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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 10:00 A.M. Milton Sports Centre Please note that our January meeting will delayed until the second Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

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



# FROM WILLIAM SCARROW, PRESIDENT

2022 > <mark>2023</mark>

We made it. 2022 started with continuing Covid lockdowns and our first in person general meeting since pre Covid was last May. We had our first Christmas Gala since 2019 this past month with 80 members attending. Slow improvement but progress just the same.



With 2023, we look forward to a continuation of the new normal. Special Interest meetings and Special Events in person returned in 2022, cautiously at first but more overtly as the year progressed. Here's hoping this continues.

Your Club has many 2023 activities lined up with Special Interest Activities and Special Events. We are fortunate to have such a large choice. Remember, any member is welcome to start a new special interest group, either an expansion of present activities OR something brand new. Your ideas are welcome and requested. Anyone interested in a nudist club!

If any of you wish to start a new special interest group, please let me or any member of our management know and we can if you wish, lend our management support and resources. Remember, our Club success depends on your participation. Sign up and plan to participate.

As we enter the New Year, we look for new management members as listed in the notes from management in this Pulse. Your Club as always needs your expertise and new ideas to continue in offering our members a way to participate and enjoy the fellowship and activities we have come to enjoy. New blood will bring new ideas which will assist your Club to continue to excel.

#### Will you participate in management? We would like to hear from you.

Our Annual General Meeting is Wednesday April 5 and we need new management members to be up and running by then as they will be presented to our members for approval and installation at that meeting.



#### And remember

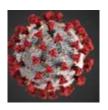
"OUR STRENGTH IS IN FELLOWHIP, OUR SUCCESS IS IN PARTICIPATION"

#### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

## YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM MET DECEMBER 19 AT THE HOME OF HENRY AND SUSAN POPP, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

Following are items decided that you <u>need to know</u> from that meeting.

**Covid Safety precautions for 2023** 



No changes from last month, December 2022

Vaccination requirement for members to attend in person meetings and for new members joining, are required.

Vaccination boosters for members and new members is strongly recommended but not mandatory.

#### Updated list for attending meetings and groups.

#### Do you have Covid symptoms?

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** Masks when socially distancing is difficult, for members and others attending a meeting are strongly encouraged especially for those at risk.

**Vaccinations** Members and new members are still required to be vaccinated. Booster shots are strongly recommended.

Hugs and handshakes Discouraged

**Intermingling with other guests** Covid precautions including social distancing recommended. **Seating - chairs and tables** Members are encouraged not to move chairs or tables

#### We are going cashless

(Except for share the wealth)

Effective for 2023, your Club will no longer accept cash payment for annual dues, special events and other items, BUT Henry Popp (being a contrarian) will only accept old fashioned cash for Share the Wealth at general meetings.

This change is being implemented to ensure moneys, if lost, misplaced or stolen can be replaced. E transfers are encouraged and cheques will still be accepted.



Share the wealth (*No change*) Exact change only Please





#### New management members needed

Some management positions are becoming vacant as their terms will expire at our next AGM.

The positions that we need to fill starting with the April AGM are:

**Vice President** (our current VP will become President)

**Two Program Directors** 

**Club Secretary** 

If any of you are interested in joining the Management team, or if you know of a member who is, contact me at 647-402-7176 or billy@scarrow.ca.

Serving on management is similar to joining a Special Interest Group where great friends are made and interesting experiences occur.

First up to the plate usually is nominated

## From Our Membership Director: (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191,

lynn67.personal@gmail.com)

#### Please renew your Probus Club of Milton Membership for 2023

We want your company! We want you to meet friends and listen to great speakers. We offer special interest groups and elective events. Don't miss out!

Alice and Nancy will be ready for your \$50pp renewal cheque (addressed to The Probus Club of Milton) at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. More simply – send an etransfer to miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com

## **From Our Program Directors:**

(Carol Streeter 343-996-7519, <u>streeter.ci@gmail.com</u>) Carole & Brian Budworth 905-878-8545, <u>caroleb42@hotmail.com</u>)

#### **January**



Dr. Laura Cookson will be the speaker. Dr Laura Cookson is a Developmental, Behavioural & Rehabilitative Optometrist. The presentation will focus on public awareness of eye health and the importance of eye exams which are currently covered under OHIP for 65 and over.

