

# FORUM



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## President's Message:

### What fun it is!



It's the most wonderful time of the year... the annual Escarpment PROBUS Christmas luncheon! There will be no general meeting this December, just the lunch at Piper's Heath on December 11th with plenty of time to socialize with your PROBUS pals. Remember to wear your name tag, and dress up in your Christmas sweaters, ties, leggings, socks, Santa caps, reindeer antlers, twinkling light necklaces, sparkling earrings, etc. Every year, just when I think we've hit the pinnacle of Christmas crazy, someone finds a way to go over the top. Oh, what fun it is!

The membership renewal season is now over and Penny McIlwaine must be thrilled to have completed recording all the renewals plus the enrolment of new members. It was a lot of work in a very intense time period for our membership chair who benefited from the well organized portfolio passed on by Maggie Boothe. We all look forward to greeting our latest members who will receive their PROBUS pins and name tags at our January meeting. There will be a newcomer orientation for these members on Wednesday, January 22 at 9:30 am at Grace Church. Any other Escarpment PROBUS members interested in meeting new people and learning about our clubs and activities are also most welcome to attend. The management team will be there to meet and greet. A continental breakfast of coffee, muffins and fruit will be served. Please send an email to [cliff.read@cogeco.ca](mailto:cliff.read@cogeco.ca) if you wish to attend.

At our November general meeting, I expressed concerns over privacy issues in our club's Facebook news feed. I have now been assured that only posts to the Escarpment PROBUS timeline or photos tagged as Escarpment PROBUS will appear in members' news feeds. So, Facebook is recommended to you as a great way to connect with the 80 people in our club who have already joined up. Just go to the Escarpment PROBUS Facebook page to become a friend, and then share your photos and experiences at our club's events.

Have a bright and happy holiday season! And safe travels to the snowbirds who will be leaving us behind in the cold.

— Liz Read

**REMINDER: The usual PROBUS monthly meeting will not be held in December. For this month only it will be replaced by the Christmas Luncheon (see details on page 5).**

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# Escarpment Photo of the Month

Welcome to Escarpment Photo of the Month, a new feature that will highlight the very picturesque Escarpment area. Send your photos to david@bosscommunications.com and the Management Team will select one for inclusion each month.



**Winter at Hilton Falls -- David Boss**

## *Editor's Note:*

Welcome to another issue of the Forum. New this month is the Escarpment Photo of the Month (see above!). Over the last month folks mentioned to me that they missed the local photo placed behind the banner on the front page of the previous Forum design. I had decided not to continue the practice as I felt the juxtaposition sometimes made the image and/or the banner hard to see, but upon reflection and perusing the great photos that have been used in the past I felt we should instead dedicate a separate space to a photo of the month. To get things started I used one of my own this time, but encourage you all to send me your epic escarpment photos for publication on this page.

New to the Escarpment PROBUS website this month is the Travel page where you can watch the travelogue video of the recent trip to France prepared by Kelly Ground and first shown at the November meeting. Even if you saw it at the meeting, given the sound and lighting issues we had you may want to watch it again anyway.

— David Boss

# ACTIVITIES

## Baby It's Cold Outside!

By Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Snow came too soon this year and the first day of winter hasn't even arrived yet (December 21st)! So it may be cold outside but we have various activities that will keep you warm. Come on out and join us for some fun and laughter! A friendly reminder that there is no sign up in December.

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

### Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Crock A Doodle

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

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 for this event is \$28/person.

### Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – SNL (Saturday Night Lives)

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

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 always a sign up sheet at the Activities Tables. An email will be sent confirming the restaurant so you can RSVP if you are joining us. So come out and have some fun with other Escarpment PROBUS members! All venues will be local Milton restaurants and suggestions are welcome! On December 7th we will be heading to Kelsey's at 45 Chisholm Drive. The reservation is in the name of "Escarpment PROBUS".

### Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Tour of Dundurn Castle

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Join us for our 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.

### Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Centrepiece

Convenor: Kelly Ground

We had such a successful and FUN time doing the Christmas planter that we are going back to Terra Greenhouses do a Christmas centrepiece. Join us at 1:30 pm to enjoy more time together. The cost is \$25/person.

### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Pete's Rockin' New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Ring 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 and is open to family and friends. 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. The cost for this event is \$139/person (including tax and gratuities) and you will need to arrange your own transportation. 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!



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

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

### **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Take It Easy: The Story of the Eagles**

*Convenor: Ruth Gagnon*

There is currently a wait list for this event. If you didn't pick up your ticket at the November General Meeting they can be picked up at the First Ontario Milton Arts Centre.

### **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Halton EMS: Falls & Strokes**

*Convenor: Ruth Gagnon*

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), Falls and Seizures. 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 be going on a short walk (or ride) to Eddieo's and enjoy a preset lunch menu at your own cost. We will ask you to make your selection at the time of signing up and the choices are reflected on the sign up sheet. This will help save time at the restaurant.

**Cheques for this event will be cashed at the end of December.**

### **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Paint and Cocktails**

*Convenor: Ruth Gagnon*

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. **Cheques for this event will be cashed at the end of December.**

### **Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Crawford Lake Snowshoeing Hike**

*Convenor: Dawn Ross*

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 short talk, get us set up with the snowshoes and set off for the hike. They do not provide poles, but you can 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:

### **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Fifty Shades of Gray – I mean darker!!**

*Convenors: Dawn Ross & Ruth Gagnon*

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 savoury 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.

