



PROBUS Club of Milton



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A SOCIAL CLUB FOR RETIRED PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS PERSONS,
FORMER EXECUTIVES AND OTHERS

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January 2020						
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**Next Meeting: Wednesday Jan 8
10:00 am Milton Sports Centre Santa
Maria Blvd**

Greeters: Jane and Terry Cole
Heather Ley

Coffee & Tea: Mary Flippance and
Ruth Parkinson

Speaker: Colin Best - Milton Regional
Councillor

Member experiences: Bob Streeter

From our Vice President:



Happy New Year to all members of the Milton Probus Club!

This is a unique new year for the club. With Murray Switzer's mid-term move to Midland, the club gets both a new year and a new

president at the same time. As a result, my inaugural message comes at what seems an auspicious moment – not just a new year but 2020!

The most recent year with such balanced numerology was 1919, one hundred and one years ago! This calendar rarity presents us with the opportunity and challenge to bring a “2020 Balance” to all corners of our lives.

I expect that for many of us, 2020 carries connotations of perfect eyesight, the gold standard of optometrists everywhere. Having said that, it is a rare Probus member who can claim 20/20 vision without corrective lenses. I like to think of the Milton Probus Club as just one of many “lenses” that can bring a clear view of our retirement years to our members.

Your Management Team is working hard to ensure that the club maintains its high standards through 2020. You can look forward to another year of engaging speakers, enjoyable special events and the warm fellowship of your fellow club members at both our meetings and special interest groups. So, as we stand at the start of this 2020 new year, let's pledge to do our best to make it a year of clear vision – our “2020” vision.

David Wentzell Vice President



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From the Editor: (Brian Murphy 905-659-2288; brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com)



January General Meeting

Please note that the meeting in January will be held on **January 8, 2020**, which is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Future inclement weather

If you wake up to bad weather on the day of a general meeting or other club function, **check your emails** for a possible notice of cancellation. In the case of a general meeting being cancelled, an email will be sent AND a phone call will also be made by a management committee member to you.



Probus Information Network (PIN) (Bill Turnbull 905-878-9573; turnbullwt@yahoo.com)

So far 51 members of Milton Probus have responded to the initial information e-mail, requesting to join PIN. Those members will be contacted directly, prior to the end of the year, acknowledging receipt of their enrollment. Requests are still being accepted. Please direct any inquiries to turnbullwt@yahoo.com.

Announcing a new Special Interest Group – The SUDS SIPPERS (beer tasting)

It is proposed to start a new monthly group for those who like their beer (or would just like to try something new).

The organizing meeting for this new Special Interest Group will be held on Tuesday January 21st at 7pm at Walter Eadie's house. This group is open to both men and women. Please talk to Walter and sign up at the January 8th general meeting.



Our December meeting

Speaker

Not applicable

Member Experiences at December meeting: Not applicable

Upcoming Speakers



This meeting January: We welcome back Colin Best, Regional Councillor, Milton, to bring us up to date with a presentation on what's happening in Milton, now and in the future.

Milton is growing so fast and has many growing pains, so come and be prepared to ask questions about how Milton's growth will affect us seniors in the community.

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Feb: In recognition of Black History Month, we are pleased to have Rob Green, a retired teacher from Hamilton-Wentworth and current member of the Halton Black History Awareness Society with us.

He will educate us on “The Underground Railway”, enlighten us with stories told him by his grandparents, and entertain us with song.



Mar: Aruna Papp is a nationally and internationally recognized educator and advocate of human rights. Her focus is on women’s rights in cross-cultural perspectives. She has written extensively on the issues facing immigrant women in Canada, and culturally rooted gender-based violence.

She is also a survivor of 18 years of domestic violence. Her marriage was arranged when she lived in India and she came to Canada in 1972 with a 3rd grade education and two little girls. Aruna has since earned two Masters degrees, founded three agencies in Ontario to help immigrant women and their families, and volunteered on a number of boards and committees. For 30 years Aruna worked as a Counsellor/Therapist assisting families dealing with domestic violence.

Apr: A person from Circles Enrichment will be speaking on "Woodstock Revisited – 50 Year Anniversary".



