



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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Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 6 10:00 am Milton Sports Centre Santa Maria Blvd

*******Meeting Cancelled*******

Greeters: Linda and Bob Swift

Coffee & Tea: Angela and David Hunt

Speaker: Lianne Harris – Commodities in History

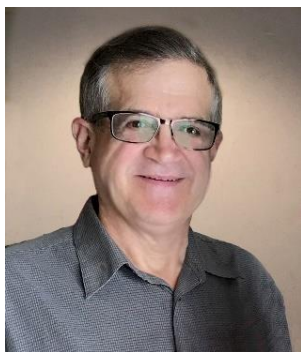
Member experiences: Patricia McIntyre



Mother fox and kits.
Milton fairgrounds April 15,2020
Photography courtesy of Michelle Fleming

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From our President:



Greetings from your Social Distancing President.

As I sit down to write my message for the May Club Newsletter, I realize that five weeks have passed since the Town of Milton closed our meeting place. That closure has been extended to May 29th. So, in the middle of our isolation of 2020, I thought I would share with you some of the Little Things that have, over this period, made me laugh, kept me grounded or just had me scratching my head in wonder.

Like many of you, I faced a long To Do List of jobs for which there was never enough time. High on that list was “Cleanout the Garage Loft”. When I tackled that task, a 70-year-old wooden orange crate was released from a dusty spot under the eaves. This relic, my in-laws’ bedside table in their first apartment, now gleams with a fresh coat of varnish and is destined for a place of pride beside the bed in our cottage guestroom.



Another de-cluttering effort unearthed from a basement closet a large cardboard box, neatly labelled “Jimmy Book”. What is a “Jimmy Book” you may be asking. According to an elderly woman who sat next to Kathy at a play some 40 years ago, a Jimmy Book is where one keeps event ticket stubs, dance cards and playbills, in other words, a scrapbook. My Google search failed to shed light on the origins of the name. However, I did learn that James Granger published a History of England in 1769 with pages purposely left blank to allow items to be added to the book by the reader. Was Granger the original “Jimmy”? I don’t know. What I do know is that there is a 15-kilo treasure trove of memories just waiting to be unpacked. A quick sampling from the top of the box included a letter from 1977 sent to me by one of my university residence mates. While much of the box’s contents will end up in the Blue Box, many hours of pleasant reminiscing will ensue.

I can speak to the benefits of reading a “Good Book”. While consumption of the daily news has a depressing effect, pages of literature can open the imagination to boundless vistas. My reading hours are taking me to Victorian England as I turn the pages of “*The Personal History, Adventures, Experiences & Observations of David Copperfield, the Younger, of Blunderstone Rookery (Which He never meant to be Published on any Account)*” It turns out, I first read Dicken’s masterwork in 1968. Yes, I unearthed my childhood diary in yet another box on a storage shelf!

The pictures on my walls have also changed, as pictures shifted from room to room have replaced faded art. A rolled-up print of a colourful scene from bucolic life in Waterloo County has found new life in a frame that was destined for the thrift shop.

My “important papers” filing cabinet is now a “thing of beauty” after a rigorous cleaning out. So far, we have amassed twelve boxes of shredded paper that was once tax returns, bank statements and bills! Oh yes, we also discovered that shredded paper goes in the Green Bin, not the Blue Box. I expect we will have shredding to dispose of long after the social restrictions are lifted.

I have also learned that delightful surprises can be found not just in dusty lofts, dark closets and forgotten corners. The refrigerator can also be hiding a treasure or two. Just yesterday, we bravely opened a jar of pickled beets that we had been saving for a special occasion. I say “bravely” because the scarlet savouries have sat on a fridge door shelf for 6 years! Of course, we took precautions. Only one of us (Kathy) tried a sample in case the pickles had turned. I am pleased to report no gastric distress resulted from my chivalrous

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“Ladies First” approach to the venerable comestible discovery. The tasty treats will brighten our lunches for a while.

It is natural that we find joy in simple pleasures as the Pandemic Reality lengthens our days and constrains our activity. I hope each of you has experienced your own simple pleasures. Let me know what has kept you alert, healthy, thankful and happy through the last month. If you would like to share, I encourage you to email me david.g.wentzell@gmail.com

In Fellowship,

David Wentzell President

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



Our April Speaker

Meeting cancelled

Member Experiences at April meeting:

Meeting cancelled

Upcoming Speakers



This meeting May: CANCELLED 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.

