



Milton Probus Pulse

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Christmas Party: Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M. Granite Ridge Golf Course

January General Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M. Milton Sports Centre

This conveniently moves the meeting a bit further away from the Christmas break but became a requirement because the Town of Milton needs to use the space at the Sports Centre for another event January 3, 2024.

From the President: Henry Popp



We have just returned from a two-week visit to Captiva Island, part of an archipelago of islands in the Gulf of Mexico off the west coast of Florida, accessible from Fort Myers. While the weather was at times mixed, overall the weather was perfect with temperatures in the mid-twenties, shorts weather for sure but with enough sun to beware of sunburn. After a morning walk on the almost endless beach, a splash into the water was a perfect way to cool off.

Many areas in these parts are periodically hit by hurricanes, and there is a lot of evidence of destruction from Hurricane Ian a year ago, that hit mostly Sanibel Island and in fact destroyed part of the causeway, which is the land link to the mainland.

Although retired, we do well to sometimes take a break from our routines, and find a place to slow down and rest. This is what Susan and I did, resting, sleeping and leaving behind “*the petty round of irritating concerns and duties*”, (believed to be a quote from Robert Louis Stevenson). Now we are home and return to our daily tasks with new ideas and renewed energy.

Christmas is a few short weeks away. Our Probus celebration starts early with our annual Christmas Luncheon December 6th. Much work has already gone into organizing this event by a group of ladies primarily, but by Hedy Wright in particular. We are grateful for all the work that goes into organizing an event such as this as well as other special activities throughout the year. We hope to see many of you at this annual event.

Then starts the push to Christmas and New Year, a very busy time as we prepare for celebration and the all-important family time. So while it seems somewhat premature, Susan and I wish you a happy time ahead and moderation in all things.

From our Vice-President Susan Popp

One of my responsibilities as Vice-President is to find members who are willing to share a life experience.

When time permitted, during the second half of our monthly general meetings we used to have someone from within our membership give a short (approximately ten minute) talk about their life, family history, holiday, adventure, hobby or anything of interest. We all have something to tell.

We would like to resume having these short talks and are looking for volunteers. While most of us shy away from public speaking, let your “public speaking butterflies” fly in formation and tell us your story. You can also include a PowerPoint presentation if that helps.

If anyone is interested, please contact me by email (susulucky66@icloud.com) or phone (905-876-3241) or, better still, speak to me during the coffee break at our monthly meetings.

Another of my responsibilities is to work with Past President Bill Scarrow to sell Share the Wealth tickets. Sitting on the table next to us is the club SUGGESTIONS BOX. If you have any suggestions or ideas for special interests, activities or anything that might improve our club, please write them on a slip of paper and pop it into the SUGGESTIONS BOX. At the next Management Committee Meeting we will discuss your ideas.

From Our Secretary: Anne Eadie

Hi all – Our **new mailing address** as of Wednesday Nov 1st will be;

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From the Editor: David Hunt

You will notice a couple of changes to our newsletter this month.

First, we have a new post box as listed above and on our Masthead.

Secondly, in the interest of privacy, we have removed all phone numbers from our Directors and Coordinators listings. These phone numbers are available in the Members Only site on to our Milton Probus Website.

From Our Program Directors: Larry Meehan, Brian Budworth

January – Sean Livingston. St. John Ambulance Halton & Hamilton Region

February – Yvonne Livingston to present retirement living residences, home care or LTC options available to us.

March - Lisa Forestell- Volunteer Coordinator for Autism Ontario

Lisa is Fund and Volunteer Coordinator for Autism Ontario in our area. She will speak to the effects of this disease on children and their families.

“OUR STRENGTH IS IN FELLOWSHIP, OUR SUCCESS IS IN **PARTICIPATION**.”

If you would like to participate, we have openings for people to introduce or thank a speaker. Just contact Larry or Brian.

From Our Special Events Directors: Darlene Scarrow, Heddy Wright

November

Trip to the McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinburg

On November 2nd 14 members visited the McMichael Art Gallery in beautiful Kleinberg. The group had a lovely lunch in the Gallery restaurant and then had a excellent tour about Tom Thomson. Our guide was enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and we learned about his oil painted sketches. A most enjoyable day. Some of our beautiful Christmas prizes were purchased at the Gallery shop.



Upcoming Events.

December

Christmas is just around the corner. Please join us on Wednesday, December 6th at Granite Ridge Golf Club to celebrate the season.

Location: Granite Ridge Golf Club, 9503 Dublin Line, L9T2X7

Price: \$55.00 for members. \$65.00 for a non member partner. (This is a bargain as restaurant prices have soared.)

Time: **10:30 until 3:30**

Menu: Squash soup. Choice of salmon, steak, or chicken with vegetables and Parisian potatoes. Desert. Cash bar.