### **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Tour of the Halton Mosque and Islamic Association**

*Convenor: Anne Gibbard*

We will be meeting at 10 am for a tour and visit the men and women's prayer area. Our guide, Humza, will talk about the religion and the impact of Islam in our society. We will hear about the ritual of washing their body before they pray. He will show us their phonic letters. Ladies attending this event will need to bring a scarf to cover their head before going into the prayer area. The cost for this event is \$5/person which will be donated to the Halton Mosque and Islamic Association located at 4310 Fairview Street in Burlington. After the tour we will head to the Mandarin for lunch. The Mandarin is located at 1881 Fairview (intersection of Brant and Fairview).

## MARCH ACTIVITIES:

### Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Drury Lane Music Hall 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Convenors: Ron & Joanne Millichamp

Imagine a matinee with the Marvellous 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 space is limited.

Cheques for this event will be cashed at the end of January.

### Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick Day at Bingemans Conference Centre

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Oh the luck of the Irish! Enjoy a beer at the St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party! Arrive between noon and 12:30 pm at Bingemans Conference Centre. We will enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon menu, following which we will enjoy a high energy show that will have us singing, laughing and no doubt tapping our feet. The show features "The Celts" and step-dancer Evelyn Mage. The show starts at 2:00 pm and will be finished by 3:30 pm The cost is \$50/person and includes the buffet luncheon, the fabulous show, taxes and gratuities! Bingemans is located at 425 Bingemans Centre Drive in Kitchener. We would also appreciate it if you could indicate if you could be a driver for this event.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER

Those joining us for our annual Christmas Luncheon: we will meet at 10:30 at the coffee bar for chatting followed by our entertainment provided by Joel Lightman. Joel will entertain us for about two and a half hours.

When: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10:30 am

Where: Piper's Heath Golf Club, 5501 Trafalgar Rd., Milton, 905 864-1025



Looking forward to seeing you all in your best Christmas Outfits.

**A bit about our entertainer Joel Lightman:** Music has taken Joel Lightman everywhere. From humble beginnings as a music student at Hollywood's famed Musicians Institute, Joel became the youngest ever resident musician at the Savoy Hotel in London, England - a post he held for three years before leaving to play keyboards with a band called CCR. Finding the touring life somewhat stressful, Joel settled in Toronto where he founded Great Canadian Dueling Pianos, which is now the largest piano entertainment agency in Eastern Canada. His work has earned him plaudits all over the world, including being a torchbearer for the 2012 London Olympics for his services to music. He continues an exceptionally busy playing schedule, delighting audiences all over the world with his breadth of repertoire, voice and personality.

# MEETING: JANUARY

## The First Canadian Helicopter Circumnavigation of the World

C150 Global Odyssey (“C150GO”) was the first Canadian helicopter circumnavigation of the globe — and the first ever father/son helicopter circumnavigation. Departing on July 1, 2017 to celebrate Canada 150 — the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation — the Canadian circumnavigators flew a Canadian-made Bell 429 helicopter around the world, visiting every Canadian province and territory, as well as landmarks celebrating remarkable achievements and events from Canada’s rich history.



Along the way C150GO was joined by notable Canadians such as Dave Williams, Guy Lafleur, Peter Bregg, HCol Gerald Haddon, and Bronwen Evans. The trip also proudly raised money for Southlake Foundation and True Patriot Love Foundation.

Steven Dengler, our speaker, was one of the three pilots (as was his father Bob). Steve is also a Canadian entrepreneur, Fintech pioneer, and aviator. In 1993 he co-founded XE, now the world’s leading foreign exchange website and app.

# SOCIAL CLUBS

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

New information

Temporary change

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR	
<b>Activities</b>					
Pottery Painting at Crock a Doodle	December	5	2:00 PM	1040 Kennedy Circle	Ruth Gagnon
Saturday Night Lives	December	7	6:00 PM	Kelsey's, 45 Chisholm Drive	Ruth Gagnon
Christmas Lunch	December	11	10:30 AM	Piper's Heath Golf Club	Pat Vogt
Christmas Tour of Dundurn Castle	December	13	7:00 PM	610 York Blvd, Hamilton	Ruth Gagnon
Pete's Rockin' New Years Eve Celebration	December	31	7:30 PM	St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre	Ruth Gagnon
<b>Clubs</b>					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only			Cliff Read	
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tuesday		1:30 PM	<i>as per email</i>	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 - <i>Piece Makers</i>	December	3	1:00 PM	Currie home*	Diane Comstock
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	December	4	7:00 PM	Millichamp home	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	December	5	7:00 PM	Halliday home	Jim Tschirhart
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	December	6		Cancelled	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	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 - <i>10 Pin</i>	December	10	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	December	10	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	December	11		Cancelled	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 Gibbard
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		Cancelled	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 - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	December	17	1:30 PM	Reid home	Michael Hooker
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycling</i>	December	18		Cancelled (no meeting)	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	December	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	December	19	10:30 AM	TBD	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	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		Cancelled	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	December	25		Cancelled	Judy Krauss
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	December	25		Cancelled	Michelle Tschirhart
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	December	26		Cancelled	Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	December	26		Cancelled	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	December	27		Cancelled	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	December	28	6:30 PM	Boss home	Mary Cousins
<b>New information</b>					
<b>Temporary change</b>					
* Permanent location					

