



Joanne Millichamp President

# Spring and summer activities well underway

reetings everyone. Spring has finally arrived and we are all enjoying the outdoors. The grass is green, the annuals are planted and golf clubs have been dusted off. Spring and Summer activities are well underway here at our club also. Ladies golf and mixed golf have started, a bike tour and lunch is organized for May, the Car Rally will commence on June 6th at 8:30am and the Garden Club visits the RBG on June 11th.

Our picnic will be held on June 18th at Lowville Park immediately following our monthly Escarpment PROBUS meeting. In case of rain the picnic will be held at the Sports Centre. As you can see, there are a variety of activities for you to enjoy.

Remember the Probus motto "our success is fellowship, our strength participation". Enjoy the warm weather.

## Brewery tour and Folk Festival being planned

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

The Milton Centre for the Arts offered two events enjoyed by Probus members this past month. Fourteen of us attended the Anything Goes concert and a similar sized group attended Bedtime Stories as well as a preshow dinner at East Side Mario's.

The activities committee had good news to pass on to the 33 members who attended the wine tour in Niagara. Not only did we have a great day but also the participants each received a further \$6 rebate off the cost of the excursion. This money was handed out at our May meeting. Members who were absent that day can pick up their envelope at our June meeting.

On Wednesday, July 16, a free tour and tasting at the Old Credit Brewing Company has

been arranged for 10:30. At noon we'll have lunch at Snug Harbour. Last chance to sign up at the June meeting. Since money is not being collected for this trip, participants are asked to reconfirm their attendance with me by July 12.

The Mill Race Folk Festival is a free festival that takes over downtown Cambridge. Barbara Alderson is planning for Probus members to take in performances on Sunday, August 3. She'll present info at the June meeting and will send out emails to members who sign for this.

At our August meeting, we'll be listening to a presentation on Nordic Pole Walking. The following Wednesday, members can meet at Mill Pond in downtown Milton to practice walking with the poles. You can borrow poles from the presenter or buy some at our August meeting.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE FOR JULY ONLY

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Will meet ONE WEEK EARLY on 9th JULY at 9:30am

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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment PROBUS Club please forward this Newsmagazine with our compliments.



#### **FORUM**

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB NEWSMAGAZINE

This PROBUS Club is open to both ladies and gentlemen members

Published monthly and emailed in PDF format to all the members of The Escarpment PROBUS Club - Members without email may pick up their copy at the meeting

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

Meetings are held on every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am At The Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton, Ontario, L9T 6J5

#### FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular meeting. Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.

Escarpment PROBUS Club reserves the right to refuse, edit or change any copy or pictures submitted.

#### Our June Speaker

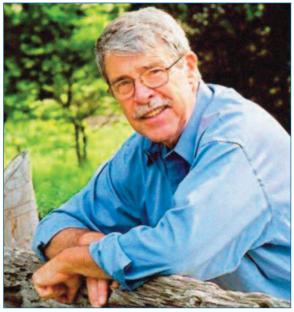
## History boring ... NOT!

Ken Weber - Writer, Lecturer

en Weber retired from the University of Toronto in 1996 to continue his developing career as a writer. His fiction series, Five Minute Mysteries, became a bestseller in Canada, the U.S. and Japan and is now published in twenty-two different languages, having sold copies in the millions.

A passion for history has taken Ken into a most enjoyable third career: convincing Canadians through lectures that their history is fascinating.

At retirement, U of T honoured Ken by naming him 'Emeritus', and the students at his faculty elected him Teacher of the Year. His love of teaching shows up again in these history presentations.



Ken and his wife Cecile live in Caledon and are trustees of the Bruce Trail. His speaking fees are donated to the Bruce Trail for preservation of the Niagara Escarpment.



#### Our July Speaker

#### **Timothy Starr**

ging is something we cannot stop-but we can prepare for it.

From the experience of organizing international

conferences for seniors, Timothy Starr gives a presentation that is both humourous and practical on accepting the aging experience.

He formerly taught psychology at Heritage College and now gives leadership to 450 seniors at a large church.



Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.



Jeff Valdez

#### On our cover this month . . .

laude Monet painted Springtime (Le Printemps) in 1886. When he settled in Giverny, Monet rediscovered the domestic contentment he had so valued during his early years in Argenteuil. Alice Hoschedé was an excellent and patient companion, and their children often joined him when he went out to the fields to paint.