Music by Charlie Graci.

Last day to purchase a ticket is November 30th.

Pay by e-transfer to miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com

or by cheque to The Probus Club of Milton. Do include your name.

If you have any questions or dietary restrictions please contact Heddy Wright.

Coming Special Events 2024

February 10 – Nana’s Naughty Knickers- Presented by the Milton Players Theatre Group at the Milton Arts Centre.

Nana’s Naughty Knickers February 10 8pm

Milton Art Centre

Tickets are **\$27/ person.**

Pay by **E Transfer to billy@scarrow.ca**

OR

Cheque to Darlene Scarrow

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Cash will not be accepted

Payment must be received by December 31 to purchase your ticket.

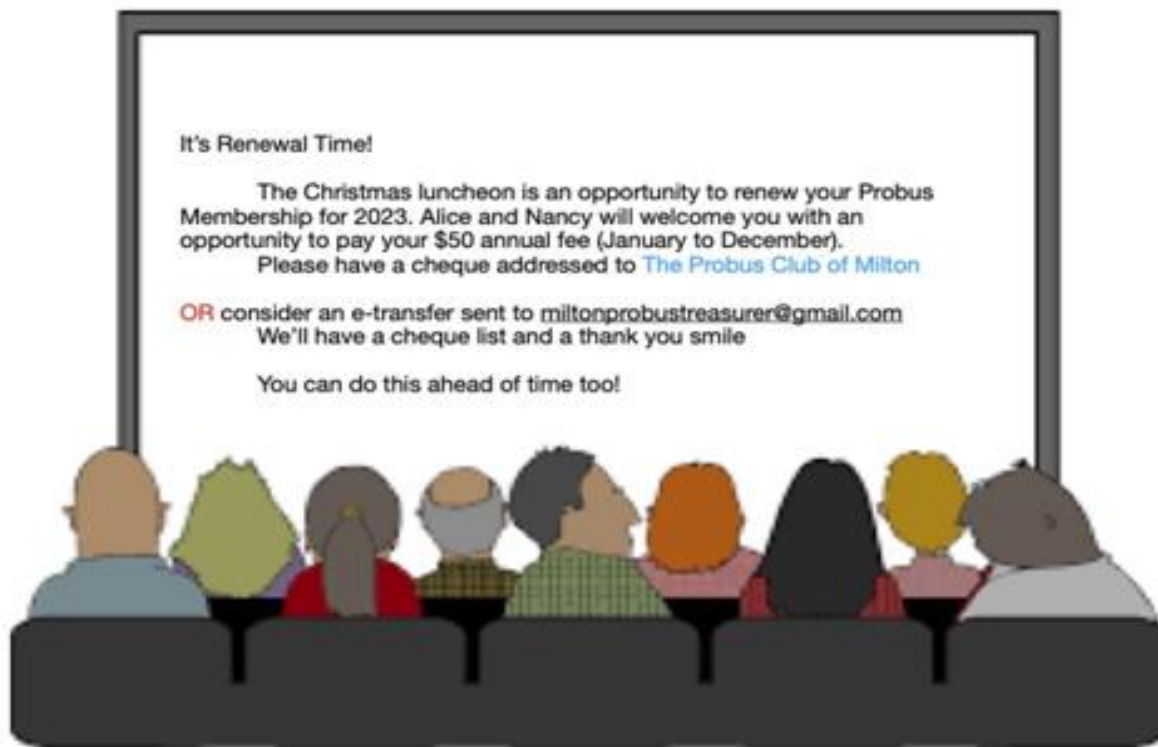
Tickets will be purchased early January 2024.



March 23- the Rockin’ Rob Oldies Dance at the Milton Royal Canadian Legion.

Save these dates. Registration and payment will begin in January.

From our Membership Director Nancy Lynn



From our Fellowship Director Patricia McIntyre

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 Jokers Venue 1 – Linda & Dan Reid - 1st Friday of the Month @ 1:00



We had 6 regular joker players recovering from surgery or illness today, so we needed spares to help out. After numerous phone calls or emails, I managed to get enough players to have 2 tables at each Venue.

Thank you Brenda Morrow and Megs Shellard for sparing at Venue 1.

Tom Carey was hosting and they had treats, drinks, cookies and cake for all to enjoy, thank you Tom and Alice.

Tom Carey was a 4 game winner; Dave Lynn and Megs Shellard each won 3 games. Everyone had fun, trying to play the best card to advance their marbles, until the opposing team player sent them back home.

A good, happy time was had by all!

1 Jokers Venue 2 – Joe & Zina Yaworski - 1st Friday of the Month @ 1:00



Our November 3rd Joker Venue 2 games were hosted by Maureen Rolph.

We had a Marathon Joker afternoon. From 1pm to 4:30 pm, 6 full games were played. The games were played at a quick pace with several games only one move apart.