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Jun: Jan Sherman is a much beloved, respected First Nations teller, an Anishinaabe woman, mother, culture keeper, storyteller, drummer, singer, and spiritual guide.

Through Jan's thoughtful, captivating storytelling, we learn to appreciate and honour Indigenous ancestral earth teachings and we learn, not only about those ancients who were once here, but those who are still here. For over 20 years, Jan has given voice as a First Nations culture keeper, sharing stories not only locally, but globally as well.

Jan's Circle will include some integral information about treaties and reconciliation, worldview and relevant stories, and drum songs. This Circle will be interactive so come prepared to raise your voice in gratitude and celebration!

Upcoming Member Experiences

This meeting May: CANCELLED Pat McIntyre will share her experience working with the Eaton family and the Eaton store.

Our management meeting on April 20th was cancelled.

From our Secretary: (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

One casualty of the cancellations in April was our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We will be required to hold an AGM, to conform to our Bylaws, as soon as our regular meetings resume. Fortunately, however, thanks to the bylaw changes made last November, there would have been no 'nominations from the floor' at this year's AGM. Thus, the slate of candidates announced at the March meeting can be considered as 'elected by acclamation'. In the current hiatus, the new directors are working closely with their 2019 counterparts to make sure that everything will run smoothly when Club activities resume.

In addition to formal approval of the new directors, the postponed AGM will also be required to approve the 2019 financial statements, appoint a financial reviewer for 2020, and approve a 2020 budget (which is now likely to require adjustments from that already approved by the Management Team).

Your 2020 Management Team

President:	David Wentzell (1 year)
Vice President:	Shirley Mathews (1 year)
Treasurer:	Alice Carey (2 years)
Secretary:	Walter Eadie (1 year)
Membership:	Anne Eadie (2 years)
Property:	Bob Streeter (1 year)
Fellowship:	Marlene Murphy (1 year); Jim Miller (2 years)
Media:	Brian Murphy (1 year); David Hunt (2 years)
Program:	Clare Ganson-Bell (1 year); Diane Miller (2 years)
Special Events:	Susan Popp (1 year); Henry Popp (2 years)

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Now that our new directors are in place for 2020-21, I have calculated that 47 of our current Probus Club of Milton members either are, or have been at some time in the past 15 years, a member of the Management Committee. Just thought it was a good example of how Probus members are ‘sharing the load’ of running our Club.

From the Archives

Since we could not report on the 2020 Annual General Meeting, we thought it would be fun to look back 10 years and see what happened at the 2010 AGM.

The 2010 AGM was brought to order on April 7th that year by President Diane Mitchell. The bylaws actually called for the AGM to be held in March but often it was delayed because so many people were away in the month of March. The bylaws were officially changed later in 2010.

It was reported that the Club had 120 members and 16 on the waiting list.

The new Management Committee was announced as President Chuck Elliott, VP Megs Shellard, Secretary Zina Yaworski, Treasurer John Williams, Membership Vic Carson, Fellowship John Mitchell, Special Events Carol Elliott, Property John Hopper, Program Ruth Parkinson and Brenda Hicks, Newsletter Bill and Myra Faichnie.

It was mentioned in the Minutes that Tom and Alice Carey would be taking over the Walking Group from Vic Carson at the end of April that year.

Georgette Dorcich was appointed as auditor for 2010. Of interest from the archives is that Income and Expense for 2009 (excluding special events) was approx. \$6100 and \$3200. Comparable figures for 2019 were \$8000 and \$5500.

From our Membership Director: (Anne Eadie 905-878-7143; eadies@cogeco.ca)

New members are reminded to send their bios as their introduction to the membership. Please submit these to Anne Eadie.

SHARE THE WEALTH

April meeting cancelled...no winners.



From our Fellowship Directors: (Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com Jim Miller 905-876-3105; jimmiller@rogers.com)

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 is moving out of the area, please inform us.



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TRAVEL (Joe and Zina Yaworski - travel event coordinators 905-878-3959; joe_zina@hotmail.com)

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: (Susan Popp 905-876-3241; susulucky66@icloud.com and Henry Popp 905-876-3241; shpopp1891@icloud.com)

Fall – Ford Motor Plant Tour

DATE: TBD Tour 1 at 9:30am (limited to 12)
Tour 2 at 11:00am (limited to 12)

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. Will attempt to reschedule later.



Fall – Car Rally

DATE: TBD

COST: TBD

LOCATION: TBD

A car rally is being planned for a future date in the Spring/Summer months....more details to come for this fun event.



