

Milton Probus Pulse



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. at Milton Sports Centre

Please note that our January meeting will be delayed until the second Wednesday, January 11th.

From the President: (William Scarrow 905-878-7176; billy@scarrow.ca)

Fall is here

Your management had a challenging August, part of the challenges caused by Covid. I believe, and hope, our Covid problem is behind us.

Recent Milton Probus activities

General meeting on September 7 was to be chaired by me, but Darlene and I caught Covid. As is our club's protocol, the task to chair the meeting went to our Vice President Henry Popp. Then, Henry and Susan Popp were exposed to Covid and David Wentzell, our Past President came to the rescue and chaired the meeting.

Our management structure worked but was challenged by this thing called Covid.

The member numbers attending the September meeting were marginally higher than the member numbers attending the June meeting, even with the forced absence of some of us because of Covid. This is I think, a good sign that our Club is emerging from the constraints of Covid.

Two persons who attended the September meeting as guests subsequently applied for membership. Their membership applications were approved by management; our total members now total 126.

Our membership cap was set at 160 prior to the Pandemic; we have room to grow.

October General Meeting next week

We are evolving away from the restrictive Covid meeting protocols which protocols for October will be the same as September with one **major exception**. The **coffee** break will be resumed with coffee served. And to

celebrate national Probus month, Pat McIntyre has arranged with the assistance of Marlene Murphy, a cake for all to enjoy.

We hope you enjoy the lessening of restrictions. I do however urge all members to still be cautious. Covid symptoms for Darlene and I were not severe, but they could be for others.

Sign-up sheets for many Special Interest activities, including the Christmas party will be available at the meeting. Bring your cheque book. **Payment by cheque or E transfer** is much preferable to cash as it makes the bookkeeping required by our Treasurer and our Special Interest Management members much easier. Paying by cheque or E transfer also reduces recording errors of member persons who pay as the records produced by the cheques or E transfer facilitate accuracy, provide a banking record, AND if any errors do occur, these records can be used for correction.

September Management meeting

Covid struck again, this time to our management which was primarily the reason 6 management members out of 15 did not attend.

Relevant meeting items to report:

-**Coffee** will be served, as above mentioned at the next general meeting of members.

-**Bill Turnbull** will man the Share the Wealth for a second time as Henry Popp will be travelling

-**Our January 2023 general meeting date** which would normally be held on January 4 will be moved to January 11 since the meeting room at the Milton Sports Centre is not available on the 4th.

-**A financial grant from the Town of Milton application** for a **new projector** for our meetings amounting to approximately \$5,000 has been made by Bob Streeter our property manager. The town, as part of the grant conditions, has requested a 2023 Club budget by the end of September (yes this Friday). Since our annual budgets are normally prepared in the year the budget covers, we don't have a 2023 budget and it is necessary to prepare an interim 2023 budget. The budget will be prepared by a Management sub committee of the Treasurer, our Vice President and myself.

Guess what I am doing after this letter is finished.

-**Club annual membership** dues starting in 2023 will be increased to \$50 from \$45 to cover the additional inflationary cost our Club is encountering

OK, I have rambled on enough so time to sign out.

Enjoy the fall.

As I write, it is cold and rainy a typical southern Ontario fall day.

See you all October 5th.



FROM WILLIAM SCARROW YOUR PRESIDENT

Covid Safety precautions for the October in person general meeting.

(There are some changes from September in regard to the coffee break)

Do you have Covid symptoms? *(No change from June)*

Members or others who have any Covid symptoms are requested **NOT** to attend. If unsure, go to COVID-19 self-assessment on the Ontario Ministry of Health website.

Masks *(No change from September)*

Members and others attending are encouraged to wear masks. However, this is not mandatory.

Greeters *(No change from September)*

You will be greeted outside the door to the meeting room and proceed to Membership Director, Nancy Lynn and hubby David Lynn.

Vaccinations *(No change from September)*

Any member, guests or others who have not submitted their vaccination certificate to our Membership Director must submit them at this time.

Sanitization *(No change from September)*

Member pins and other meeting items will be sanitized when required.

We will attempt to provide ventilation to the room as much as can be done.

Hand sanitizers and masks *(No change from September)*

for those who need them will be provided.

Hugs and handshakes *(No change from September)*

will be discouraged; greeters will politely decline if a member indicates a handshake or hug and can offer a bow, elbow bump or nod instead

Intermingling with other guests *(No change from September)*

Guests may intermingle but we suggest following Covid precautions including social distancing.