# JANUARY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE		TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
<b>Activities</b>					
Executive Meeting	January	8	6:00 PM	Millichamp home	Liz Read
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	January	15	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Liz Read
Lunch Bunch	January	15	12:00 PM	TBD	Bonnie Lennox
Take It Easy: The Story of the Eagles	January	18	8:00 PM	Milton Arts Centre	Ruth Gagnon
Halton EMS: Falls & Strokes	January	21	10:00 AM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
Newcomer's Orientation	January	22	9:30 AM	Grace Anglican Church	Liz Read
Paint and Cocktails	January	28	4:00 PM	Shoeless Joes	Ruth Gagnon
Crawford Lake Snowshoeing Hike	January	29	2:15 PM	Crawford Lake Park	Dawn Ross
<b>Clubs</b>					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tuesday		1:30 PM	<i>as per email</i>	Ronald Flannagan
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	January		7:00 PM	TBA	Chris Strachan
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	January	2	7:00 PM		Jim Tschirhart
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	January	3	5:30 PM	Cousins home	Gillian Reynolds
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	January	6	7:00 PM		Jim Tschirhart
Cards - <i>Bridge</i>	January	7	1:00 PM		Jeanne Reid
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	January	7	1:00 PM	Stringer home	Diane Comstock
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	January	8	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Stephen Comstock
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	January	8	10:00 AM		Catherine Parr
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	January	8	10:00 AM	Ground home	Linda Green
Club <i>Français</i>	January	8	10:00 AM	Yardley / Crowe home*	Anne-Françoise Gibbard
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	January	8	7:00 PM		Jim Tschirhart
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	January	9	1:30 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Auriel Halliday
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	January	9	7:00 PM		Gloria Pennycook
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	January	10	5:30 PM	Schmidt/Willcocks home	Gillian Reynolds
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	January	13	1:00 PM		Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	January	13	7:00 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	January	14	1:30 PM	Capper home*	Martin Capper
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	January	14	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	January	14	7:00 PM	Milton Cineplex Cinemas*	Theresa Spano
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycling</i>	January	15	9:30 AM	121 Chisholm Dr. Milton*	Ellen Crawford
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	January	16	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall*	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	January	16	10:30 AM	Crawford home	Christine Willekes
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	January	16	6:00 PM	TBD	Lorrette Shermet
Dining - <i>Supper/Dinner Club</i>	January	18	6:30 PM	<i>scheduled by convenor</i>	Auriel Halliday
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	January	21	1:00 PM		Lorrette Shermet
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	January	22	1:00 PM	Millichamp home	Auriel Halliday
Friendship Club	January	22	10:00 AM	Season's Retirement home*	Judy Krauss
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	January	23	12:30 PM		Judy Wallace
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	January	23	7:00 PM	Tschirhart home	Pete Shermet
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	January	24	5:30pm		Paul & Ellen Crawford
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	January	25	6:30 PM		Mary Cousins
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	January	27	7:00 PM		Lorrette Shermet
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	January	28	2:00 PM		Michael Hooker
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	January	29	4:00 PM	Champs Bowling*	Michelle Tschirhart
<b>New information</b>					
<b>Temporary change</b>					
* Permanent location					

# RECENT EVENTS

## November Meeting



Our greeters: Don and Ann Corker



New member: Cathy Brown



Departing Management Team member:  
Jacqui Gerrard



Early New Year's reveller



Coffee break



Our speaker Ken Weber



Our 50/50 winner: John Gallagher

*Sincere thanks to Lorette and Pete Shermet, photographers at large.*

# Activities

## Use it or lose it

by Kelly Ground

On two Tuesdays of this month forty keen Probians turned out for a lesson in technology, specifically how to get the most out of their Apple products. We found shortcuts we didn't know existed and we learned that SIRI could work for us, Google is our friend and how to take even better pictures and keep them organized for easy retrieval.

As with most technology, as the saying goes, 'if you don't use it, you'll lose it', so look for this iPhone and iPad Hints, Hacks and How To workshop to be repeated in the spring. People are encouraged to come out (again) and review, practice or just learn some new tricks.



## And they're off!

by Irene Hiebert

We had 81 people attend Mohawk Racetrack on Friday, November 22nd. We all started off with a tasty harvest buffet themed supper. The food was plentiful and good. Glad we could sit and enjoy the live races before rolling out the doors!

We all chose different methods for placing our bets based on the horse's name, the colour of their race number, or what the program favourite suggested. Race # 2 especially became very lively and loud as we all cheered on our horses. This race was so very close between three horses: Cousin Mary (coming in 1st), Roll with Sparky (coming in 2nd), and Witch Dali (in 3rd). Winning by noses! I don't think there were any big winners that night, but a great time was had by all!