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Fall – Five Pin Bowling

DATE: TBD

COST: \$10 which includes 3 games and shoes (limited to 24 players)

LOCATION: Streetsville Bowl, 128 Queen Street South, Mississauga

There will be six lanes with teams of four people. Prizes will be awarded for top score, best team, and person with the top score in all three games. The winners will be announced during lunch.

After bowling we will go to a restaurant (TBD) close to the bowling venue. This meal will be a la carte and pay your own.

Please sign up for this event at the April general meeting and indicate if you plan to attend the bowling, bowling and lunch or lunch only.



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

Bits and Bites was cancelled for April.

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

Bridge was cancelled for April.

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

Canasta was cancelled for April.

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

Euchre was cancelled for April.

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

Friday Bid Euchre was cancelled for April.

Sending everyone a big hug during these very unusual times.

Keep in touch with family and friends. Take care has a whole new meaning now.

Looking forward to seeing everyone one day in the near future.

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

Wednesday Bid Euchre was cancelled for April.

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



The Hiking Group has managed to keep walking, albeit in isolation. The idea got started when Carroll Williams asked “When we are walking alone, are we still counting steps?” Marilyn and I thought “Why not!”.

The parameters were established. We walk alone or with our partner, safely observing physical distancing with those we come into contact with on the sidewalk. The steps were to be counted on individual walks, but only on those walks completed on Mondays (our usual walking day).

We started counting footsteps on Monday March 30th when we had 16 individual walkers send in their footstep counts. From there, it blossomed to between 24 to 26 walkers who participated, individually, each Monday and sent in their footsteps.

Not only are we getting footsteps, but we are hearing about all sorts of other “Stuff”. At first, it was “just the odd car passing”. Then, the Coles and the Loves told us of their walks with their dogs. The Careys and the Lynns delivered Easter goodies to their families. Diane Miller craved “Chinese Food and Pizza”. Joe Bernardino completed one Monday walk on his “Magic Carpet”. The Murphys helped a “Jefferson Salamander” across the road to prevent it from being squished.

With the nice weather on April 20th, our chit chat was about the bulbs in bloom, the magnolias about to “pop”, the birds singing, Marilyn Morita cleaning out the flower beds and the dandelions popping up all over the place. “Good for the bees” said Susan Popp. We were advised that “Fresh Air is Good for the Mind and the Body”. Not only are we adding to our step count but we are keeping the chit chat going between us.

Since March 30th we have amassed 627,920 footsteps bringing our grand total to 76,631,426 steps.

We miss everyone in our Probus Family. Let us be truly thankful for our Health Workers. God bless them, and all others who are in Essential Services.

Stay well everyone and do what our Health Professionals are telling us.



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

A Message from Tweedle Dee:

There were no group games played in April and it doesn't look good for May or June.

Mind you, it is a positive having my picture displayed without those 3 game winners! They tend to crush me in the middle all the time and hide my better side. I hope you are all surviving this social distancing. For me, it's tough being stuck in a bag in the basement 24/7. I can't even phone any of the other Tweedles. Rumour has it that some have found a way to keep the sport alive. I hear of Zoom Joker that has caught the imagination of the techies, and Honeymoon Joker that attracts the more simple-minded. Whatever, these additional games are strictly amateur, and they do not count towards the Vic Carson Trophy.

What do you'll think of my mask? Do I need to wear it both inside and outside of my bag? It's very becoming...don't you think!



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

Jester Jokers was cancelled for April.

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

Wee Jokers was cancelled for April.



Wee asks "Where is everybody this month?"



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FaceTime/Zoom Jokers (Dan and Linda Reid)

A few couples have tried playing FaceTime Jokers.

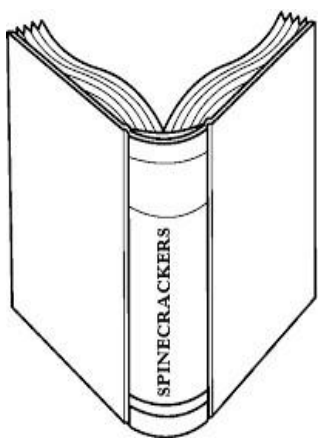
FaceTime Jokers works with an iPhone mounted on a stand or tripod above a Joker Board. One couple moves the marbles for each player. One deck of cards, including two jokers, is used at each location.

So far, the guys have 10 wins to the girls 9 wins.

