

# Milton Probus Pulse

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**Probus Christmas  
Gala Luncheon  
Thursday, Dec. 4th,  
Doors open at 11am**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the Christmas season approaches, I want to take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the work that our Management Team and Volunteers have provided this year. Without them, our club would not be as successful as it is today. Volunteers are what makes a club a success.

At our last monthly meeting we had our 20th Anniversary celebration. This event was a great success and well received. Quite a number of the founding members and original members are still in the club and active participants.

This year our club has grown substantially with new members. It is great news that people are interested in joining The Probus Club of Milton but this comes with challenges. Our Special Interest groups are very popular. A small committee of convenors will be getting together to brainstorm ways that we can accommodate the growing needs of our members and to provide support to the convenors who work hard to make each Special Interest group a success so that it is a "win win" for everyone.

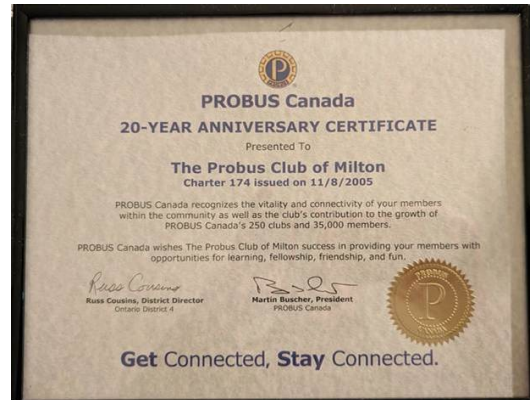
I will end by wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year as you enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone at our first general monthly meeting on Wednesday January 7, 2026.

*Susan Popp*



### 20th Anniversary Report

At the November general meeting, we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the issuing of our club charter on Nov 8th 2005. Our guest was Russ Cousins, Probud Canada District 4 director. Russ brought congratulations from Probud Canada and presented Susan Popp with our 20-year certificate.



Tom Dusmet, who was president of the Rotary Club back in 2005, talked about his and Rotary's involvement in getting the club started and reminisced about past members such as our first president, Bill Faichnie, who played such a major role in the founding of our Club.



Russ and Susan then presented special 20-year 'founding member' badges to those who were able to be with us on the morning.



## FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

20-year commemorative pins were also awarded to those current members who were on the first club membership list of January 2006.

Susan also asked the audience to thank our past presidents who have helped steer our Club through the last 20 years.

*Walter Eadie*



## FROM OUR SECRETARY

### **Notice of proposed amendment to the Bylaws.**

This is to provide 30 days-notice of an amendment to Bylaw #1 which was discussed and voted on at our January 7<sup>th</sup> general meeting. We added the following clause 2 to Bylaw #1 - Territory

Bylaw #1 - Territory - Added clause:

*2. Management Committee will prioritize the acceptance of new applications as required to maintain a minimum 75% Milton residents.*

Rationale: in order to be eligible to apply for grants from the town of Milton Community Fund, an organization must have a minimum of 75% of its membership comprised of Milton residents.

*Anne Eadie*

## FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

### ***Membership Renewals must be paid by the February 2026 meeting.***

Membership renewal dues for 2026 are now being collected.

All renewals must be paid by February 4th, 2026.

You may pay the \$50 fee by e-transfer to [miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com) (preferred method) or by personal cheque at the December Gala Luncheon.

*Barbara Shein*



## FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS



### **Don't miss our January, 2026 speaker: Brenna Bartley**

Manager, Education & Outreach, Conservation Halton

We are fortunate to have Brenna Bartley as our speaker on January 7th, 2026. She will inform us of the many beautiful places, parks, programs and events that Conservation Halton has to offer the members of our club

*Daphne Wand & Heddy Wright*

## FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Local Industry - Rockwool Tour**

We have a tour of Rockwool booked for **January 16**, 2026 at 10 a.m.

There is no cost to our members:.