May: What makes a commodity so special? Who assigns its value? What power could a pearl, a tea leaf, a grain of salt yield? How could the world be held hostage by these often-frivolous goods? In this engaging presentation, award-winning presenter Lianne Harris will take a look at some of the top commodities in history and examine why they were coveted, what purpose they served, who was willing to pay the price for them, and who ended up suffering for it. An enlightening and enthusiastic look at treachery, greed, power, tenacity and contrived luxury that exploited the world and whose benefits we still demand, and whose fruits we still poignantly reap.

Member experiences

This meeting January: Bob Streeter will discuss his experience as a communications expert in the Canadian Armed Forces.

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Our management met on December 16th at the home of Bonnie Chapman.

Pictured below is the Management Committee.

(L to R) Brian Murphy, Bill Scarrow, Ray Mathews, Walter Eadie, Patricia McIntyre, David Wentzell, Bonnie Chapman, Susan Popp, Rose Ryan, Clare Ganson-Bell, Joe Bernardino and Bob Streeter. Absent are Marlene Murphy and Werner Krebs.



Walter Eadie reports on items of interest from the meeting as follows:

- It was agreed that Vice President David Wentzell will be installed as our new President at the January membership meeting rather than waiting until the April AGM.
- Ray Mathews reported that we now have a nominee for each of the positions which will become vacant at the AGM.
- A financial Budget for 2020 was reviewed and approved. The Budget and the 2019 Financial Statement will be sent to members before the April AGM.
- An e-transfer facility has been set up and members will now be able to pay their membership fees by e-transfer to the Treasurer.
- Feedback and suggestions from the recent Christmas lunch were reviewed and passed on to the Committee for consideration.
- In January, we will experiment with introducing our new members just prior to the coffee break to maintain the continuity of the meeting.
- Walter and Anne Eadie will hold a “new member orientation” evening in January for all 2019 new members.
- The membership will be encouraged to suggest new Special interest Groups for 2020. e.g. a “beer tasting” group is being proposed.



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From our Treasurer: (Joe Bernardino 289-851-7058; djobi47@sympatico.ca)

Our Club financial year-end is December 31, 2019. Based on expenses and revenues, our total year revenues exceeded budget by approximately \$1,000. Total year expenses were in line with the approved budget. Our bank balance at the end of the year was in the order of \$3,700.

Your Management team has approved the budget for 2020 and are projecting our expenses will closely match revenues.



E-Transfers

We have been looking at ways to facilitate payment of membership renewal fees and have set up our bank account to accept e-transfers of funds from the membership.

If you are familiar with internet banking and e-transfers, you will now be able to send your payment electronically from your bank account to ours.

The e-mail address that has been set up to receive e-transfers is miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com

When you submit payment, you will need to identify, in the “Comments” section, the purpose of the transfer, i.e. “Membership Renewal” so that its purpose can be appropriately identified.

If this initiative is well received and utilized, we are considering extending it to Special Events and other areas where the membership makes payments to the club. This will facilitate the payment process and reduce the number of cheques being written and deposited. More on this extension in future communications.

From our Membership Director: (Rose Ryan 905-878-5476; rryan@bell.net)

The Membership fees for 2020 will be accepted at the **January meeting**. The annual fee is **\$45.00 per person**. Please make cheque payable to Milton Probus and print the member name(s) in the memo section. The **deadline for payment** of the annual fee is **February 5, 2020**.

IT'S TIME TO
PAY
YOUR DUES

SHARE THE WEALTH

No draw in December.



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From our Fellowship Directors: (Werner Krebs 905-876-3105; wkrebs@distributed.net and Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com)



In January, we will be using compostable paper cups for hot beverages. Please dispose of used paper cups in the paper green waste bag. Plastic water cups are disposed of in the blue recycle bin.

You are welcome to bring your own cup to the monthly meetings.

“Every use of a reusable cup is one sip closer to a sustainable world.”

Greeting Cards



If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Director or a member of the management committee.

If you or a fellow Probus member are moving out of the area, please inform us.