Give it a try, it's fun to play Jokers with another couple using FaceTime.

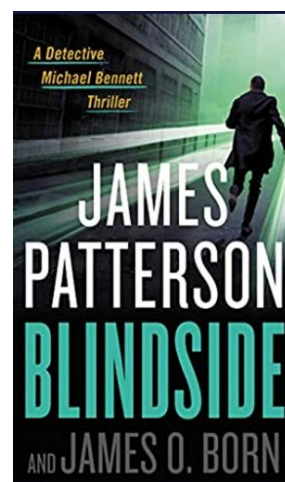
Note: Bob Streeter is working on an app to play Jokers on a Zoom video meeting...more details to come.

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



Welcome to the world of the 'cloud'. With many thanks to Dan Reid and a program called Zoom, our April book club met, discussed, laughed and talked about the usual things.

We discussed the book **Blindside** by James Patterson and James O. Born. We laughed at the hairdos and the internet problems. We discussed the number of steps it requires to travel daily from the kitchen to bathroom to living room and back to the kitchen etc. We admired everyone's Easter flowers and the fact that this is the first time in a while that we have all been together in one place - albeit on a computer screen.



Despite the intense environment of the Covid-19 Virus, our group of readers are still able to stay in contact with friends and family in a multitude of ways. We plan on meeting the same way again in May - with Pat McIntyre's chosen book. We also discussed our latest reads as suggestions for our social containment times.



As to **Blindside**, the group agreed that it was not Patterson/Born's best work. The events and 'saves' of New York Detective Michael Bennett's life were somewhat improbable. We did learn a lot about the use of a garrote!

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

Grape Expectations Wine Club was cancelled for April.

11 Suds Sippers Beer Tasting Club (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

Suds Sippers Beer Tasting was cancelled for April.

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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	celliot7@cogeco.ca
Probus Info Network - PIN	Online only - no meetings	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Tastings – Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	3rd Tues. - 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
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

*The best and most beautiful
things in the world
cannot be seen,
nor touched,
but are felt
in the heart.*

Helen Keller



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MAY CALENDAR

*****ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED FOR MAY*****

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
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Activities

General Meeting	May 6	10:00 AM	Milton Sports Centre	David Wentzell
Executive Meeting	May 25	2:00 PM	Susan and Henry Popp	David Wentzell

Clubs

Probus Info Network - PIN				Bill Turnbull
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	May 1	1:30 PM	Nancy Lynn/Gus McCorquodale	John Williams
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	May 4	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	May 8	1:00 PM	Shirley and Ray Mathews	Zina Yaworski
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	May 11	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Jester Joker</i>	May 12	1:30 PM	Bridie Sneyd/Anna Marie Jones	Peter Sneyd
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	May 14	1:30 PM	Pat McIntyre via ZOOM	Nancy Lynn
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	May 15	1:30 PM	Diane and Jim Miller	Brian Murphy
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	May 18	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	May 19	7:00 PM	Sharon White	Walter Eadie
Cards - Euchre	May 20	7:30 PM	Carol and Darel Crawford	Carol Crawford
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	May 21	5:00 PM	Nancy and David Lynn	Carol Elliott
Cards - Canasta	May 22	1:00 PM	Diane Mitchell	Alice Carey
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	May 25	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Wine – <i>Grape Expectations</i>	May 26	7:00 PM	Corinne and Bill Turnbull	Alice Carey
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Wednesday</i>	May 27	1:30 PM	Nancy and David Lynn	Myra Faichnie
Cards - Bridge	May 28	1:00 PM	TBD	Shirley Mathews

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JUNE CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
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Activities

General Meeting	June 3	10:00 AM	Milton Sports Centre	David Wentzell
Jokerama	June 5	1:30 PM	Marilyn Morita Cancelled	John Williams
Executive Meeting	June 15	2:00 PM	Susan and Henry Popp	David Wentzell