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## Longo's Cooking Demonstration – Christmas Hors D'Oeuvres

by Ruth Gagnon

Well it was “Happy Appies” with John Bela at The Loft making some Christmas Hors D'Oeuvres! All fourteen of us got involved and shared in the preparation of the different “appies”. We enjoyed Vietnamese Port Lettuce Cups; Bruschetta Umami Bombs; Marinated Mediterranean Feta and Sun-Dried Tomato Bites; Thai Mango Fresh Rolls; Cranberry, Brie and Caramelized Onion Bites; Seared Beef Tenderloin Crostini with Mushroom Duxelle and Bearnaise Sauce; and finished off with Kahlua-Coffee Chocolate Pots de Crème. Yummy! I am sure some of you will get to enjoy some of them over the Christmas Season whether it be with the NOSH group or your family and friends!



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## SNL (Saturday Night LiveS)

by Ruth Gagnon

Our first SNL took 14 of us to Turtle Jacks. SNL is simply a chance to sit down, enjoy a meal and get to know some Escarpment PROBUS members better! I must say, I enjoyed the opportunity. We had some great food and a lot of laughs! If you haven't signed up, add your name. Come see us at the Activities Table. If you're looking for something to do on a Saturday night or want to do something different, join us!



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## First Ontario Arts Centre Milton – Song Sung Blue

by Ruth Gagnon

What a great show this was!! I think all 44 of us enjoyed it! Will Chalmers was amazing! We heard a great many songs! The encore song, of course, was Sweet Caroline! I can't wait for the next show – Take It Easy: The Story of the Eagles, on January 18<sup>th</sup>.



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## Terra Greenhouses

by Ruth Gagnon

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 19 of us went to Terra Greenhouses to make a Christmas planter. We had a lot of fun and a lot more laughs! Sometimes we were critical of our Christmas planter but they ALL turned out beautiful. Marlene's was one of my favourites! We had so much fun that we are going back on December 17<sup>th</sup> to make a Christmas centrepiece.

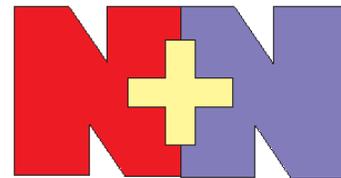


# Clubs: Food and Drink

## Post Halloween Fun

by Kate Watkiss, Correspondent

A good number of people gathered November 1st to celebrate post Halloween fun with a great Nosh and plenty of Natter. There was lots of wonderful food to warm up a cold November evening and many laughs. Thanks to everyone who came.



## Pigged Out

by Auriel Halliday, Convenor

The second Dinner Club party was held on November 16<sup>th</sup> and we all literally “pigged out”. Thank you to Megs for this month’s recipes, which were all delicious. We ate three courses for \$10.00 per person, plus there was enough ham left over for everyone to take a doggie bag.

If you are interested in joining this year’s meals as a substitute, please let Megs or Auriel know.

I know I am looking forward to the next dinner on January 18<sup>th</sup>.



## Hamming it up!

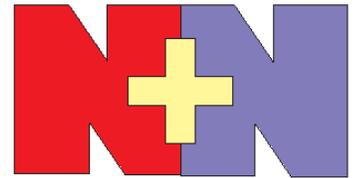
by Liz Read, Correspondent

Dinner Club members also enjoyed “Hamming it up!” at Cliff and Liz Read’s. The ham entree with a creamy leek sauce was a new recipe for all of us but we pronounced it to be delicious. It was an evening of lively conversation and laughter.

## Year End Fun

by Joanne Millichamp, Correspondent

A group of 25 happy Noshers enjoyed a delicious spread of appetizers together at the home of the Millichamps. Engaging conversation flowed throughout the evening. The night concluded with desserts and coffee before everyone had to brave the wintry weather outside. This concludes our Noshes for this year and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



## The Old Danish Place

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

This month 24 Probians skipped the dishes at The Old Danish Place in Puslinch. It was a different experience. The meal was good.

We will go out again December 19<sup>th</sup> but are still trying to find a place as it is close to Christmas. Will let everyone know by email.



## Appy times

by Russ Cousins, Correspondent

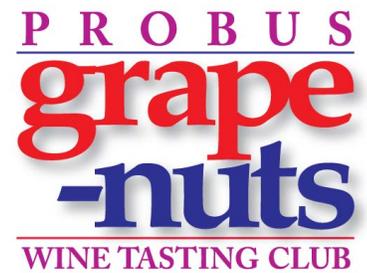
Jenny and Harold O'Brien had a full house with 34 folks on Saturday, November 30. Their house was beautifully decorated for Christmas and we all had a wonderful time.



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## November Results and December Invitation

by Jim Tschirhart, Convenor



### Hosts: Paul and Ellen Crawford Theme: Horizontal Wine Tasting

Twelve discerning oenophiles met at the Crawford house for a “Horizontal” wine tasting experience, which does not involve drinking wine while laying flat on the ground, but rather taking wines of similar vintage (year) and grape varietal but different locations to compare for taste and enjoyment.

Participants were asked to opine as to the varietal of the white and red wines chosen as well as the location. With regards to white wines, John Flynn was able to get closest to the mark with Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand. The red was a Bordeaux that stumped the crowd as to type.