Travel Insurance with JOHNSON INSURANCE



Did you know that, as a member of PROBUS Canada, you are entitled to stand-alone Group Travel Insurance with Johnson Insurance. Here are some of the particulars:

- It is with MEDOC (the group insurance used by teacher's and government employees).
- You can get either a 17-day or 35-day travel insurance policy, which will cover you for as-many-times-a-year-away within the policy year (or you can go for the 17- or 35-day period, return for 24 hours and start a brand-new 17- or 35-day insured period).
- There are three categories of insurance depending on your filling out a questionnaire, with rates set accordingly: Optimum Health Option, Preferred Health Option and Standard Health Option.
- Access to coverage regardless of health status (if you qualify for and are initially accepted for the Standard Health Option with existing conditions and multiple medications, after two years you are never asked to fill in another questionnaire and are automatically covered under the Standard Health Option).
- Supplemental insurance is available if your length of stay is over the 17- or 35-day limit.
- The plan includes \$5,000,000 emergency medical coverage, \$1,500 lost/stolen/damaged bags (\$3,000 for family), up to \$8,000 trip cancellation or delay benefits and up to \$500 for replacement of lost or stolen documentation (passport/driver's license/birth certificate).
- Other insurance offerings are also available; such as health insurance (for those who have retired without health benefits), car, or home.



For further information, see Johnson's website at <https://www.johnson.ca/travel/medoc>

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TRAVEL (Joe and Zina Yaworski - travel event coordinators 905-878-3959)

September 2020 Nashville and Memphis

(Terry Cole- Probus trip coordinator 905-875-0171)



Booking still open

Complete details and download available on your website www.miltonprobus.ca (Club activities page)



Have you ever walked through the gates of historic Graceland and delved into the private side of Elvis Presley's life? Would you like to visit The Ryman auditorium (home of true country music) or sit down to enjoy "The Grand Ole Opry"? If so, keep September 13th thru 19th 2020 open.

If you already have the brochure and information sheet, you should contact Nancy Liu (Tour Design).

Special Events: (Pat McIntyre 905-876-4040; pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca and Susan Popp 905-876-3241; susulucky66@icloud.com)

December – Christmas Luncheon

The Granite Ridge club house was beautifully decorated for Christmas and there was a fresh blanket of snow on the golf course. One hundred and nineteen members attended the Christmas luncheon.



We were treated to the sounds of several small avalanches as the ice and snow melted and slid off of the steel roof. The soup and main entrees were delicious, as were the desserts from La Rose.

Steve Angel provided the entertainment which got many people up on the dance floor.

Joe Yaworski and David Wentzell won the popularity contest for best Christmas tie after many of the men strutted their ties from table to table.

Thanks to Pat McIntyre and Susan Popp for organizing this wonderful event. Thanks also to Anne Eadie for coordinating the seating arrangements and Dulce Bernardino for making the lovely centre pieces.



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Happy HOLIDAYS



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January – Robbie Burns Night

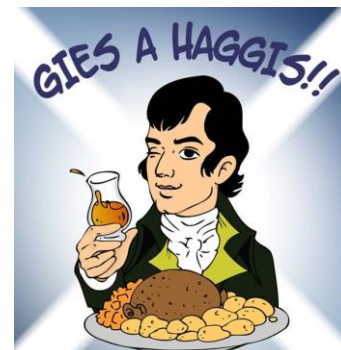
DATE: Saturday, January 25th at 5:00pm

COST: \$40 (limit of 30 people)

LOCATION: Martindale Gardens Retirement Residence,
45 Martin Street, Milton



Please mark your calendars, and join us for a lovely evening...
Dinner includes some of your great favorites: nips and tatties, haggis and other tasty bites.
Also bagpipes and great fellowship!



February – Valentine's Day Luncheon

DATE: February 14th at 12:00 noon

COST: TBD

LOCATION: TBD



Save the date! As is our tradition, we will be organizing a Valentines lunch in a local restaurant with fellow Probus members...more details at the January meeting.

March – Ford Motor Plant Tour

DATE: TBD (Ford Motor is in the process of scheduling the next tours)

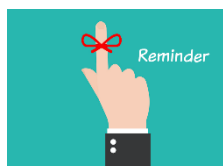
COST: Free

LOCATION: 1400 The Canadian Road, Oakville



The tour will consist of a riding, guided tour of the Ford Assembly plant in Oakville where the current Ford Edge/Lincoln Nautilus is manufactured. The tour will last approx. 1 hour. Space is limited to 12 persons.

