually created the article. Here's what I asked it to do: *"Hi. Please write a short essay about why people should be concerned about AI."*

If you are interested in learning more about this topic, I recommend these two videos as a good presentation on the subject. They are roughly 20 minutes each. Part 1 is a general discussion of AI, part 2 focuses on Art and photography. Click on the links below to see the videos.

Title: AI is Evolving Faster Than You Think [GPT-4 and beyond].

Part 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIU48QL5Cyk

Part 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQfQiXP9yZA

NEVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS ...

Contributed by Lorrette Shermet, Correspondent

A newlywed young man was sitting on the porch on a humid day, sipping ice tea with his Father. As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the Father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his Son.

"Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older." "Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally (if possible), but keep in contact with them somehow."

"What strange advice!" thought the young man. "I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life."

Yet, he obeyed his Father; kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number.

Over the years, he became aware that his Father knew what he was talking about. In as much as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a person, friends are the bulwarks of our life.

After 70 years of life, here is what he, I and you will have learned:

Time passes. Life goes on. Children grow up.

Children cease to be children and become independent. And to the parents, it breaks their heart but the children are separated from the parents because they begin their own families.

Jobs / careers come and go.

Illusions, desires, attraction, sex....weakens.

People can't do what they did physically when they were young.

Parents die but you move on. Colleagues forget the favours you did. The race to achieve slows.

But, true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they are. A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favour, waiting for you with open arms or in some way blessing your life.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead.

We did not know how much we would need from each other.

Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends.

Stay in touch with them but do not impose your criteria.

And oh by the way, thank you for being my friend.

Walter Ruediger Obituary



RUEDIGER, WALTER CORNELIUS It is with great sadness that the family announces the peaceful passing of Walter, after a courageous and hard- fought battle with Multiple Myeloma on April 27, 2023, at the age of 70. Walter was the loving husband of Andrea; devoted father of Kate (Tom), Alexandra and Chris (Angela); and very proud Opa of Sydney and Thomas. He will also be dearly missed by his sister, Cathy; brothers, Ed (Cheryl) and Eric; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Myeloma Canada to support their efforts and to help find a cure would be greatly appreciated by the family. Cremation and Memorial Service have been entrusted to Glen Oaks Funeral Home, Oakville.

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Why English is tough

Contributed by Alan Jordan, Occasional Correspondent

Some reasons why English is hard to learn for both English speaker and foreigners.

- 1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2. The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.

6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

- 7. Since there was no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10. I did not object to the object.
- 11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

12. There was a row among the oarsmen on how to row.

13. They were too close to the door to close it.

14. The buck does funny things when does are present.

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