#### **February**



Ted Barris is a Canadian writer, journalist, professor and broadcaster. He writes a weekly column, "The Barris Beat" and is a regular contributor to "The Globe and Mail" and the "National Post". His non-fiction works focus on Canada's Military heritage. He has authored 18 books. He will speak to our Club on his latest book, Battle of the Atlantic.

From Our Editor: (David Hunt 905-875-0350, david.hunt@cogeco.ca)

#### **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.

#### From Our Special Events Directors:

(Darlene Scarrow 647-588-7176 <u>darlns@scarrow.ca</u> Heddy Wright 905-483-6445 <u>wright.heddy@gmail.com</u>)

#### **Upcoming Events:**

January event was cancelled due to lack of participants.

On February 10, a large group will attend the performance of Steel Magnolias at the Art Centre. Darlene will bring the tickets to distribute at the January meeting. Dinner at a local restaurant will kick off a great evening. If you have purchased play tickets **but do not want to have dinner beforehand, please let Darlene know** so she can make the reservation for the group.

No event in March due to people travelling and the March Break.

An exciting event is being planned for April. Details will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

## **From our Travel Coordinator:**

(Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

**TRAVEL IN 2023** - Good news for those who can't wait to 2024 and would still like to do a Maritimes Tour.

Zina and Joe Yaworski are inviting other Probus members to join them on a 14-day Maritimes trip with Senior Discovery Tours.

August 11<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> from Toronto. \$5397 per person (double occupancy) with a \$300 deposit. Each person will be responsible for making their own booking.

Senior Discovery Tours are pretty much all-inclusive, thus great value for the money.

Please contact Joe Yaworski at 905 878 3959 for more information.

**TRAVEL IN 2024** – 30 members have so far expressed a preliminary interest in our 8-day Tulip Serenade river cruise April 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> from Amsterdam.

In addition to the tulip fields and waterways of Holland, this cruise will visit Arnhem, Middleburg, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp and Brussels.

We are awaiting a detailed all-inclusive program with prices early in 2023.

Please contact Walter Eadie at 905 691 5100 to be added to the list of interested members.

## 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.



Also, if you are in need of a ride to our Monthly Meetings or one of our events, please contact Pat to arrange for a pick-up.

## **Special Interest Groups**

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

The weather forecasters predicted inclement weather for the day of our Christmas Bits and Bites. Mother Nature is often unpredictable. A decision was made to postpone Christmas Bits and Bites until January. It was the right call as everyone could safely tuck-in and not worry about being out on slippery streets.

We will ask that our members bring their favourite holiday appetizers and celebrate with us on January 19, 2023

HAPPY 2023. New Year Blessings to All.

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

Our January bridge afternoon will be on line as folks are travelling. This allows members who are not living in the Milton area to join the monthly bridge event. We are open to all who would like to be part of the bridge group. Hopefully, in February we will play in person.

## 3 Canasta (Anna Marie Jones)

November canasta games were played at the home of Brenda Morrow. We enjoyed an afternoon of fun and laughter. Brenda Morrow and Corinne Turnbull were two game winners. Thanks to Brenda for hosting, the tasty snacks, and our take home gift.

December canasta games were cancelled due to Christmas.

#### 5 Friday Bid Euchre (Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe\_zina@hotmail.com)

The first bid of the afternoon was to get a hot cider into everyone's hands. Next everyone settled into their chairs and the real bidding started. The munchies kept everyone energized while sitting among the Christmas tree and Santas.

We celebrated David Lynn's 80th birthday with a red velvet cake and the singing of "Happy Birthday". While having a piece of cake, people began to remember family Christmas traditions, especially visiting grandparents......and soaking bread in bacon fat or having gravy on bread as dessert!

The winners of the afternoon were Bob Streeter, Shirley Mathews and David Lynn.