Another tour will be arranged at a later date if there is sufficient interest.



***Please bring your cash or cheque book to the next general meeting.**



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1 Bits and Bites on Thursday night (Carol Elliott 905-875-3980; celliott7@cogeco.ca)

The Bits and Bites dining group did not meet during the month of December.

2 Bridge (Shirley Mathews 905-636-8680; mathews@sympatico.ca)

Nov: Len and Jean Lillie were our gracious hosts for our November bridge game.

Tasty snacks, good conversation, and lots of laughs made for a very fun afternoon.

We also played some bridge! Caroll Williams and Elinore Shannon took the 2 top scores, while Jean Lillie was awarded "the little guy".



The Bridge group did not meet during the month of December.

3 Canasta (Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca)

The Canasta group did not meet during the month of December.

4 Euchre (Darel & Carol Crawford 519-836-1985; dcraw4d@sympatico.ca)

The Euchre group did not meet during the month of December.

5 Friday Bid Euchre (Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe_zina@hotmail.com)

Carol Elliott hosted our Friday December 13th games. It was a lucky afternoon for Nancy Lynn, Bonnie Chapman and Caroll Williams. Anne Taylor took our Voodoo home for Christmas!

The nibbles and dessert fueled our "elite" playing skills as we continued our Christmas tradition of "Call Three" worth 8 points.

We also welcomed a new member, Shirley Mathews to our group.



6 Wednesday Bid Euchre (Myra Faichnie 905-878-6615; billmyra@sympatico.ca)

The Wednesday Bid Euchre group did not meet during the month of December.

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7 The Hiking Club (Co-Leader Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca
Leader Marilyn Morita 905-854-5046; george.morita@sympatico.ca)



December 21st heralded the first official day of Winter. Mother Nature is totally confused or else she just doesn't have a clue. As I type this, it is sunny and clear two days before Christmas and she has not produced any snow. (Santa will just have to get out his helicopter.)

Note: that was not the case earlier this month.

For the first time in the history of the Hiking Group (as far back as I can remember), we had to cancel three consecutive scheduled walks due to bad weather. However, some of our hikers are persistent and took to the Velodrome and the Sportscentre. Over the three-week period, 210,168 steps were added to the overall total.

Despite the icy conditions, our walk on December 16th went ahead. Seventeen hikers braved the icy conditions at Hilton Falls. In addition, Megs Shellard was joined by fellow members at the Sportscentre and in total we completed 139,994 steps.

We then headed off to Swiss Chalet for our annual "Festive Special" Christmas lunch. We had 35 members sit down and celebrate Christmas in a sea of red, complete with Santa hats and various types of Christmas headgear. It was a wonderful Christmas celebration and an appropriate end to our 2019 walking schedule.

Our overall total number of footsteps is 74,644,923.

All are welcome to join us. We meet every Monday at the Milton Mall in the south-east parking area, no later than 9:15 am. We leave for the selected venue at 9:30 am... sharp!



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8 Jokerama - Jokers, Jester and Wee Jokers Get Together

(John Williams 905-875-1077; cj.williams@sympatico.ca)

The Christmas 2019 Jokerama was held at the Morita coliseum on Friday December 6th.

Sixty jokers attended and had 'FUN' as commanded by their Tweedle Family Patrons. George, Marilyn and her team of elves ensured a well-prepared venue and a complete cuisine for after games socializing.

During the event, a full-scale impeachment process was conducted to a complete conclusion, providing lessons for anyone with similar problems!

Glee and Glum Tweedle were impeached for the crimes of:

1. losing their marbles and
2. lacking the appropriate stature and image for Royalty!

The Jester Jokers then unveiled their new mascots, Peachy and Plum.

Having achieved a democratic outcome, players got on with their 'Sorry' games. The 3-game winners were Alice Carey, Diane Mitchell, Marlene Murphy, Henry Popp and Anne Taylor. Most games were 'close' but all kept their cool and there were no incidents of game-rage! All had smiles as they headed home.



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8-1 Joker (John Williams 905-875-1077; cj.williams@sympatico.ca)

The Joker group did not meet during the month of December due to Jokerama.