Coffee break *(Changes from September)*

Coffee will be served at our 15+ minute break. Pat McIntyre, your fellowship management committee manager with assistance from Marlene Murphy, Heather Ley and Pat Oates will serve coffee and greet you at the door.

A cake will also be provided to celebrate Probus month.

Seating - chairs and tables *(No change from September)*

Members are encouraged not to move chairs or tables

Microphones *(No change from September)*

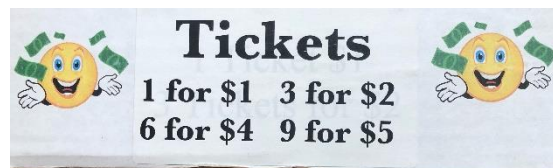
Two microphones will be provided, one for the meeting convenor (usually the President) and one for others.

Questions from members *(No change from September)*

Any members speaking to the meeting are asked to come to the front and stand by the podium and speak into the top of the provided microphone.

Share the wealth *(No change from September)*

Exact change only



From Our Program Directors: (Carol Streeter 343-996-7519, streeter.ci@gmail.com
Carole & Brian Budworth 905-878-8545, caroleb42@hotmail.com)

October Speaker

Krisandra Einboden has been a uniformed member of the Halton Regional Police since 2016.

In June 2022, she took on the role of seniors and Vulnerable Persons Investigator for the Town of Milton and Halton Hills.

The Older Adults Criminal Investigations Team works in partnership with uniformed officers to conduct criminal investigations, including thefts, frauds, physical assaults and harassing phone calls.

September Speaker



At our September meeting, we heard from **Marina Huissoon**, an architect and principal of Green Propeller Design, a Milton based firm that is committed to sustainable development. Marina gave us a thought provoking review of the negative environmental impact of conventional urban development and offered us a green alternative. Marina's examples of responsible, environmentally sensitive approaches to building showed us ways to build needed housing and infrastructure while minimizing impact on farmland and the sensitive escarpment biosphere. Marina was passionate about our ability to actually make a real change. It turns out we don't have to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot".

PIN Network (PIN Coordinator - Bill Turnbull - turnbullwt@yahoo.com)

PIN stands for the Probus Information Network. It is basically a means of getting information to or from other Milton Probus Members. The network consists of a database of our members who have requested to join, have provided their email address, and consented to receiving emails. Below are some examples of the type of emails that you might receive, or information that you might request, should you wish to join.

Let's say you would like to hire a painter, however you have limited information about tradespeople in the area. You send an email to PIN, requesting suggestions from the membership as to a painter that they have used, and were pleased with. That request is then forwarded to all PIN members, who will then reply directly to the requesting member.

Another example could be trying to find a home for a piece of furniture that you have no further need for, and wish to "give away, free of charge". That information would also be circulated to the membership. Remember this is not a means to sell something – it has to be free.

A further example would be to announce an event being held by a small group that one of our members is involved in. Say a bake sale at the local church, or similar small event. It must be a group that the member belongs to, and who receives no gain from the activity.

We currently have a PIN membership of about 45 people/couples. If you would like to become a member, sent me an email and I will be happy to register you and welcome you into the network. I have used this resource myself a couple of times and found it to be beneficial.

From Our Special Events Directors: (Darlene Scarrow 647-588-7176 darlms@scarrow.ca
Heddy Wright 905-483-6445 wright.heddy@gmail.com)

Special Events Reminders

Mohawk Raceway Event on Friday October 14th

This event is in high demand and the restaurant manager has limited our group to 25 people. To avoid last minute cancellations, we are asking each person to bring \$20 cash or \$40 per couple at the September meeting to reserve your seat in the dining room. Darlene and I will return your deposit during the dinner. The menu is varied and reasonable; however, a minimum of \$25 person is requested by the Harvest Kitchen. This will be a fun evening.

November: Please sign up for the trip to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum on Wednesday, November 9th (11:00 – 2:00). The cost is \$12.00 per person. Maximum number of participants will be 20 individuals.

December: Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Granite Ridge Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, December 7th. Sign up sheets will be available at the October 5th meeting.

Milton History Walk

On Sept 14th, Walter Eadie lead 12 Probus members on a Milton History walk focused on Victoria Park, Town Hall and Main Street.

The group heard about Milton's history from 1850 until the present day.