The highest scoring wine of the night was a red: Quartage 2016 by Shotfire of Australia, \$22.95 - score 15.5, LCBO #240911

The best white was: Sauvignon Blanc 2018 by Stoneleigh of New Zealand, \$17.95 - score 15, LCBO #293043

The top red was from the Barossa Valley area near Adelaide Australia and the top white from the Marlborough wine region in New Zealand.

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### Hosts: Petra Halk and Stephanie Hamnett Theme: South African Favourites

Eleven of us tasted wines from South Africa that were chosen by the staff of the LCBO as the most popular.

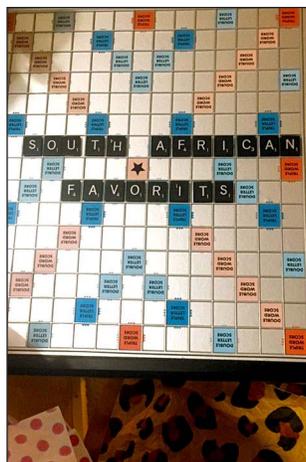
Trying to avoid too much cheese, we did food pairings with each wine that were not cheese, such as asparagus mini-quiches.

Of course there was a game, Scrabble, to determine the theme. Dawn was the first to unscramble the letters and utter the theme “South African Favorites”. How did favorites get spelled wrong? The “e” must have fallen on the floor. It was kind of a rowdy party! [*Editors note: guess so, it should actually be “favourites”*]

The overall winner was Inception Deep Layered Red by Distell. It scored 14.6, LCBO#292532

The Pavillion Chenin Blanc Viognier by Vinimark Trading was the best white with a score of 14.5, LCBO#292532

The most expensive wine at \$17.95, Cathedral Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon came in second last with a score of 13.4.



**Hosts: Chris and Anna Strachan Theme: Same wine, different country**

The Strachan's wine tasting was on Wednesday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful evening thanks to our wonderful guests: Pete Shermet, Petra Halk, Michelle Tschirhart, Jim Tschirhart, Gillian Reynolds, Bryan Reynolds, Norma Capper, Martin Capper, and Robyn Balfour. Regrets: Sandy Cannell (ill that day).

Our theme was three different countries, one red and one white from each country. Another thing they had in common was that they were rated 90 or greater by wine 'experts'. The winning wine was rated 96. The only person to match all the wines to their respective country was Robyn (no prize, only bragging rights).

Winning red (score of 15) was Corte Medicea Erastos Rosso 2016 - Italy - \$15.95  
Best white (score of 13.5) was Zenato San Benedetto Lugana 2018 - Italy - \$19.95

The other wines in rating order were:

Red 14.3 - Marques de Caceres EXCELLENS Cuvée Especial 2015 - Spain - \$17.00  
Red 13.7 - Louis Bernard Louis Cotes du Rhone -Villages - France - \$16.95  
White 11.7 - Baron De Lay Rioja - Spain - \$14.95  
White 11.6 - Willm Réserve Pinot Blanc 2017 - \$17.95

Auriel and Don Halliday will again host the Christmas wine party this year on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, 2537 Britannia Road, Burlington.

Please bring your own wine and a small appetizer. It does not have to be cheese. As well as her house, Auriel will provide cold drinks, tea and coffee, potato chips, etc., as well as desserts.

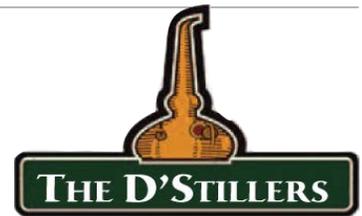
Please respond to Auriel at [aurielh@gmail.com](mailto:aurielh@gmail.com) or 905-336-2430 to let her know if you can make it.



# What's a "copper dog"?

by Chris Strachan, Convenor

The November Meeting of the D'Stillers was held at the home of Kathy Schmidt and Bill Willcocks. Bill selected five whiskies for our tasting pleasure. They were rated as follows:



1. The winner of the evening was 'Speyburn 15yr Old' single malt with a score of 77.1% and an Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of 46% at a cost of \$129. Not available at the LCBO.

In 2018 the Speyburn Distillery decided to get on the bandwagon as other distillers have done and made their 15 yr old whiskey available for travel retail only. The Speyburn Distillery is in Rothes, a town in Morey, Scotland, which is located on the banks of the River Spey. This distillery forms part of Scotland's Malt Whiskey Trail.

2. Second was 'Copper Dog' a blended malt with a score of 71.7%, an ABV of 40%, and a cost of \$42.44. This whiskey is not available at the LCBO.

Copper Dog is a Scotch whisky that is a combination of eight single malts. How did Copper Dog get its name? First thing's first: what's a copper dog? Back in the day, distillery workers needed a way to sneak some whisky. One of the more popular methods was taking a piece of copper tubing and soldering a penny on one end. When no one was around, they'd pop the bung on a cask and dip the "copper dog" into it. Once filled with whisky, the copper dog was sealed with a cork and dropped down the worker's pants. Hey, people will always find a way to have their dram of whisky. Ingenious! Hence Copper Dog.