Zina Yaworski won all 6 games!

Thank you, Moe for all the sweet and salty snacks and drinks- they were a great energy boost between games.



Thank you to Tom Jones for sparing at the last minute.

The December 1st Joker games will be a Potluck Lunch starting at noon.

2 Jester Jokers Bill Turnbull – 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 1:30

Details from this month will be published in the January Newsletter.

4 Spinecrackers Nancy Lynn – 2nd Thursday of the Month @ 1:30



Marjorie Clark and Tom Carey hosted this month. As usual, the social hour covered a variety of topics - from travel, to recipes, and Nancy's imperfect directions. Many thanks for the chance to visit and discuss Marjorie's book .

In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom by Yeonmi Park is a non fiction memoir detailing her escape from a severely repressive country. Everyone in our club agreed that they learned a great deal about the regimes of the Kim family and the horrific suffering of the population under their rule. And were impressed with her amazing ability to adapt and prosper with education and food.

Tom Carey told of his time working in South Korea and his impressions of North Korea at that time. AndAlice brought out her Korean Doll! We share so much in this book club.



5 Friday Bid Euchre Joe & Zina Yaworski 2nd Friday of the Month @ 1:30



It was a cold and windy day outside but it was nice and cozy inside.

Bob and Carol Streeter hosted our November 10th Friday Bid Euchre games. Hot coffee and cold drinks were handed out, wonderful snacks were plated and the games began.

Bonnie Chapman was the top player with 189, followed by Zina Yaworski with 176 and Anne Taylor with 165.

The afternoon ended with more finger foods, yummy lemon meringue tarts and lively conversation.

December games will be hosted by Joe and Zina Yaworski at 1pm.

6 Euchre Barbara Shein & Elizabeth Dixon - Wednesday @ 1:30

This group is expecting to restart the beginning of the New Year.

7 Bits and Bites Marlene Murphy & Anne Eadie 3rd Thursday of the Month @ 5:00



Marion Linkert was the host for November B&B. It was a fun evening, and there was a delicious selection of bites, well done members. Almost thirty members attended and they were a jovial bunch indeed, with much laughter and bantering, and maybe solving some world issues. Thank you to Wendy and James Mistruzzi for the use of your party room so we could meet in one place.



8 Wee Joker Marlene Murphy 3rd Friday of the Month @ 1:00



We were welcomed with wonderful smells of something baking in the oven as Angela and David Hunt welcomed members for the November Wee Jokers. The ladies could smell the delicious scent of apple something. David says, No, Angela made cinnamon buns. After playing four games of Jokers, the group was waiting for Angela's delicious cinnamon buns. Hmm... Angela served fresh apple pie and ice cream. This gave us an excuse to poke a little fun at David. The Pops, Gaye and Bonnie were not able to join this month, so David and Nancy Lynn joined us for the afternoon. Jose Bernardino stepped in the last minute to round out three tables. Thank you.

We had three, three-game winners. Angela Hunt, Carol Streeter and Brian Murphy.

9 Grape Expectations Jose Bernardino 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00



October brought 22 wine tasting aficionados to two different venues on Tuesday, the 24th. Our hosts/hostesses gave us a fine selection of wines from New Zealand, California, Italy, France, Australia, and South Africa.

Two particular wines received near perfect marks from 3 of our 22 tasters - Invivo, Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand and One Pound per Acre, Shiraz from Australia. Both were very well received by the group and we are happy to share this experience with all of you.

Below are some pictures of the happy participants at the two venues.



10 Wednesday Bid Euchre Donna Elliott & John Stubbington 4th Wednesday @1:00



On Wed. November 22nd, the bid euchre group had a fun-filled afternoon at Diane Mitchell's home, who was hosting for Moe Rolph who had a fall resulting in a cast on her left forearm. We enjoyed an assortment of snacks, a delicious cake (thanks Moe) & hilarious, stimulating conversation! There were several people with scores between 222 & 175, with Tom Jones, Dan Reid & Donna Elliott coming out on top. There will not be a game in December as it would be too close to Christmas. Anyone who would like to become spares, please contact John or Donna.

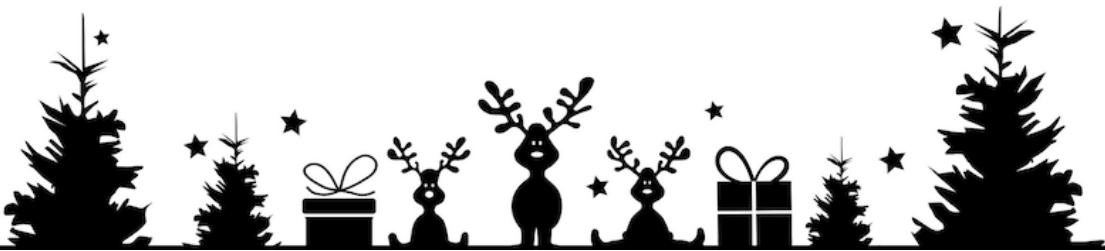
11 Bridge Ruth Parkinson 4th Thursday of the Month @ 1:00

In October, we played a foursome with Len Lillie scoring the highest point count. Our host served an awesome chocolate dessert. The plan for our November Bridge is an in house event on November 23rd.