Amid a range of stories and anecdotes, we also managed to fit in Probus history (first meeting in the basement of St Paul's Church) and personal history (where Tom Jones first lived in Milton – no, not the Jail!).



For general information on the Historical Society, please see <http://www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca/>

Trip to see **Damn Yankees** at the **Shaw Festival Theater**

Members of Probus had a lovely day on September 15th in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The play was excellent, the weather was perfect, the food was good, and the company was grand. It was a very enjoyable day culminating with dinner at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf & Country Club.



From Our Fellowship Director: (Patricia McIntyre 905-691-3261 pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca)

Greeting Cards



Dear Probus Members:

If you are aware of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Team or a member of the Management Committee.

Pat McIntyre.. 905-691-3261 pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca

Thank you.



Special Interest Groups

1 Bits and Bites (Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com)
(Anne Eadie 905-878-7143 aeadiehome@cogeco.ca)

An enthusiastic group of members met for the September Bits & Bites at the home of Carole & Brian Budworth. With 14 attendees, we were a smaller group than usual since many of the regulars were in Niagara to enjoy a play at Shaw Theatre. Those of us able to attend enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation and friendship.

However, even as a smaller group, there was nothing small about the contributions to the Bits & Bites table we enjoyed cheeses, dips, mini-quiche, veggie skewers and much more, and that was just the first course! Cheese Cake and Baklava followed for dessert to tempt those with a sweet tooth. Conversation, as always with Probus People, flowed from travel, to politics, to family, with lots of laughter along the way.

The next Bits & Bites evening will be held on October 20th, if you have never attended this special interest group and are interested please call, or email Marlene or Anne for more information.

PS. Sorry no pictures this month – we were too busy eating!

2 Bridge (Ruth Parkinson 416-371-2357; ruth.parkinson@sympatico.ca)

Wendy and James Mistruzzi hosted 2 tables of enthusiastic bridge players. The top scorers were James Mistruzzi and Shirley Matthews. Next month, October 27, the Mistruzzi's will again host those interested in playing bridge. All are welcome.



3 Canasta (Anna Marie Jones)

The August canasta games were hosted by Diane Mitchell. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon full of fun and laughter. Anna Marie Jones and Corinne Turnbull were two game winners.

September games were held at the home of Myra Faichnie. We were having a great afternoon of laughs and banter, and decided to play three games. Diane Mitchell was the only three game winner.

Thanks to the hostess', for their hospitality.



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



Anne Taylor hosted the Friday September 9th bid euchre games. We had 3 tables for the first time this year! It was great playing together face to face! Thank you Anne for the delicious nibbles and beverages.

The men ruled the afternoon. Bill Turnbull, Ray Mathews and Bob Streeter took the top prizes.

Thanks to John and Carroll Williams and Brenda Morrow for sparing.

David Lynn hosts our next games on October 14th.

7 The Walking Group (Terry Cole 905-845-0171; terryjane@sympatico.ca)
(Walter Eadie 905-691-5100 walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

Well September has been an interesting month. We had some very warm dry days at the beginning but in the past week or so Autumn has decided to give us payback for the Summer just past. We were beginning to see an increase in the number of participants and we were starting to go a bit further afield. This appears to have come



to an abrupt end as the Fall rains have stated joined by some cooler weather. Our numbers have diminished but we still managed to gain some ground on our next goal of 100,000,000 steps.

This month we added an additional 275,864 despite some inclement weather and folks on trips to other climes.

The PWG is always looking for new members to join us on Monday mornings for our various walks. We usually meet at the South side parking lot of the Milton Mall at 9:30 AM. All are welcome. If you wish to be added to the PWG e-mail list feel free to contact myself at terryjane@sympatico.ca or Walter Eadie at walter.eadie@cogeco.ca



8-1 Jokers (Venue 1 - Linda Reid 905-878-7717; dlreid@sympatico.ca)

(Venue 2 – Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe_zina@hotmail.com)

Venue 1



Everyone had a great time playing Jokers in September, hosted by Denise Potter. The three game winners were Denise and Terry and the second game winners were Linda and Heather.

It was a happy, fun filled afternoon.

Venue 2

Anne Taylor hosted the Joker Venue 2 on Friday August 5th.

Anne had a wonderful assortment of goodies to munch on during the afternoon. All enjoyed the cheesecake and wine at the end of the games. There were four games played and Ruth Parkinson and Carol Elliott both won four games.