Clubs

Probus Info Network - PIN				Bill Turnbull
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	June 1	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	June 5	1:30 PM	Jokerama Cancelled	John Williams
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	June 8	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Jester Joker</i>	June 9	1:30 PM	TBD	Peter Sneyd
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	June 11	1:30 PM	Alice Carey	Nancy Lynn
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	June 12	1:00 PM	Bill Turnbull	Zina Yaworski
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	June 15	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	June 16	7:00 PM	TBD	Walter Eadie
Cards - Euchre	June 17	7:30 PM	Linda and Bob Swift	Carol Crawford
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	June 18	5:00 PM	TBD	Carol Elliott
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	June 19	1:30 PM	Marlene and Brian Murphy	Brian Murphy
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	June 22	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Wine – <i>Grape Expectations</i>	June 23	7:00 PM	TBD	Alice Carey
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Wednesday</i>	June 24	1:30 PM	Nancy and David Lynn	Myra Faichnie
Cards - Bridge	June 25	1:00 PM	TBD	Shirley Mathews
Cards - Canasta	June 26	1:00 PM	TBD	Alice Carey
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	June 29	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita

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JOKE AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

The Parachutes

A plane with 5 passengers on board -- Donald Trump, Boris Johnson, Angela Merkel, the Pope and a 10-year-old schoolgirl -- is about to crash and there are only 4 parachutes.

Trump says "I need one. I'm the smartest man in the USA and I'm needed to solve the pandemic!"

He takes one parachute and jumps.

Johnson says 'I'm needed to sort out the COVID-19 mess in Britain'. He takes one and jumps.

The Pope says, "The world's Catholics depend on me for comfort in a time of fear." He takes one and jumps.

"You can have the last parachute," Merkel says to the 10-year-old. "I've lived my life. Yours is only just starting."

The little girl replies: "Don't worry, there are 2 parachutes left, the smartest man in the USA just took my back pack."

Courtesy of Donna Chevrier

The Parrot Prostitutes

A lady approaches her priest and tells him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female talking parrots, but they only know how to say one thing."

"What do they say?" the priest inquired.

"They only know how to say, 'Hi, we're prostitutes. Want to have some fun?'"

"That's terrible!" the priest exclaimed, "but I have a solution to your problem. Bring your two female parrots over to my house and I will put them with my two male talking parrots. I have taught them to pray and read the bible. My parrots will teach your parrots to stop saying that terrible phrase and your female parrots will also learn to praise and worship."

"Thank you!" the woman responded.

The next day the woman brings her female parrots to the priest's house. His two male parrots are holding rosary beads and praying in their cage. The lady puts her two female parrots in with the male parrots. Immediately, the female parrots say, "Hi, we're prostitutes, want to have some fun?"

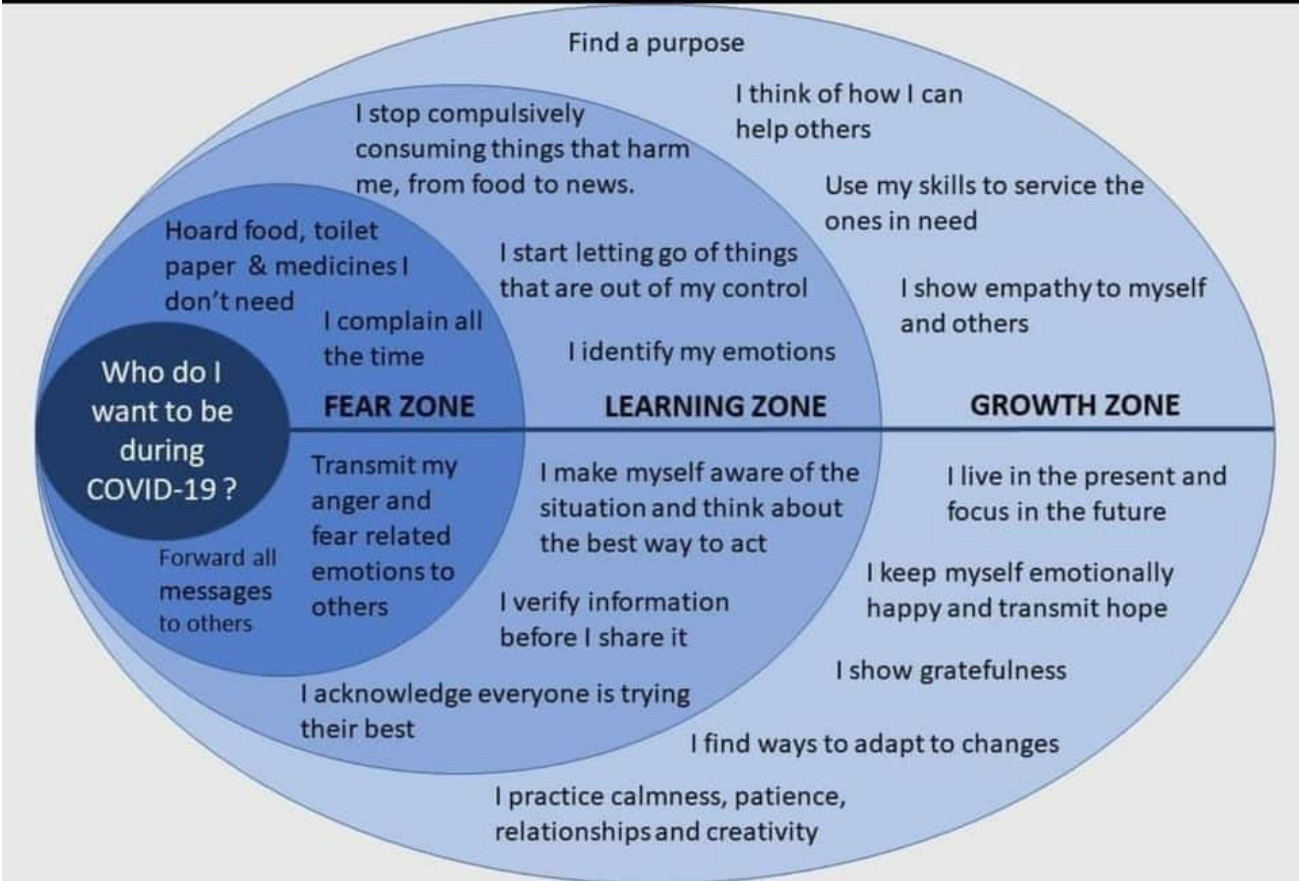
One male parrot looks over at the other male parrot and exclaims, "Put the beads away, Jack. Our prayers have been answered!"