14 Canasta Anna Marie Jones 4th Friday of the Month @ 1:00



A fun filled afternoon of playing canasta was had by everyone, so much so that we decided to play three games instead of our usual two games. Carole Budworth was the only three game winner. Thanks to Diane Mitchell for hosting. Thanks to Moe Rolph for helping Diane, and filling in playing when needed.



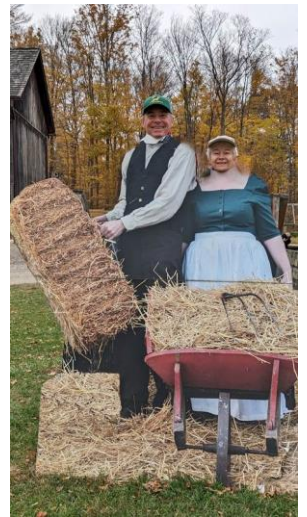
13 The Walking Group Terry Cole & Walter Eadie - Every Monday @ 9:15



The month started off on a rather dull, grey morning with the threat of rain. It was decided that our 14 avid walkers would stay close to home just in case it got wet. However this concern was unwarranted as the group was able to complete its traversing of the Pipeline trail without absorbing any serious moisture.



The next adventure took the group to husbandry classes at the farms of Bronte Creek Provincial park which taught the group the art of being sheepish



Mid month took us to Acton's Propect Park where I was able to rejoin the group after sveral weeks of cardiac rebuild and rehab. It turned out to be a super day for a walk.



On the 20th Of the month we returned to the Indian Trails walk starting at Sherwood Community centre heading south to Derry Road and back. As you can tell it turned out to be a beautiful day for a walk.



The final walk for month took us to Courtcliffe Park in Carlisle on a rather cool and blustery morning. Twenty one souls braved the cool wind and managed to get to the shelter of the woods. This made for a fairly protected and therefore pleasant walk. This morning, however, did remind us that old man winter is waiting in the wings.



The PWG is always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested 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 Interested please contact myself (Terry Cole) or Walter Eadie.

New Group

We are wondering if there would be anyone interested in joining us for a new special interest group for people who enjoy fiddle music & old time tunes. We would meet at the Waterdown legion at 79 Hamilton St. in Waterdown on Thursday afternoons from 1-4.

If you would like more information, contact Donna Elliott or John Stubbington. We will be going on Thursday December 7th.

A signup sheet will be available for those that wish to join at the regular January Probus meeting.

Remember When!



The Probus Club of Milton meeting in December 2006 was extended to include a Christmas Lunch for the first time. This was in the basement meeting room of St Paul's United Church, Main St E. Milton.

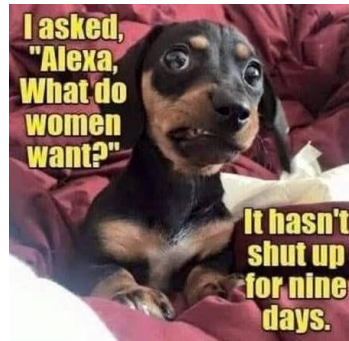
JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday.

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You are my people.



Thanks Denise



December

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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1:00 PM
Jokers - Joker
V1 - Linda & Dan Reid
V2 - J&Z Yaworski

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10:00 AM
Christmas Lunch
Granite Ridge GC

1:30 PM
Bid Euchre - Friday
Zina Yaworski

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9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Terry Cole

1:30 PM
Jokers – Jester Joker
Bill Turnbull

1:30 PM
Book Club - Spinecrackers
Nancy Lynn

1:30 PM
Jokers – Wee Joker
Marlene Murphy

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9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Terry Cole
1:30 PM
Executive Meeting
Henry Popp

1:30 PM
Euchre
No Game this Month
Barbara Shein
Elizabeth Dixon

5:00 PM
Dining – Bits and Bites
Marlene Murphy

1:00 PM
Cards - Canasta
Anna Marie Jones

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Christmas Day

Boxing Day

9:30 AM
The Walking Group
E-mail notification
Terry Cole

7:00 PM
Wine – Grape Expectations
Joe Bernardino

1:00 PM
Bid Euchre - Wednesday
Donna Elliott
John Stubbington

1:00 PM
Cards - Bridge
Ruth Parkinson