#### **Registration has closed**

Carpooling and lunch to be determined

### **Get out of the house this winter and take in a play!**

#### **Milton Players Theatre Group presents**

#### **"Drinking Habits" by Tom Smith.**

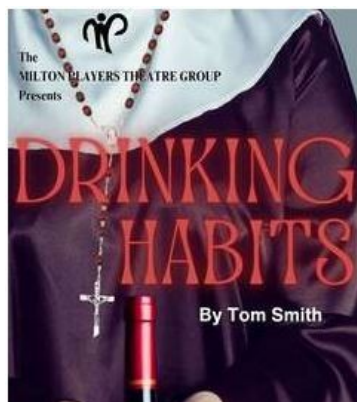
Accusations, mistaken identities, and romance run wild in this laugh-out-loud farce. Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing secretly make wine to keep the convent open, but when reporters – and former fiancées – Paul and Sally go undercover to investigate, chaos ensues. As paranoia grows and secrets spill, everyone scrambles to save the convent and mend broken hearts.

**Friday February 6, 2026**

**Cost \$32**

First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton

We have 20 tickets on hold until January 9, 2026. Get your seat now by forwarding \$32 via e-transfer to [miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com).



## DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

### **Christmas Countdown is on!**

Christmas is just around the corner and Probus is getting excited to host our wonderful Christmas Luncheon Gala featuring music by Charlie Gracie

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025**

The Gala includes door prizes, dancing, fellowship and a three-course dinner at The Albatross Restaurant, Granite Ridge Golf Club, 9530 Dublin Line, Milton.

Dinner consists of butternut squash and apple soup, choice of entree: salmon, steak or chicken, served with roasted potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables. Meal ends with tuxedo cake and coffee.

**Doors open at 11 am.  
Lunch is served at noon.**

Cash bar is available.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Covey or Vicky McGonigle at 905-699-9733 or 905-878-7043

**Looking forward to seeing everyone**



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### Jokers Venue 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

Linda and Dan Reid welcomed the Jokers Venue 1 into their home on Friday November 7th.

We played three games. The winners of all three games were Jane Cole and Nancy Lynn.

The afternoon wound up with tea, coffee and delicious treats. Once again a lovely afternoon of fun and fellowship.

We will meet again December 5th.

*Jean Robinson*



### Jokers Venue 2 — 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

After the games, Moe brought out a delicious apple cake that she had baked. Joe especially enjoyed the special treat.

On Friday November 7th, Moe hosted the Joker Venue 2 games. The afternoon was filled with friendly competition. Three players tied for most games won...Moe, Brian and Marjorie.

*Zina & Joe Yaworski*

### Jester Jokers — 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm

The Jester group gathered for their monthly games on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Sheila Tavenor hosted the first group, which produced an odd finale. They tried to keep it in the family, with the Jones (Tom & Anna Marie) and the Swifts (Bob & Linda), along with Brian Idenden, all winning three or four games.

The second group was hosted by Patricia Kotack and Pat Oates, and



Corinne stole the show, winning all four of her games.

As usual, the food was bountiful, and again the social time following the games carried on into the late afternoon.

Our next games will be our Christmas gathering on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, Brenda Morrow will be our host for an afternoon and evening of Joker, pizza and drink.



*Bill Turnbull*



## Wee Jokers — 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm

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The Wee Jokers met at the Streeter's this month. We had a few members absent but we were able to fill three tables with the help of Dan Reid who spared for us. The play went quickly and we soon completed four games. Although we didn't have anyone win all four games, we did have four members who each won three games. Elizabeth Dixon, who is on a roll having won all three games last month, Carol Streeter, Henry Popp and Bob Streeter.

Following the games, the Wee Jokers did what we do best and that is socialize. Enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and sweets ended a fun afternoon with twelve friends. Special thanks to Dan for sparing and also Brian Murphy who provided the tables and chairs.

Plans for the Wee Jokers' annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon at the Popp's on December 19 have already started. Can't believe we are almost in the last month of 2025.