Depicted are his older son, Jean, and Alice's second youngest daughter, Suzanne, sit under the white petals of a fruit tree in full flower. The colour sparkles, capturing the refreshing quality of the clear spring air.

Springtime is an oil on canvas 25.5x31.75 inches and is housed in The Fitzwilliam Museum at the University of Cambridge, England. ■



#### The chance of a lifetime!

Come out and support the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games

The 2015 Games plan to recruit approximately 20,000 volunteers, many from the Milton and Escarpment area, to support the 10,000 athletes, officials, spectators and the expected 250,000 visitors to Canada's largest-ever multi-sport event.

The Games will also be the largest multi-sport event ever to be held in Canada, double the size of the 2010 Winter an Am TORONT

From the Editor's Desk

By Alan Jordan Newsmagazine Editor



Olympics in Vancouver.

Beyond the unique skills and talents volunteers bring, which may or may not include the ability to leap tall buildings in a single bound, they're looking for volunteers with these qualities: friendly, approachable and genuinely enjoy helping people. Reliable. Great communication skills. Love working in a team environment. Good sense of humour. Uncanny ability to adapt to changing conditions.

Rosalind and I will be there - are YOU ready to be part of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games?

See more details at:

http://www.toronto2015.org/volunteer

Imagine if there were no hypothetical

John Mendoza

situations.

# Escarpment PROBUS By-Laws update

ince our last meeting, several members of the Management Committee, Cliff Read, Ron Millichamp and Martin Capper, have met to examine, discuss and adapt a set of By-Laws that would be specific to our chapter of the Probus family.

It is the intention of the Management Committee that each member will have an opportunity to review a final version of the By-Laws and vote to accept them at the upcoming A.G.M.

Probus Centre-Canada has already provided a standard constitution that is to be used by all clubs across Canada. It was felt that this template could not be changed except for the inclusion of our specific name - Escarpment Probus Club.

The By-Laws, however, reflect a unique set of guidelines that would be implemented for the successful running of the club. It covers such areas as Name and Territory, Membership, Management, Election of Officers, Meetings, Financial, and Termination.

A first draft of the Escarpment PROBUS Club By-Laws has been created at this point. It needs to be reviewed by the entire Management team and changes will be made, if necessary, before it is presented to the general membership for approval. Look for this in the near future.

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... your name tags to the Membership table at the conclusion of each Probus meeting.

Thank you

# Bob Milne's Ragtime Jea

Join us as we enjoy one of the world's greatest performers of the Rag Time and Boogie-Woogie piano styles. You will NOT be disappointed!

Bob Milne's natural ability to hear and play music goes back to his early childhood. He makes the statement, "I knew how to play a piano long before I ever started. Just push down the notes you hear and the instrument will play itself. Can't everyone do this?" He considers either looking at music or practicing to be "cheating."

Playing in concert halls since 1991, Mr. Milne plays worldwide every year. A comment often heard following one of his performances is, "unbelievable"!



Saturday 18 October at 2:30pm Seat quota now filled, wait list only

# Tight squeeze for these avid Noshers

By Alan Jordan - Editor

pril 25 found the Jordan household busting at the seams with 21 avid Noshers enjoying a fabulous, home made repast. Rosalind produced a cake celebrating the evening's fun and frivolity. Topics of conversation run the usual huge gamut from politics to religion to money, all the things we're taught not to talk about in polite society when growing up. Banned subjects were Rob Ford, the playoffs and the wretched winter. Wow! How the time flies when you are having fun. This is what Probus is about.

June 27 Bob and Gloria - July 25 Martin and Norma - August 22 Robyn - September 26 Marilyn - October 24 Jack and Chris.





















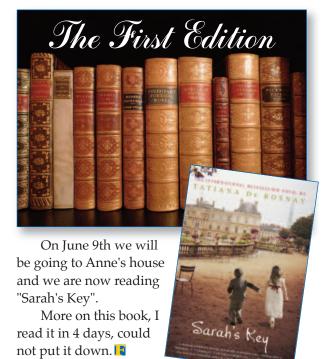
# Elephant motif sets the stage for discussion

By Lorrette Shermet

n Monday May 12th 6 people including Lorrette gathered at her place to discuss the book 'Water for Elephants' There

> was quite a discussion about the book, Everyone who read it thoroughly enjoyed it.