3. Third of the evening was 'Tyrconnell', an Irish Single Malt with a score of 65.2%, an ABV of 43% and a cost of \$58.00. Not available at the LCBO.

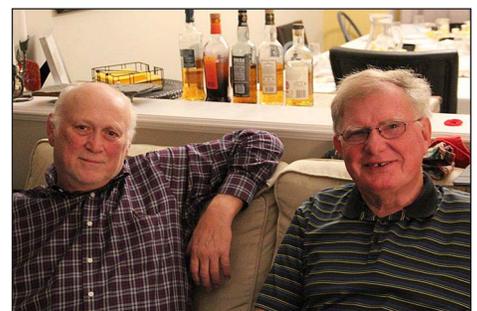
Tyrconnell was an Irish whiskey brand produced at now-defunct Watt Distillery. They named a whiskey after their horse, The Tyrconnell, which subsequently won a race at 100 to 1 odds back in 1876. This whiskey is currently distilled at Cooley Distillery (and soon at the refurbished Kilbeggan Distillery) and is a double distilled single malt whiskey. Most Irish whiskeys on the market are triple distilled and/or blended, but that trend is slowly changing.

4. The fourth whisky was 'Glenfiddich Exper Series #4 Fire & Cane' single malt scotch with a score of 64.1%, an ABV of 43% at a cost of \$80.45.

Think you know peaty whisky? Think again. The fourth in Glenfiddich's much-admired Experimental Series is a marriage of their rarely-seen peated whisky with unpeated bourbon-aged single malt, all of which is finished in Latin rum casks. The series consists of four whiskies that range in price from \$80.45 - \$349.75, a little pricey for the D'Stillers.

5. Last but not least was 'Smokehead Islay Single Malt' scotch whisky with a score of 62.3% and ABV of 43% at a cost of \$75.95. An Islay Single Malt Whisky that's an assault on your senses, Smokehead is for those who smoke tradition and dodge the drab. It's an award-winning whisky that's as bold in taste as it is in attitude. So, if you refuse to conform to the rules of normal whisky drinking, and are seeking out something more uncommon, then here's where that pig-headed inquisitiveness of yours gets rewarded.

Thanks to Kathy for entertaining the DDs, the coffee, and the treats, they went down really well. Thanks to the DDs for a safe journey home. The December 4th meeting of the D'Stillers will be held at the home of Joanne and Ron Millichamp.



# Beau's and Bows

by Len Hiebert, Correspondent

The final meeting of Suds and Buds for 2019 was held at the home of Len and Irene Hiebert on November 28<sup>th</sup> with eleven members in attendance. The house was fully decorated for Christmas with plenty of bows, which was the theme for two of the beers sampled. Len supplied four beers for our tasting pleasure, with one bonus beer for interest sake.



We rated them as follows:

First place went to 'Frank & Sense' by Innis & Gunn (I&G) in Edinburgh, with an average score of 74%. This is a golden ale matured over gold, frankincense and myrrh, with a 5.8% alcohol by volume (ABV). It was the most expensive of those sampled, at \$7.85 a 500 ml bottle. Appearance is a brilliant gold colour with great clarity and light earthy hops aroma with some fruity aspects. This beer has a very light bitterness, light fruitiness, some malt and a touch of exotic spice. With the paper wrap around the glass bottle and the unique name, this would make a nice gift at Christmas. It sells out quick, so don't wait too long.



2nd Place: 'Lug Tread' by Beau's Brewing in Vankleek Hill, ON, with an avg score of 72%, nearly a tie with first place. This is organic lagered ale with a 5.2% ABV.



3rd Place: 'Bah Humbug' by Wychwood Brewery in Oxfordshire, England, with an avg score of 62%. A rich ale spiced with cinnamon, subtle tones of dried fruit, and a 5.0% ABV.

4th Place: 'London Fog' by Beau's Brewing, with an avg score of 49%. A golden ale infused with Earl Grey tea blend, with rich vanilla and lactose, and a 5.3% ABV.



The Bonus Beer was 'Millenium Buzz' by Cool Beer Brewing in Toronto, with an avg score of 66%. An amber lager brewed with hemp, containing none of the psychoactive chemicals of marijuana, with a 5.0% ABV.

In between our samplings, we had crackers and cheese, sausages, chips and hummus and other snacks. The evening finished with Chocolate Cream Cheese Cupcakes and Christmas Pecan Kringle, made by Irene, served with coffee. As always the evening was made complete with shared stories, laughter and fun.

There will be no Suds and Buds in December.

# Clubs: Books and Hobbies

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## Before We Were Yours

by Margaret Anne Fehr, Correspondent

Trilogy Book Club's selection for November was *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Thanks to Shirley and Ray Matthews for hosting our meeting.

*Before We Were Yours* is the story of two families, one a political dynasty in present day South Carolina, where we encounter Avery Stafford, a lawyer and political aspirant, engaged to another up and comer, Elliot, with a life path that seems destined for greatness.

However, Avery is concerned about her father, a prominent politician who is afflicted with cancer, and her grandmother, Judy, who is in the throes of dementia but at times refers to past events that puzzle Avery and motivates her to start investigating.