8-2 Jester Joker (Peter Sneyd 905-693-1708; psneyd@sympatico.ca)

The Jester Joker group did not meet during the month of December due to Jokerama.

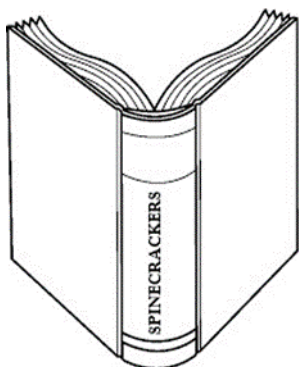
8-3 Wee Joker (Brian & Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com)

The Wee Joker group did not meet during the month of December due to Jokerama.



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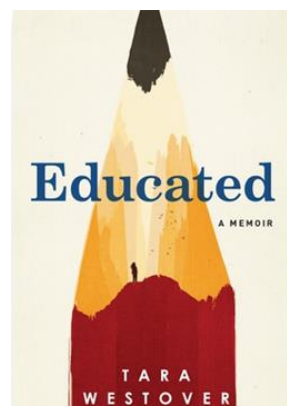
9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; dhlynn@sympatico.ca)



This month's meeting was at the home of Caroll Williams.

As usual our initial conversations varied from travel, to health, to the latest telephone scams. Caroll (and John) provided a lovely assortment of cheeses to accompany the festive wines offered. It was quite wonderful to have everyone together for a group picture. AND THEN We got into our opinions on the memoir **Educated**, by Tara Westover. All read the work with skepticism and a great deal of disbelief. Many did not

understand how an upbringing such as described could have ended in such success for a young woman, and for her to still be drawn back into her dysfunctional family.



10 Grape Expectations Wine Club(Tom & Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca)



Our Wine Club did not meet in December as our meeting date was too close to Christmas.

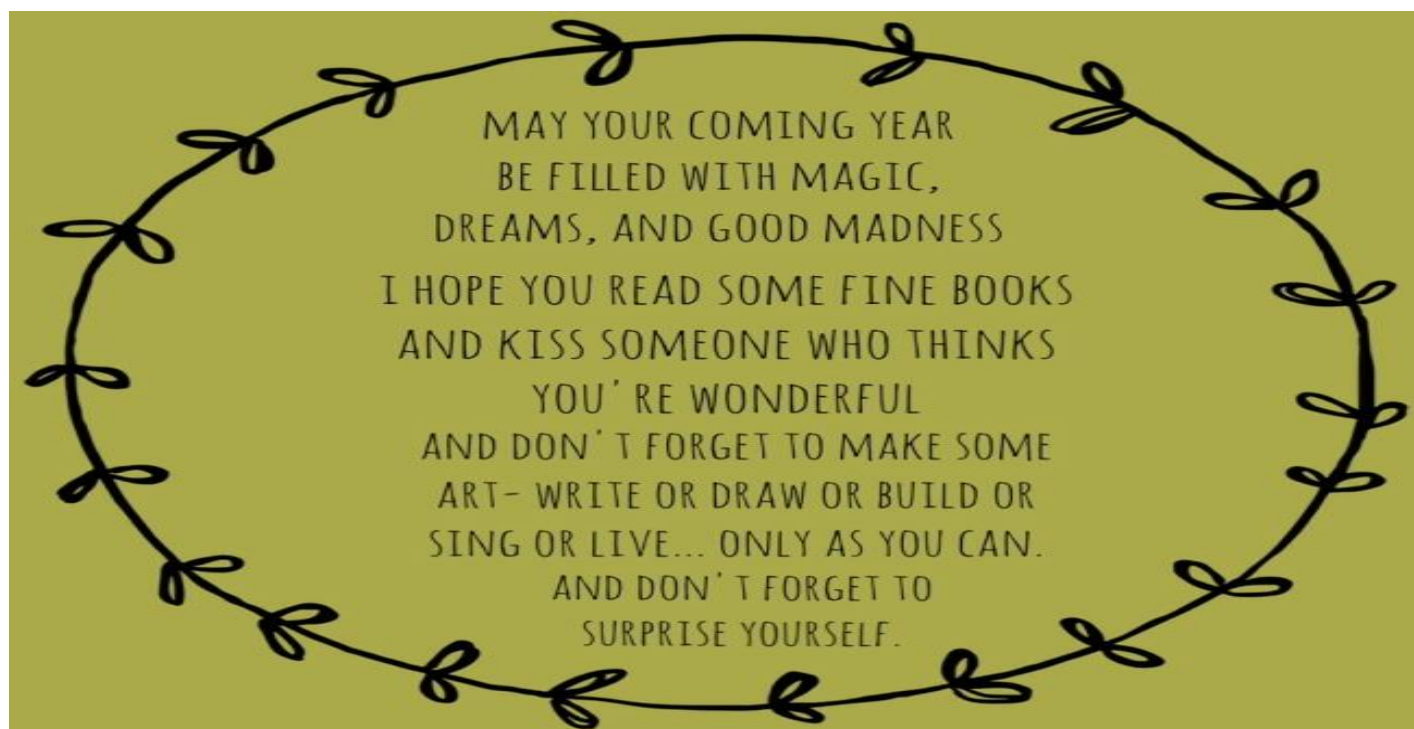
However, January 2020 will be a month of change for the members of the Wine Club. We welcome 3 new members into our group...Joe and Dulce Bernardino and Heather Ley. This brings the number of tasters to 19 and will enable 2 venues. Tasters, please stay tuned for an upcoming e-mail in January, advising your tasting location. The hosts for the January 28th tastings are the Careys and the Scarrows. Tastings start at 7:00 pm sharp.