Discussion speared off in different directions and some shared personal stories as well. It was a great afternoon of group sharing. Liz commented on Lorrette's living room as it has an elephant decor and it was appropriate for the book.



Garden

Tour the RBG with us

By Gloria Pennycook - Convenor

The Garden Club is planning a trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens on June 11 to tour the gardens, specifically to see the peonies and irises in bloom.

We will start with a light lunch at noon in the cafe at the RBG, followed by a 2 hour tour.

The cost is \$25. If anyone is interested in joining that hasn't already signed up, please contact me at gpennycook@icloud.com.



# The Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw

A Loony gets you ticket **A Tooney** gets you tickets A Fiver gets you tickets



And the winner is!



Bill Turnbull was the lucky winner of the May Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

Bill took home a record \$125 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played.



It's not that I'm afraid to die; I just don't want to be there when it happens.



Woody Allen



# **Ladies Golf**

By Megs Shellard - Convenor

yet due to the weather.
At the moment games are being planned for Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. every 2nd week commencing the last week in May at the Halton County Inn (The Rock Pile). If you are planning to attend please contact Megs Shellard at mshellard37@gmail.com or 905-693-8829. Once we get going then hopefully we will be able to expand to other times and other days. See you on the golf course.

# THESOCIALSCENE

By Jeanne Reid - Social Chair

We had a very successful launch of our new Wine Tasting Group at Michael Hooker's home in May. There were 18 attending with 4 more signing up at our last meeting. Thanks to Michael for organizing the format for the group.

Two new golf groups have had delays due to bad weather. They will play their games end of May and early June.

Picnic plans are well underway with Lowville Park booked for June 18, after our meeting, from noon to 3 pm. Everything will be supplied, just bring yourself and maybe a comfortable chair - see promo below.

There is a 5 minute walk from the parking lot to the picnic site area #6. Proceed across the small bridge and turn right toward the covered shelter area and picnic tables. After lunch, there will be mush ball, bocce ball, croquet, scavenger hunt for those who wish to participate. Let's hope the weather co-operates but if not, we will have our luncheon at the Sports Centre. We have had a great response from our members with 60+ people attending.

I don't consider myself bald. I'm simply taller than my hair.

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Tom Sharp



#### So much to do and see

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

The Wine Tour attendees received rebates of additional \$6 (\$5 was already handed out) to each of 33 participant on our wine tour (discount on bus costs due to late arrival plus not visiting the Strewn Winery) – maps of Niagara Wine Region are available for interested members, see me.

Attendance at events are as follows: Anything Goes concert (14 participants) and Bedtime Stories (13 participants) plus 12 at East Side Mario's.

Pole Walking presentation at the August Probus meeting – no cost involved other than people who want to buy poles.

September 10 - Rock Chapel mini putt and lunch. \$28 – starts at 10:00 ends with lunch at noon – golf, lunch, dessert, coffee, tax and tip – final numbers due 5 days before – pay by cheque on the day – address is 167 Hwy 5 W Dundas (2 K west of Hwy 6).

Saturday, October 18 enjoy the Ragtime Tea in Hillsburgh (stairs involved) – starts at 2:30 pm at Century Church \$29 for performance and catered tea at 4:00 – sandwiches, scones, cream, little cakes. 17 members have already signed up - car pooling for those interested

Wednesday, October 29. Footloose in St. Jacobs at the Drayton Theatre (stairs involved) at



2:00 pm at \$34 per ticket – optional 11:30 buffet lunch at the Crossroads in Elmira, 384 Arthur Street St. S. at \$19 per person which includes non-alcoholic drink, tax and tip (the cost is actually \$19.25 but Probus will collect amount rounded down) Saturday.

November 8 Swing Out to Victory Dinner/Dance at Hamilton Air Museum – cost t.b.a. – live swing band and demonstration dances.

Friday, December 5 Colm Wilkinson in concert at Milton Arts Centre - 8 p.m. in Mattamy Theatre, \$47 with optional dinner before the show at East Side Mario's.

November t.b.a. Shopping trip to Erie Outlets – two nights in hotel and bus excursion to be arranged by Ann Marie Stockley.

Spring 2015 t.b.a. Theatre excursion with coach, show and meal – either Shaw or Stratford.



If you haven't got anything good to say about any one, come and sit by me.