The author also describes the story of another family, known as river gypsies, who lived on a shanty boat back in 1940s Tennessee. Queenie and Briny are parents to five children and Queenie is pregnant with twins. During a series of unfortunate events, the children are snatched up by local authorities and placed in the Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, an actual historical institution that made huge profits from providing children to prosperous, childless families. Seen through the eyes of Rill Foss, the eldest child, the reader witnesses the abuse and mean-spirited treatment the children undergo.

For our group, finding out that the Tennessee Children's Home Society was a real life facility and that the owners were real people gave extra poignancy to the book. Topics including wealth, privilege and the abuse of society's poor and non-educated were discussed. Our group thought the author was very skillful in going back and forth in time to tell the stories of both families and there were many suspenseful scenes.

Our rating for this book came in around the 8 to 9 mark and it is a good choice for those who value historical fiction.

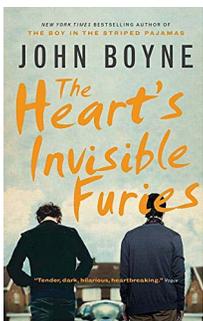
Our next book is *The Improbability of Love* by Hannah Rothschild and our meeting will be hosted by Kelly Ground on December 18th.



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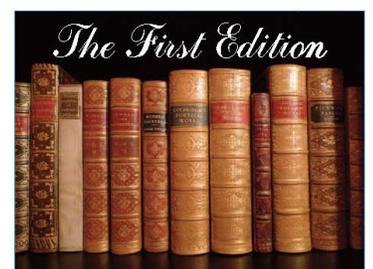
## The Heart's Invisible Furies

by Penny McIlwaine, Correspondent



John Boyne, an Irish writer, set this novel mainly in Ireland with side locations in Amsterdam and New York. At 585 pages it might have seemed daunting but most members declared it a page turner; there were several side stories with well-developed and interesting characters. The book follows protagonist Cyril Avery's life through seven decades of significant social and political change in Ireland.

When his 16-year-old unmarried mother put him up for adoption he arrived in the home of Charles and Maude Avery, eccentric people and emotionally distant parents. Charles always told Cyril that he was not a "real Avery" and that his life there was a tenancy. Maude spent most of her time in a haze of cigarette smoke writing children's books and scorning popularity when her books sold well. In his early teens Cyril realized he was homosexual, making his life in 50's and 60's Ireland difficult and at times dangerous. The Catholic Church, the police and the judicial system all were intolerant of homosexuality. Cyril spends his life trying to find out who he is and by the book's ending he had reached acceptance and contentment. Although members of our club found some content disturbing all agreed it was very well written and rated it 6.5 to 9 out of 10.



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## Last Christmas

by Theresa Spano, Correspondent

This month a handful of Oscar PROBUS members went to see the movie 'Last Christmas'.

**Synopsis:** Kate (Emilia Clarke) harrumph around London, a bundle of bad decisions accompanied by the jangle of bells on her shoes, another irritating consequence from her job as an elf in a year-round Christmas shop. Tom (Henry Golding) seems too good to be true when he walks into her life and starts to see through so many of Kate's barriers. As London transforms into the most wonderful time of the year, nothing should work for these two. But sometimes, you gotta let the snow fall where it may, you gotta listen to your heart... and you gotta have faith.



**Review:** PROBUS members thought Last Christmas was a good Christmas movie to get the Christmas juices flowing. It had catchy music from George Michael and was filmed in London. We definitely saw the magic of London at Christmas. Emilia Clarke also did an amazing job singing, she has a great voice!

Some of us did guess the ending way before it happened, which I always think is a bit of a shame, but if you love Christmas movies go see it! You will likely laugh and cry with this one. PROBUS Rating - 6/10.

Dec 10th will be our next Oscar movie night. See you at the movies!

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## More "Little-known" Composers

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

Asoka Yapa entertained us with a second round of recordings by less-known composers such as Glinka, Hummel, and Binge. One of them, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, who lived from 1860 to 1941, was not only a composer and virtuoso pianist, but also Poland's Prime Minister, elected to this position in a wave of patriotic sentiment when Poland got its independence in 1919, at the end of the First World War.



This session also had (in retrospect) an informal second theme - "Well-known pieces by not so well known composers". As we listened to many of the short pieces, most of us were thinking "I know this piece"! Examples: Sabre Dance by Aram Khatchaturian and Swedish Rhapsody by Hugo Alfven.

Every piece of music was really worth listening to, proving that in the musical world you don't have to have a "Big Name" to compose Big Music!

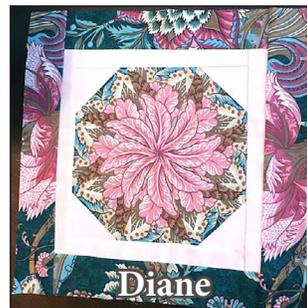
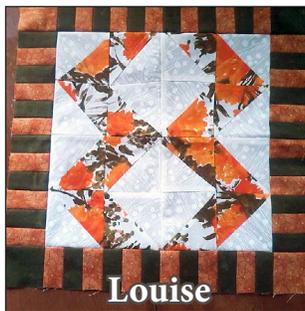
Jeanne Reid arranged to get tickets for seven of our "Mozartians" to a concert by the Milton Philharmonic Orchestra. To quote Jeanne: "Johann Derecho, the wonderful young pianist from Milton, played for us (as soloist with the orchestra). He is only 17 years old. We were mesmerized. His expression was amazing; he has improved since we saw him in the summer (at a solo concert at the Senior Centre). He is moving to Toronto to be closer to his lessons at Glen Gould Studio".