The members of Grape Expectations wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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Club Activity Schedule

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	1st Fri. - 1:30 pm	John Williams	905-875-1077	cj.williams@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Jester Joker</i>	2nd Tues.- 1:30 pm	Peter Sneyd	905-693-1708	psneyd@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	3rd Fri. - 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	b_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	dhlynn@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	2nd Fri. - 1:00 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre – <i>Wednesday</i>	4th Wed. - 1:30 pm	Myra Faichnie	905-878-6615	billmyra@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	4th Thurs. - 1:00 pm	Shirley Mathews	905-636-8680	mathews@sympatico.ca
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri. - 1:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm	Carol Crawford	519-836-1985	dcraw4d@sympatico.ca
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	3rd Thurs. - 5:00 pm	Carol Elliott	905-875-3980	celllott7@cogeco.ca
Probus Info Network - PIN	Online only - no meetings	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Tastings – Wine - <i>Grape Expectations</i>	4th Tues. - 7:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Travel – Event Coordinator		Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Every Mon. - 9:30 am	Marilyn Morita	905-854-5046	george.morita@sympatico.ca



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JANUARY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities				
General Meeting	January 8	10:00 AM	Milton Sports Centre	David Wentzell
Executive Meeting	January 20	2:00 PM	David Wentzell	David Wentzell
Robbie Burns Night	January 25	5:00 PM	Martindale Gardens Retirement Residence	Pat McIntyre/Susan Popp
Clubs				
Probus Info Network - PIN				Bill Turnbull
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	January 3	1:30 PM	Myra Faichnie/Gilles St. Pierre	John Williams
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	January 6	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	January 9	1:30 PM	Linda and Dan Reid	Nancy Lynn
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	January 10	1:00 PM	Bonnie Chapman	Zina Yaworski
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	January 13	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Jester Joker</i>	January 14	1:30 PM	Shirley Mathews/Sheila Tavenor	Peter Sneyd
Cards - Euchre	January 15	7:30 PM	Zina and Joe Yaworski	Carol Crawford
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	January 16	5:00 PM	Zenia and Donald Morrier	Carol Elliott
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	January 17	1:30 PM	Linda Heggie	Brian Murphy
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	January 20	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	January 21	7:00 PM	Walter Eadie	Walter Eadie
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Wednesday</i>	January 22	1:30 PM	Diane Mitchell	Myra Faichnie
Cards - Bridge	January 23	1:00 PM	Shirley and Ray Mathews	Shirley Mathews
Cards - Canasta	January 24	1:00 PM	Bonnie Chapman	Alice Carey
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	January 27	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Wine – <i>Grape Expectations</i>	January 28	7:00 PM	Darlene Scarrow/Alice Carey	Alice Carey