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“Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house.”



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Think about after this.

Think about how you will never take a hug for granted.

Think about how a simple coffee date with a friend will have new meaning.

Think about how that hectic morning routine will be a welcome chaos.

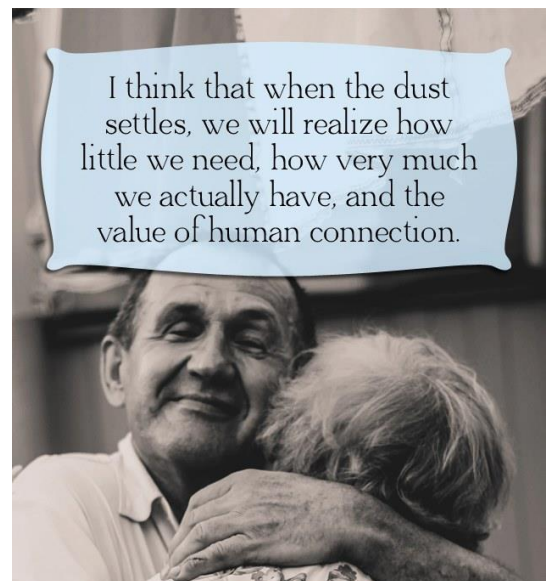
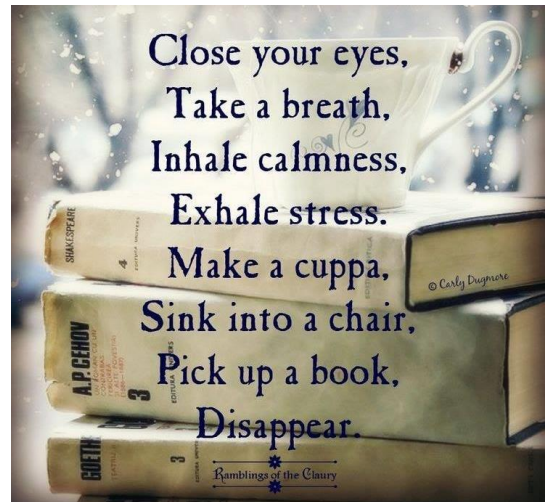
Think about how a simple touch to let someone know you're there will mean **EVERYTHING.**

Think about how much more mindful you'll be.

Think about how much appreciation we will have for all of the small things
And for each other.

Think about after this.

-Nicole O'Neil



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MEMBER INFORMATION



The Milton Probus Club was saddened to learn of the passing of Mary O'Neill on Sunday, March 29th. Mary was a member of Milton Probus until recently.

We offer our most heartfelt condolences to those members that were friends of Mary.

“In memory of our mother, please take a moment to reach out to a friend or neighbor in need during this challenging period, as Mary would have done” ...from Mary's family