Joe Yaworski was the host for Joker Venue 2 on Friday September 2nd.

The afternoon was lively from start to finish. We all enjoyed the treats Joe set out. The fresh from the garden cucumber sandwiches were a hit.

There were 5 games played, some games took longer than others but everyone was a WINNER!

Zina had an awesome hand.....1 Ace, 8 of diamonds and 4 Jokers! She and her partner won that game.

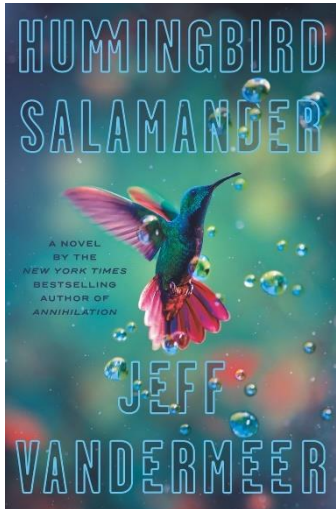


8-3 Wee Joker (Brian & Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com)

September was a busy traveling month for some members of the Wee Jokers. We decided to cancel our Joker game on September 16. We will resume play in October. The Hunts are scheduled to host.

9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; lynn67.personal@gmail.com)

August Spinecrackers



Can you spot the guest in our group photo? Many thanks to Pat McIntyre who hosted the Spinecrackers on a beautiful August afternoon on her balcony. While the weather cooperates, we are very happy to add John Williams as a guest and long distance driver.

Our book this month **Hummingbird Salamander** by Jeff Vandermeer, did not create much enthusiasm or suggested follow ups. Vandermeer is known as “the author of Weird Fiction” and we felt he certainly was. The story revolves around a woman who tries to solve a mystery concerning a stuffed extinct hummingbird and a lost eco-terrorist. All felt it was a dark depressing read IF you finished it.

And on that note - we had a great visit, lots of discussions that ranged from travel to gardening, to construction in Milton to the latest movies. What a group!



13 Classical Crüe (647-227-7036; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)



On September 29 we met over Zoom for an afternoon of music inspired by the sounds of Bohemia. The featured composer was Antonin Dvorak, a Czech composer who lived between 1841 and 1904. The selected symphony was Number 8, which is filled with entrancing melodies. We enjoyed a live performance by the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra led by Canadian conductor, Yannick Nezet-Sequin. The second work for the afternoon was Dvorak's String

Quartet No. 10, another lyrical piece full of Slavic folk tunes.

We welcome all club members who enjoy listening to the "classical classics". Give it a try, you don't have to be a giant music nerd like me!

JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

Reflections On The St Lawrence

By Tom Jones

Sitting aft on the Canadian Empress
I watch the early morning sunbeams dance
On the sparkling waters of the St Lawrence.
I am amazed at the beauty and majesty
of this magnificent river.

A dreamer had an idea that became a plan
Canada and the U.S. agreed
And bought up the land.
The engineers and contractors get together
built locks and dams.
Creating a water highway
connecting the great lakes to the sea.

Seven thousand people were uprooted
from seven villages and three hamlets
before a shovel touched the ground.
Some homes were moved to new sites
others torched or torn down.
Friends said goodbye to long time neighbours
and moved to different towns.
The young parted from pals
They had known since childhood days
Took their bikes, bats and hockey sticks
and went their separate ways.

Beneath these waters
lie village streets where children laughed and played
schools where they learned their A B C's
and churches where they prayed.
Homes where mothers raised their babies
And sang them lullaby's
Cooked, scrubbed, washed and dusted
And hung the clothes on backyard lines to dry.
And dainty cottages where grandparents
Doted over their grandkids and their roses.
And baked tasty blueberry, pumpkin, and apple pies.
And porches where old men sat, smoked
Discussed politics, hockey and the good old days gone by.