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities				
General Meeting	February 5	10:00 AM	Milton Sports Centre	David Wentzell
Valentines Day Luncheon	February 14	12:00 noon	TBD	Pat McIntyre/Susan Popp
Executive Meeting	February 17	2:00 PM	Marlene and Brian Murphy	David Wentzell
Clubs				
Probus Info Network - PIN				Bill Turnbull
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	February 3	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	February 7	1:30 PM	Jane Cole/Caroll Williams - Somewhere in Portugal	John Williams
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	February 10	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Jester Joker</i>	February 11	1:30 PM	Patricia Kotack/Joe Bernardino	Peter Sneyd
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	February 13	1:30 PM	Brenda Morrow	Nancy Lynn
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	February 14	1:00 PM	TBD	Zina Yaworski
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	February 17	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Cards - Euchre	February 19	7:30 PM	Diane Mitchell	Carol Crawford
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	February 20	5:00 PM	Marlene and Brian Murphy	Carol Elliott
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	February 21	1:30 PM	Susan and Henry Popp	Brian Murphy
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	February 24	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Wine – <i>Grape Expectations</i>	February 25	7:00 PM	Anna Marie and Tom Jones	Alice Carey
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Wednesday</i>	February 26	1:30 PM	Donna Elliott/John Stubbington	Myra Faichnie
Cards - Bridge	February 27	1:00 PM	Jean and Len Lillie	Shirley Mathews
Cards - Canasta	February 28	1:00 PM	TBD	Alice Carey

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JOKE AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

(Send your submission for possible inclusion in a future newsletter)



A man in northern Minnesota woke up one morning to find a bear on his roof.

He looked in the Yellow Pages, and sure enough, there was an ad for "Up North Bear Removers".

He called the number listed and the bear remover said he'd be over within an hour.

The bear remover arrived, and got out of his van. He had a ladder, a baseball bat, a 12-gauge shotgun, and a mean looking, heavily scarred old pit bull.

"What are you going to do?" the homeowner asked.

"I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'm going to go up there, and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off the roof, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles, and not let go.

The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van.

He then handed the shotgun to the homeowner.

"What's the shotgun for?" the homeowner asked.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, you shoot the dog."



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The Old Dog

An old Doberman starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a lion heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old Doberman thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep shit now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the lion is about to leap, the old Doberman exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious lion! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young lion halts his attack in mid-stride, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!" says the lion, "That was close! That old Doberman nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the lion. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the lion, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the lion.

The young lion is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old Doberman sees the lion coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?"

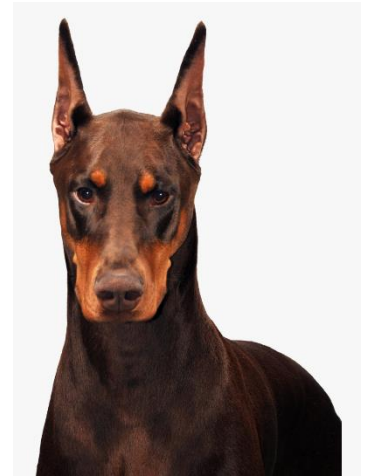
Instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old Doberman says.....

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another lion!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!

Bull Shit and brilliance only come with age and experience.



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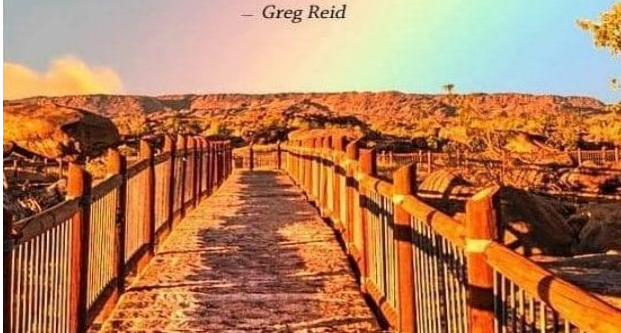
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A dream written down with a date becomes a goal.

A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan.

A plan backed by action makes your dreams come true.

— Greg Reid



Age is irrelevant. Ask me how many sunsets I've seen, hearts I've loved, trips I've taken, or concerts I've been to. That's how old I am.

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We can't always
choose the music
life plays for us,
but we can choose
how we dance to it



Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:

"Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."