*Carol Streeter for Marlene Murphy*



## Spinecrackers (book club) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 1:30 pm

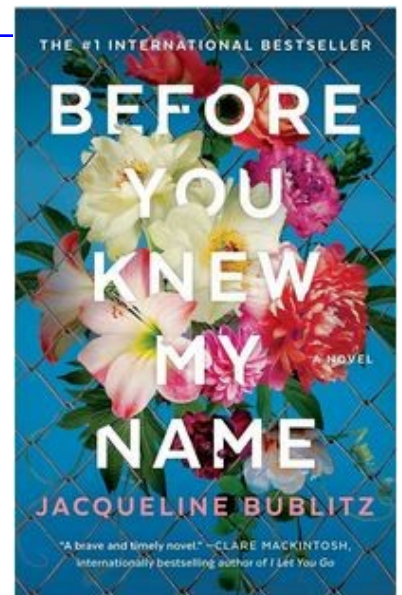
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### November 2025 Spinecrackers

Many thanks to Dan and Linda and Vicky for hosting this month. Seats and Treats created conversations that varied between laughter to serious health concerns to political situations to the latest in vaccines offered to seniors. Many spoke of the speaker at the last Probus meeting and how much they enjoyed her presentation.

Before You Knew My Name had many themes from grief and mortality, violence against women, and loneliness. There was much discussion of an 'after life' or possibility of a ghostly presence after death. Opinions varied between slow and confusing to fascinating.

*Nancy Lynn*





## Bits and Bites — 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 5 pm

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If you were not yet in a seasonal mood, attending November's Bits & Bites on Thursday at the home of Jean Robinson would have instantly transported you to Christmas and make you want to start your own decorating. Jean's home was beautifully decorated for Christmas inside & out and much admired by the group.

We were a small but lively group of only eleven as unfortunately a couple of our members sent late regrets. The bits & bites as always were outstanding and disappeared quickly. We then moved on to enjoy a fantastic selection of Jean's home baked desserts. To top off a delightful evening Jean's son & grandson popped in from next door to offer a selection of "special" coffees.

Thirteen more of the Bits & Bites Bunch enjoyed an equally lively evening as they partook of the hospitality of first-time Bits & Bites hosts - Janet & Larry Meehan, ably assisted by Carole Budworth. Conversation & stories flowed, as well as refreshments and a super selection of food as contributed by our talented members. The desserts were wonderful, and an amazing ice cream dessert disappeared so quickly there was only one serving left for the picture.

Thanks to Jean, Janet & Larry for opening their homes for two successful Bits & Bites nights.

*Anne Eadie*





### **Wednesday Euchre — 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm**

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Our November game was cancelled. The December game on the 10th will be at Vicky's house, 816 Merritt Drive in Milton.

*Vicky McGonigle for Barbara Shein*

### **Bid Euchre — 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 1 pm**

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The Wed bid euchre is cancelled for December.

The next game will be Wed January 28th at Diane Mitchell's home.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

*Donna & John*

### **Friday Bid Euchre — 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm**

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The Friday Bid Euchre games were played on November 14th and hosted by Bill and Corinne.

Everyone arrived early and eager to play. The snacks were ready and the players filled their bowls!

The top winners were Linda and Joe, and Bob and Bonnie who tied for third place.

After the games all were ready for dessert and enjoyed each other's company.

*Zina & Joe Yaworski*



### **Bridge Group — 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 1 pm**

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The bridge group will not meet in December because of our normal meeting date, the last Thursday of the month is the 25th.

*Ruth Parkinson*

### **Canasta — 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1pm**

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The November games are still to be played on Friday, November 28th.

*AnnaMarie Jones*

## Grape Expectations —4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 7 pm

**The October** gathering of the Grape Expectations wine tasting group took place on Oct. 28th. Tom & Anna Marie Jones hosted venue 1, and Corinne & Bill Turnbull were the hosts for venue 2.

Together, they decided on the theme of "Price vs. Taste". 3 Pinot Grigio wines from Italy were selected, ranging in price from under \$10 to just over \$20. The same was done for 3 Cabernet Sauvignon red wines from Australia. When the results were tallied, the mid-range wines took top prize in both the white wine and the red wine categories.

Furthermore, the highest price red wine, which was the highest priced wine overall, had the lowest score of the reds. Just goes to show that price doesn't always mean better taste.