Alice Longworth

# "Winers" off to a grape start

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

Te had our first Wine Group meeting on May 1st. Eighteen Escarpment "Winers" crammed into Michael Hooker's house to taste some wine and set up the structure of our group – at least for the first while. All round, a great success, thanks to the active participation of everybody.



We agreed that 18 people at a tasting is too many, so we will have two tastings each month – with half the group at each tasting. Timing is: first Monday (second Monday if the first is a holiday) and first Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm – year round.

The June dates are 2nd June at Norma and Martin Capper's, and 5 June at Megs Shellard's. The make-up of each group will change every month, so we will be able to meet and taste with all our group members over time. We will rate the wines we taste – so we may wish to pass on our advice from time to time.

We now have 32 members on our distribution list. If you are interested, contact me at mhooker10@bell.net and I will send you more info on our group.

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# Come out and enjoy lunch with your new friends...

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

Best" after our May meeting.
The pot pies were applauded and the dishes ordered received great reviews. It would be worth returning to this restaurant for a comfort food repast, possibly in the deep of winter.

The food was reasonably priced; the alcohol a bit pricey. There was a mix-up with the bills which I will make certain to have corrected if we visit again. It was unfortunate but handled with



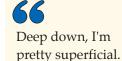
grace by our crowd. Thank you all for your patience.

In June, please enjoy our picnic!

On Wednesday 9 July, we will look forward to sitting on the patio at the Crosswinds Golf Club for lunch. This is where the Escarpment Probus met last fall and where we had our Christmas lunch in a lovely setting.

Please read the next Forum for a peek at menu.

Bon Appetite!





Ava Gardner



#### I think the picture says it all regarding the last Nosh+Natter! A group having a very good time!

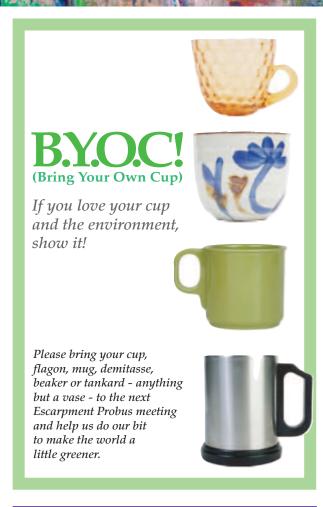
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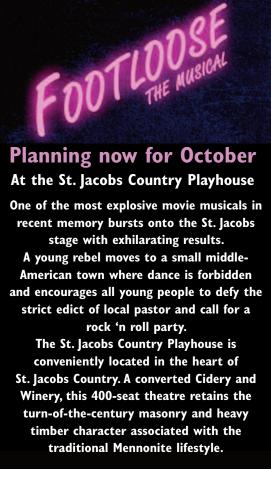
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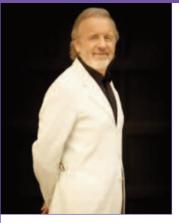
Thank you.

Give a man a fish and he has food for a day; teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend.

Zenna Schaffer







Come see Colm Wilkinson live in Milton

Broadway, **Christmas** and **Beyond** 

Colm Wilkinson will be performing in concert at the

Milton Centre for the Arts December 5th 2014

> Tickets are \$47 each Contact Barbara Alderson at frazzled@xplornet.com.

Membership If any of your

contact information needs to be updated or corrected, please contact

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### Intrepid riders saddled up for Le Tour

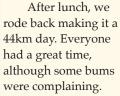
By Liz Read - Activities Chair





ine Probus members accepted the challenge of a 44 km bike ride along the Grand River from Cambridge to Paris and back.





Our leader, John Flynn, made sure our bikes were up for the job and his wife, Julie, encouraged us when the going got tough for those of us who hadn't been back in the saddle since last summer.

We're already planning another ride in the fall and are discussing routes, maybe Elora.

Probus members are invited to get out their bikes from their garages, practice on the many trails in Milton, and join us for the next excursion.







66 You know why fish are so thin? They eat fish





# Verdict still out on dysfunctional family

By Fay MacDonald - Convenor retchen Greene O'Brien was kind enough to host our Sequel Book Club for this edition. The book under discussion was The Thirteenth Tale by Dianne Setterfield.

The book, we believe, takes place in the early 1900's somewhere in the UK. It is about a young woman who is asked to write the autobiography of a well-known author Miss Winters.