It was a lovely afternoon and hugs were exchanged as everyone wished each other a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!







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

Happy New Year everyone.

The next game, January 25th (next year - WOW how time flies) will be held at the Jones home.

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

A very Happy and prosperous 2023 to all. We of the PWG are looking forward to a busy and exciting return to a full years participation in the upcoming visits to the local conservation areas and our many varying venues. The following is summary (a huge thank you to Walter Eadie for this) of our accomplishments over the past year.

We ended our year with a great Christmas Lunch at Keenan's Irish Pub (**Thanks to Dan Reid for these great group photos!!**)









Our group walks began on Monday April 4th

By year end, we had amassed **over 4.2M steps**, taking us over the 90M step milestone which we reached back in July at Campbellville. We visited with George Morita at their home for the celebration.



We visited **23 different locations in 9 months**. Over 30 Probus members participated at least once and we had a maximum turnout of 25 at Hilton Falls in December.





The weather in the fall was amazing and appeared to encorage members to come out for the excersise, fresh air and cameraderie

The PWG is always looking for new members to join us. If you are interest in joining us, we usually meet at the south parking lot of Milton Mall near the Fit 4 Less. We meet at 9:10 AM with departure for the chosen venue at 9:30 AM. We try to carpool so if you need a ride it can be arranged. If Interest please contact myself (Terry Cole) at <a href="terryjane@sympatico.ca">terryjane@sympatico.ca</a> or Walter Eadie at <a href="terryjane@cogeco.ca">walter.eadie@cogeco.ca</a>.

## 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)

#### The Probus Club of Milton Joker Group. Christmas Party December 2, 2022.





The Joker Christmas potluck was hosted by Dan and Linda Reid and Joe and Zina Yaworski on Friday December 2nd. It was wonderful seeing the whole group together including George and Marilyn Morita who stayed for the lunch and played a game of lokers.

The buffet was superb with cheese platters, sandwiches, chicken wings, salads, desserts and snacks.

We had such a great time that we all forgot about who won the games, because we were busy wishing everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL









## **8-2 Jester Jokers**



The Jester Group met at the home of Brenda Morrow for our Christmas gathering. We had 16 players present, which was a perfect number for a winner-take-all tournament. 4 tables, with the 8 winners moving to 2 tables. Then a final game involving the 4 winning players from the 2 tables, which produced our 2 Grand Champions, Diane Mitchell and Megs Shellard. Congratulation to you both.

After the results were in, the afternoon turned into social event with pizza, "Christmas Cheer" and an overabundance of laughter and fun. A good time was had by all

However, I would be remiss if I didn't comment on the abundance of "Christmas Goodies" laid out by Brenda.

To close, I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, and I will see you all in January.

## <u>8-3 Wee Joker</u> (Brian & Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; brian\_e\_murphy@hotmail.com; marlene\_murphy@hotmail.com

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, members of Wee Jokers enjoyed some Christmas Cheer. Henry and Susan Popp were our delightful hosts and we thank them for their hospitality.

The afternoon started with a delicious potluck lunch and some holiday games. This was followed by a couple games of Jokers

We were so busy living in the moment and enjoying the company of friends that I forgot to capture the moment with pictures. It was a heartwarming afternoon with friends to end the year. Happy New Year! We welcome 2023.

NEW YEAR"S RESOLUTION......Laugh a Little Louder. Smile a Little Bigger. Love a Little Deeper. Pray a Lot Harder and Walk Through Life a Little Slower.

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



Nancy hosted the meeting in December. We celebrated being together and shared many Christmas plans and hopes. Although you can't see her in our picture- we did have an Elf on the Shelf. Caroll Williams joined us once more via FaceTime.

As well as managing virtual travel (Caroll), we also shared a book on Time Travel - a different genre for us. Nancy's choice was by a Canadian author, Kelley Armstrong. Her book, **A Rip Through Time** had a 2019 Vancouver detective land in1869 in Edinburgh, Scotland in the body of a chambermaid. Armstrong's narrative covers some 'Murdock like' elements as well as providing a good description of of the role of women and

coloured people of the 1860's. Most of the discussion involved predictions as to what will continue/change in book 2 (due in May 2023). We didn't rate the novel highly, but we all enjoyed the read.