Our next musical afternoon will be on Tuesday 17th December, when Jeanne Reid will treat us to a Christmas-themed entertainment.

## Round Robin Border One

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

Four Piece Makers met at Judy Nelson's home on Nov. 5 for our monthly meeting. Everyone brought their Round Robin block with the first border addition to swap. Although Louise could not make the meeting (she went to the Terra Greenhouse activity instead), she dropped by Judy's house in the morning with her completed block and border. We all oohed and aahed over the creativity of the blocks and borders. Wendy brought the bin of fabric donated by Barbara and we spent time finding coordinating colours for our second border additions. We also discussed the possible border patterns to use, from pinwheels to hourglasses to flying geese.



Quilting terms of the month:

**Pinwheel** – A common quilt block pattern consisting of four triangles that are arranged in a pinwheel pattern and sewn into a four-patch block.

**Hourglass** – A beginner patchwork quilt pattern using quarter-square triangles to make blocks that mimic an hourglass.

**Flying Geese** – A common unit of patchwork made by piecing two triangles onto the sides of a larger triangle to create a rectangular piece of patchwork.



Our next meeting will be on Dec. 3 at Carol Ann's home. Anyone interested in quilting, come join us.

## Quick change

by Christine Willekes, Convenor

A quick change of venue for our November 21 meeting. Thank you to all the ladies for facilitating the change and to Barb Finnie for sharing her home. We had a an enjoyable social gathering with a little knitting and crocheting to share and display and much laughter and conversation.



We don't meet in December. Our next meeting is on Thursday January 16 at the home of Ellen Crawford.



# Clubs: Games and Sports

## Jokerama

by *Auriel Halliday, Convenor*

The second Annual Jokerama was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at The Grace Anglican Church in Milton. The Thursday players were challenging the Wednesday group, and, yes, we won. There were also three players that won all their games. Martin Capper, Ita Sweeney and Patricia Kotack won four games each.



We are taking the month of December off and resume play again on January 9<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please give Auriel a shout at [aurielh@gmail.com](mailto:aurielh@gmail.com) We are happy to teach you how to play the game.

Happy Christmas one and all.



## Bridge

by *Jeanne Reid, Convenor*

November saw us at Don and Ann Corker's home. Three tables - 12 players - vying for the top score. Ginny Galipeau won that with Elinore Shannon coming second.

We made plans for our pot luck Christmas luncheon on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vickie Lenarduzzi has kindly offered her home for the afternoon. We will meet at 12 noon.

Looking forward to all the special times over the holidays!

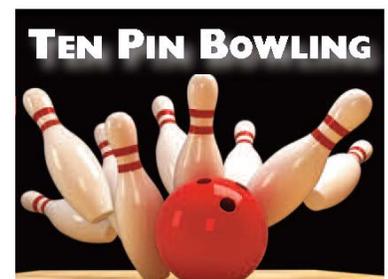


## Groovin'

by *Michelle Tschirhart, Convenor*

Seven brave souls came out to Champs for the first of our Tuesday Bowls, four of whom were newbies to the group! Some found their 'groove', some misplaced it, but all had a good time! Most went on to enjoy some wings.

Eleven happy bowlers got together for our last Wednesday bowl of 2019. We will bowl on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Merry Christmas!



## Come on out

by Stephen Comstock, *Convenor*

On Wednesday Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, ten Probians gathered in the Grace Church hall to play board games. One table, with six players played Five Crowns, while the other table played a rummy like game called Phase 10. From all the laughing and anguished shouts of dismay, fun was had by all. Come on out and have fun with us.

We will not be meeting in December as our regular date to get together is in conflict with the PROBUS Christmas lunch, but we will be resuming in the new year, on January 8th.



## Clubs: Travel

### Wanderlust Travels to Morocco

by Gloria Pennycook, *Correspondent*

Liz and Cliff Read hosted our November Wanderlust gathering. Morocco is a very exotic country and we were treated to wonderful pictures and stories of their travels. Besides the pictures of the markets, old towns and countryside, there was definitely a food theme as well. Exotic cities like Casablanca, Marrakech and Fes were on their itinerary. We were also treated to snacks with a Moroccan flavour after the presentation, like crepes, dates and olives.

If you love to travel and like to share your pictures with fellow travellers, please sign up for Wanderlust.



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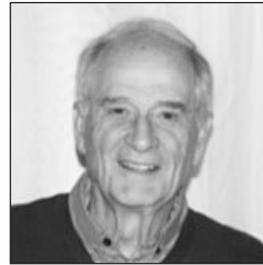
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## Member Notes:

Peter Lasota reports that Ron and Ann Du Pont have settled into their new home in London, Ontario. They are quite happy with their new digs and are reacquainting themselves with London where they lived many years ago. A few days ago we attended a milestone birthday for Ann where we met four generations of her family. Happy Birthday Ann!



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