Fish now swim where once birds sang

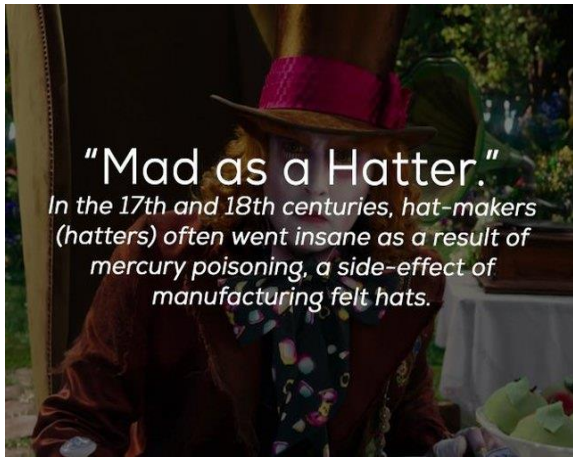
In fields where cattle grazed and corn grew.
And farmers fretted over their crops
Hoping for a bumper yield when harvest time came due.
And lovers strolled in maple shaded groves
By winding country roads.

Concrete slabs cover the graves
Of immigrant settlers and ancestral dead.
Unvisited, undisturbed they rest
Now part of the river bed.
At peace but forgotten
While they await Garbriel's trumpet blast.
When the future meets the present
And the present becomes the past.

Big ships rumble past
Hauling freight to distant ports.
Tourists on cruise ships watch
Sleek speeding passing boats.
Locals say whispering voiced can be heard
And flickering lights can be seen
Some nights when the sky is right
And the water calm and serene.
The ghosts of restless souls
Visiting favourite haunts on summer eves
Or walking through fall woodlands
Viewing ten million multicoloured leaves.

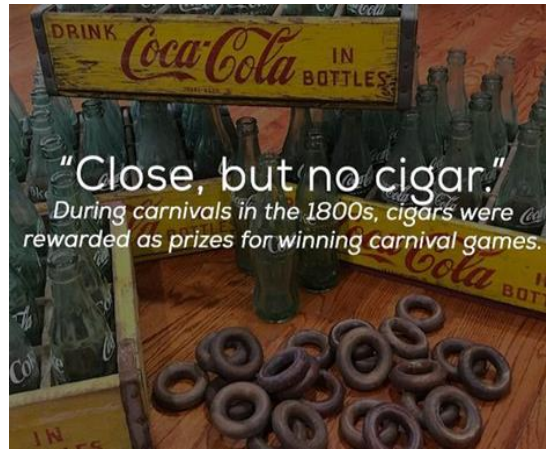
We applaud the visionaries
Who changed the landscape
And created an inland sea.
But let's pay tribute to the villagers
Who sacrificed for this to be.
They pulled up stakes
Rolled up their sleeves
To start their lives anew
Old memories to recall
And new dreams to pursue.
Progress benefits many
But let's remember
The price paid by few.





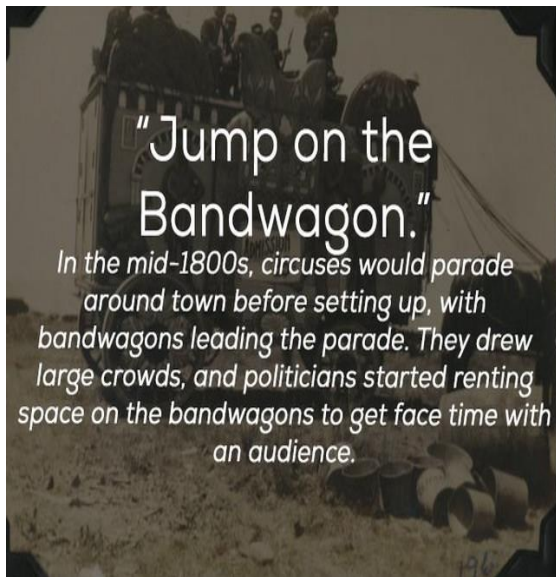
"Mad as a Hatter."

In the 17th and 18th centuries, hat-makers (hatters) often went insane as a result of mercury poisoning, a side-effect of manufacturing felt hats.



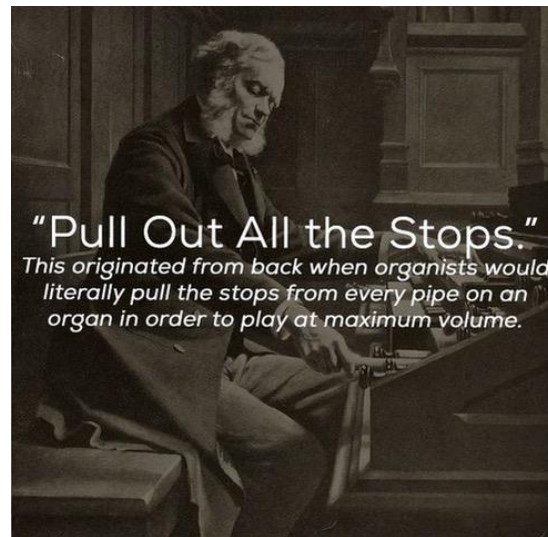
"Close, but no cigar."