**In November**, we gathered on Nov. 25 at the homes of Walter and Anne Eadie and Heddy Wright and Peter Tessaro. This time around, the wine selection focused on wines from France. We enjoyed 3 delicious whites and 3 sumptuous reds from various chateaux wineries in France. The wines varied in price from \$24.95 to \$13.95, and surprisingly, the lower priced wines fared better in our joint ratings.

Treats and cheeses in keeping with the "France" theme complimented the wines and made for an excellent evening.

Many thanks to our hosts, and to Walter for an excellent selection of wines.

*Joe Bernardino*





## The Walking Group—Every Monday of the Month @ 9:15 am



The weather in Milton for November was almost like living in the Maritimes again. We had an early snowfall, rain, colder than normal temperatures and warmer than expected temperatures.

On November 3, because of the threat of rain, the group was small as a few members decided to utilize the Milton indoor facilities. Walter advised that the Probus Walking Group (PWG) almost stayed dry as they trekked the Indian Trail. This trail is in town starting at the Sherwood Community Centre.

It was snow we had to think about on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The morning walk was dry but cold, however, the paved surfaces were mostly snow free. We stayed in town again and walked from the Memorial Centre arena on Thompson Road.

We walked the Britton Tract route from 6<sup>th</sup> line on November 17. This is a 4.5 km loop, mainly flat and easy through the trees but safe underfoot. The weather was dry, sunny and cold. Our group picture below is from this walk.

Our last walk of November turned out to be a beautiful day which gave us the largest group we've had in a long time. I think there were 25 walkers. Courtcliffe Park, Carlisle, is always an interesting walk as you walk through forest, along water, across bridges and through fields. Conservation Halton recently carried out a restoration project to return the creek to a more natural condition.

On each of our walks, we make it a point to stop for a few minutes to let walkers catch up and have a short rest. People often change walking partners at that time so you usually get to chat with a few different people on each walk.

Ruth Parkinson has arranged the Christmas Luncheon for the PWG and Walter advises the details will be coming out shortly. Time to do a house search for your Santa hats, Christmas earrings, or reindeer antlers. We're seniors so we can get away with this even in a public restaurant.

*Carol Streeter*





Thanks to Denise Potter —some funnies

Some artists of the 50's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accomodate baby boomers. Here's a few:

1. Herman's Hermits- Mrs. Brown you've got a lovely walker.
2. The Bee Gees- How can you mend a broken hip.
3. Bobby Darin- Splish Splash I was Having a flash.
4. Ringo Starr- I'll get by with the help from depends.
5. The Commodores- Once, twice, three times to the bathroom.
6. Marvin Gaye- Heard it from the Grape Nuts
7. Leo Sayer- You make me feel like napping.
8. Willie Nelson- On the commode again.
- 9- Procol Harem- A whiter shade of hair.
10. Johnny Nash- I can't see clearly now.
11. Helen Reddy- I am woman hear me snore.
12. Abba- Denture Queen.

**My doctor has given me three days to give up drinking.**

**I've picked the 5th of June, July 17th and October 9th!!**

I wonder how this marriage turned out



A skeleton walked into a bar and asked the bartender for a beer and a mop

**Knowing girls these days. Those are probably eye lashes.**



**IT'S A SHAME NOTHING IS BUILT IN THE USA ANY MORE. I JUST BOUGHT A TV & IT SAID "BUILT IN ANTENNA".**

**I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THAT IS.**

I'm always surprised when heavily tattooed couples have a baby and it comes out blank.





# December 2025

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
	<b>9:15am</b> <b>Walking Group</b> Email notifications Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie			<b>Doors open at 11 am</b> <b>Probus Gala Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>1 pm</b> <b>Jokers Venue 1 &amp; Venue 2</b> Jean Robinson v1 Joe & Zina Yaworski v2	
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<b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Management Meeting Monday Dec. 15th</b> 	<b>9:15am</b> <b>Walking Group</b> Email notifications Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie			<b>5pm</b> <b>Bits &amp; Bites</b> Marlene Murphy & Anne Eadie	<b>1pm</b> <b>Wee Jokers</b> Marlene Murphy	20
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