Spinecrackers wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas holiday.





## 14 Clässical Crüe (David Wentzell 647-227-7036; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

The Crue met in December over Zoom and enjoyed a program of Christmas music favourites, both old and new. Our first session of 2023 will be Thursday, January 26. Plan to join us at 2:00 p.m. for music by Percy, Leroy and Albert, (Grainger, Anderson and Ketelby, that is). Selections will have us travelling from a Persian Market, to an English Country Garden, on a Bugler's Holiday! New listeners are always welcome. We have unlimited space thanks to Zoom. No need for a tux or a fancy dress to listen to the great music on offer. If you want to be added to the list of listeners, contact david.g.wentzell@gmail.com for the link.

#### **Christmas Luncheon Gala 2022**

It was a pleasure to see so many members enjoying an in-person celebration at Granite Ridge Golf and Club. We chatted, we ate, we danced, and celebrated with friends. The Christmas Gala for 2022 was a big **success**. The staff at Granite Ridge Golf Club did a fantastic job decorating the large salon. Charlie Graci our musician from Milton was perfect for the occasion. This event was a lovely way to end 2022 season.

A special thank you to the management committee for coming early to help set up, and to Wendy Mistruzzi for her excellent photographs.

Best wishes to all for 2023.

Heddy Wright & Darlene Scarrow







































## **Management Committee: 2021/22**

President	Bill Scarrow	905-878-7176
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Membership Dir.	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191
Program Dir.	Carol Streeter Brian Budworth Carole Budworth	343-996-7519 905-878-8545 905-878-8545
Property Dir.	Robert Streeter	343-999-5245
Secretary	Susan Popp	905-876-3241
Special Events Dir.	Darlene Scarrow Heddy Wright	647-588-7176 905-483-6445
Treasurer	Alice Carey	905-336-6309



## **Club Activity Schedule**

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - Joker V1	1st Fri 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - Joker V2	1st Fri 1:30 pm	Joe & Zina Yawor	ski 905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Board Games – Jokers - Jester Joker	2nd Tues 1:30 pm	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Board Games – Jokers – Wee Joker	3rd Fri 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - Spinecrackers	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 - Friday	2nd Fri. – 1:30 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - Wednesday	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	annamariejones@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed 7:30 pm	TBA		
Dining – Bits and Bites	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 - Grape Expectations	s 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 – The Walking Group	Every Mon 9:30 am	Terry Cole	905-845-0171	terryjane@sympatico.ca

#### January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
9:30 AM  The Walking Group  E-mail notification  Terry Cole				1:30 PM Jokers - Joker V1 - Linda Reid V2 - J&Z Yaworski
9	10	11	12	13
9:30 AM  The Walking Group  E-mail notification  Terry Cole	1:30 PM  Jokers – Jester Joker  Bill Turnbill	10:00 AM General Meeting Milton Sports Centre Bill Scarrow 2:00 PM Music - Clässical Crüe Via Zoom David Wentzell	1:30 PM <b>Book Club - Spinecrackers</b> Nancy Lynn	1:30 PM <b>Bid Euchre - Friday</b> Zina Yaworski
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9:30 AM  The Walking Group E-mail notification Terry Cole 1:30 PM  Executive Meeting Bill Scarrow	2:00 PM Photography - Shutterbugs Via Zoom David Wentzell	7:30 PM Cards - Euchre Looking for a Convenor	5:00 PM <b>Dining</b> – <i>Bits and Bites</i> Marlene Murphy	1:30 PM Jokers – Wee Joker Marlene Murphy
23	24	25	26	27
9:30 AM  The Walking Group  E-mail notification  Terry Cole	7:00 PM Wine – Grape Expectations Alice Carey	1:30 PM <b>Bid Euchre - Wednesday</b> Myra Faichnie	1:00 PM <b>Cards - Bridge</b> Ruth Parkinson	1:00 PM Cards - Canasta Anna Marie Jones
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