Their story is about a very dysfunctional, to say the least, and privileged family.

The story covers the relationship between the father and his children, incest among siblings, triplets including the evil one, the absentminded staff and the home that is left to fall apart and the town's people who watched and speculated as to what was happening.

The book references many other well known gothic romantic novels which made us wonder if the author didn't take those stories and mix them together to make this book.

Would we recommend this book? The verdict is still out. We did agree that this book is not for everyone! You may have to read it to Odecide....or not.

Gretchen thank you for opening your home to us we all had a fabulous time. Desiree Woon will be hosting our next meeting on Wednesday June 11th. The book we will be reviewing is A Complicated Kindness.

# New Probus golf group tees off

By Ron Millichamp - Convenor

E SETTERFIELD

**T**e are calling our golf group the Probus Pin Seekers. For at least the first 2 outings, the location will be the Acton Golf Club, at 4955 Dublin Road, Acton. From Milton you proceed north on Hwy 25 to Hwy 7. Left (West) on Hwy 7 to Dublin Road. Right (North) on Dublin Road. 2 Kms. to the golf club.

The cost is \$35 for people using a cart and \$25 for walkers. We will play every second Thursday starting at 9 a.m. It is a fairly short, but interesting course, measuring 5,155 yards.

See you on the greens!



By Christy Babcock - Convenor, Evening Euchre ue to some of our players working on the election plus other commitments, the June 12th Evening Euchre game has been cancelled.

The majority of the players have voted to cancel playing Euchre in the summer and the games will resume Thursday, September 11th at 7:00pm at the home of Sigrid Byrne and co-hosted by Sheila Webster.

ESCARPMENT	PROBUS CLUB -	CALENDAR	of Evenus
EVENT	DATE AND TIME	MEET AT	CONVENOR
JUNE 2014			
Wine Club - Monday	2 June, Monday - 7:00pm-9:00pm	The Cappers	Michael Hooker
Wine Club - Thursday	5 June, Thursday - 7:00pm-9:00pm	Megs Shellard	Michael Hooker
Car Rally	6 June, Friday - 8.30am	Milton Sports Centre	Ron Millichamp
The First Edition Book Club	9 June, Monday - 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Anne's	Paul Crawford
Ladies Golf	10 June, Tuesday - 10:00am	TBD	Megs Shellard
<b>Probus Executive Meeting</b>	11 June, Wednesday - 7:00pm	Cliff & Liz Read	
Sequel Book Club	11 June, Wednesday - 10:00am	Desiree Woon	Fay MacDonald
Garden Club	11 June, Wednesday	<b>Royal Botanical Gardens</b>	Gloria Pennycook
Ladies Golf	12 June, Thursday - 10:00am	TBD	Megs Shellard
Euchre Club - Afternoon	17 June, Tuesday - 1:00pm-3:30pm	Beverly & Jack Mooreland	<b>Lorrette Shermet</b>
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	18 June, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
<b>Escarpment Probus Picnic</b>	18 June, Wednesday - Noon-3:00	Lowville Park	Jeanne Reid
Lunch Bunch	18 June, Wednesday	NO LUNCH BUNCH Due	to our Picnic
<b>DEADLINE</b> Articles & Pictures	25 June, Wednesday	All material should be sen	t to alan@jordanar.com
Nosh@Nite	27 June, Friday - 5:00pm-8:00pm	Bob & Gloria	Paul & Ellen Crawford
Track Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz & Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
JULY 2014			
<b>Probus Executive Meeting</b>	2 July, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	9 July, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
Lunch Bunch	9 July, Wednesday - Noon	Crosswinds Golf Club	Catherine Parr
Old Credit Brewing Tour	16 July, Wednesday - 10:00am	Old Credit Brewing Co.	Liz Read
Track Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz & Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan

#### Come out for some fun at the



#### on Wednesday September 10th

We'll start the mini putt at 10:00am and golf until lunch at noon

The excursion cost of \$28 includes golf • lunch • dessert • coffee • tax • tip

Contact Brenda Hicks at bphicks@sympatico.ca for further details



Rock Chapel Golf Centre is a picturesque, public golf club that offers a full range of quality, affordable golfing activities in a family friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Their facility features a 9 hole executive golf course, full service driving range and a one of a kind, real grass miniature golf course.