During carnivals in the 1800s, cigars were rewarded as prizes for winning carnival games.



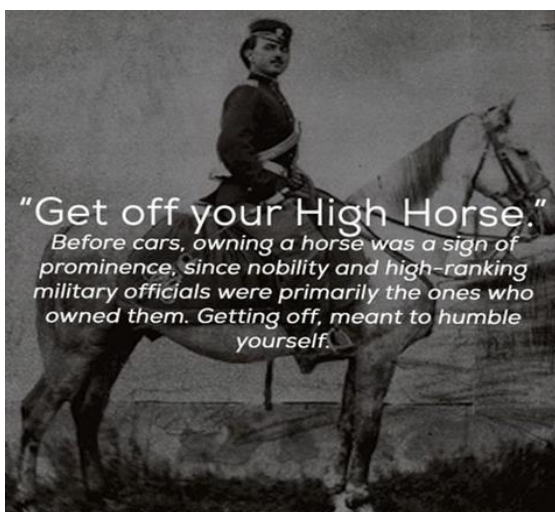
"Jump on the Bandwagon."

In the mid-1800s, circuses would parade around town before setting up, with bandwagons leading the parade. They drew large crowds, and politicians started renting space on the bandwagons to get face time with an audience.



"Pull Out All the Stops."

This originated from back when organists would literally pull the stops from every pipe on an organ in order to play at maximum volume.



"Get off your High Horse."

Before cars, owning a horse was a sign of prominence, since nobility and high-ranking military officials were primarily the ones who owned them. Getting off, meant to humble yourself.



"Burning the Midnight Oil."

In a time before electricity, candlelight or lamp oil was used for lighting. When you stayed up late to work, you literally burned the lamp oil at midnight.

Management Committee: 2021/22

President	Bill Scarrow	905-878-7176
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	Carole Budworth	905-878-8545
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	Heddy Wright	905-483-6445
Treasurer	Alice Carey	905-336-6309

Club Activity Schedule

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i> V1	1st Fri. - 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i> V2	1st Fri. - 1:30 pm	Joe & Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Jester Joker</i>	2nd Tues. - 1:30 pm	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	3rd Fri. - 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	lynn67.personal@gmail.com
Classical Music	2 nd Wed. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	647-227-7036	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	2nd Fri. – 1:30 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	Ruth Parkinson	416-371-2357	ruth.pakinson@sympatico.ca
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri. - 1:00 pm	Anna Marie Jones	905-878-5707	annamarijones@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm	TBA		
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	3rd Thurs. - 5:00 pm	Marlene Murphy	905-659-2288	marlene_murphy@hotmail.com
Photography	3 rd Tues. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	647-227-7036	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
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		Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Walkers – <i>The Walking Group</i>	Every Mon. - 9:30 am	Terry Cole	905-845-0171	terryjane@sympatico.ca

OCTOBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Walter Eadie

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10:00 AM
Milton Sports Centre
General Meeting

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1:30 PM
Jokers - Joker
V1 - Linda Reid
V2 - J&Z Yaworski

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9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Walter Eadie

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1:30 PM
Jokers – Jester Joker
In Person
Bill Turnbull

12

2:00 PM
Music - Clässical Criie
Via Zoom
David Wentzell

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1:30 PM
Book Club - Spinecrackers
Via Zoom
Nancy Lynn

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1:30 PM
Bid Euchre - Friday
In Person
Zina Yaworski

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9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Walter Eadie

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2:00 PM
Photography - Shutterbugs
Via Zoom
David Wentzell

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7:30 PM
Cards - Euchre
Looking for a
convenor

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5:00 PM
Dining – Bits and Bites
In Person
Marlene Murphy

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1:30 PM
Jokers – Wee Joker
In Person
Marlene Murphy

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9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Walter Eadie

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7:00 PM
Wine – Grape Expectations
In Person
Alice Carey

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1:30 PM
Bid Euchre - Wednesday
In Person
Myra Faichnie

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1:00 PM
Cards - Bridge
In Person
Ruth Parkinson

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1:00 PM
Cards - Canasta
In Person
Anna Marie Jones
1:00 PM

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