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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Mar. 1, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M. Milton Sports Centre

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



As I write this, it looks like the lamb (temperature at least) will welcome us for March. All the better for the Nudist Club



2023 New Management

At the March meeting, your nomination committee will be presenting the slate of candidates for election at our AGM in April.

Serving on management is similar to running a business. Each member of management controls their individual product and plans their product presentation on a regular basis. Like a well run business, each management member has the benefit of advice from the whole management committee. All management committee members bring their wisdom and experience to meetings and offer each management member advice in presenting their individual products. We have been fortunate with our present management committee as each member is smart and brings a wealth of experience and when any of them offer advice, we all know the advice should be carefully considered in making our individual product decisions.

For those contemplating running for a management position, it is important to know if they are elected, they will not be acting alone and will have the backing of the whole committee. This practice brings a level of comfort and confidence to all members especially to new management members.

Serving also offers management members new experiences. My personal experience on management started as newsletter (now called Pulse) editor and expanded to establishing our website. This gave me the opportunity to experience doing something I had never done before in areas in which I had no prior experience. You may find a similar opportunity as well.

Club Activities Special Interest Groups

Management extends an invitation to all groups to address general meetings on the activities of their group (one or two groups per meeting; we don't want the general meeting to run past evening dinner). These presentations can explain how and when their respective group functions take place and how much fun it is to be a Probus member. The information of when is in each Pulse but the how is not. These addresses can also be beneficial by allowing members to ask questions.

A short history -in past years, each special interest group presented a summary of their previous activities at the subsequent general meeting. After I first started on management (April 2017), Management decided the

information being presented verbally was already contained in the Newsletter (now the Pulse) and ceased the practice. As with all changes, this change may have gone a bit too far.

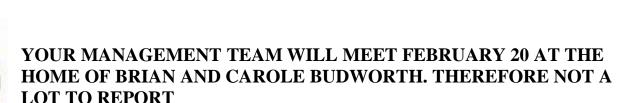
Your General meeting coordinator for March

Henry Popp, our Vice-President will be coordinating the March general meeting as Darlene and I will be in the Caribbean on March 1 enjoying the sun. We will of course have a drink to you all (just one for all, not one for each of you; we want to make it to dinner). I may even try that Pirate Ale.

And remember

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

Share the wealth (*No change*) Exact change only please.



Following are items decided for prior meetings that need to know

Safety precautions for 2023

No changes

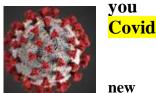
Vaccination requirement for members to attend in person meetings and for members joining, are required.

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)

No change



Henry Popp Vice President

Repeated from the February Pulse. Henry and Susan Popp will be on holiday the day of the April AGM. It was agreed that I can swear Henry for the President role at the Management meeting on March 20 (normally done at the AGM) to be effective April 5, the day of the AGM. This ceremony will be videotaped and played at the AGM meeting.

New management members

As announced at the January general meeting, member Walter Eadie has accepted managements request to chair the Management Nomination Committee consisting of him, Anne Eadie and Ruth Parkinson to search for new Management members. At our march general meeting, their committee will be presenting a slate of new members for election at the April AGM

Nominations Committee (Walter Eadie 905-878-7143; <u>walter.eadie@cogeco.ca</u>)

At the April 2023 AGM, the following positions on the Management Committee will be up for election: Vice President, Secretary, Program Director, Fellowship Director, and Facilities Director. With the exception of the VP role, these are 2-year terms.

I have already received some nominations and expressions of interest. If you would like to nominate yourself, or someone else (with their consent), or just like to know more, please get in touch.



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>)

March



John Collins aka Andrew McKinney

Author of "How I Lost My Hair Raising Teenage Girls and the lessons I learned", Andrew tries to make the presentation funny and enjoyable; there is always much discussion after about the challenges of teenagers. Because the stories are all true, he has published it under a pen name in order to protect the innocent and not-so-innocent.

In his presentation, he talks about the unique opportunity in retirement to pursue dormant hobbies and dreams, which for him was writing a humorous memoir and song writing. In the second half of his presentation he talks about his road to publishing and give tips for listeners that have always wanted to write and publish a book, even if it is just a family history for their family's use.

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>)

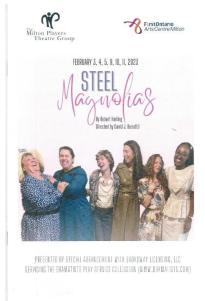
Steel Magnolias

On February 10, over 30 Probus members started the evening with dinner at Keenan's Irish Pub. Food was great and there was a lot of laughter and socializing.

The play, presented by The Milton Players, is a comedy – drama that takes place in a beauty parlour in a Louisiana town. The cast is all female and the play shows their relationships over a time period of a couple of years. The first act was slow but the second act was powerful and emotionally intense. The acting was quite good although a couple of people in our group had some difficulty hearing the dialogue when the actors were facing the far side of the set. This play definitely reinforces the Power of Friendship and how important it is in our lives.

The movie, which stars Dolly Parton, Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine, Julia Roberts. Daryl Hannah and Olympia Dukakis, is available on Netflix.





Toyota Manufacturing Plant Tour



The tour on April 12 is fully booked with a waiting list. We will send an email in mid-March to confirm attendance and obtain information that is required by Toyota to attend the tour. If you are unable to attend, please let us know promptly so we can fill the spaces.

We will be carpooling to this event. If you are willing to drive, please indicate this. After the tour, we will find a local venue for some social time.

Upcoming Events.

Heddy Wright is on vacation until April, so we are still finalizing plans for May and June events. Both will be local and provide a lot of laughs. There will be more information at the April General Meeting and hopefully some first-hand experience about the May event.



From our Travel Coordinator:

(Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; <u>walter.eadie@cogeco.ca</u>)

Brochures and Booking forms are now available for the **2024 Probus "Tulip Delight"** river cruise in Holland and Belgium, from Amsterdam. Please contact Walter to obtain one.

Dates are April 15-23 2024. The fully inclusive package price range is \$5480 Cdn to \$6650 pp (double occupancy) depending on the cabin category selected. An additional \$150 pp early booking discount is available if booked before July this year. This price includes flights, transfers to the boat, the cruise, 6 shore excursions, drinks with lunch & dinner, Wi-Fi onboard, gratuities and taxes.

Remember about the **2023 Maritimes Tour** with Senior Discovery Tours. <u>https://seniordiscoverytours.ca/en/destination/the_maritimes</u>

Ask Walter for details on how to book through Senior Discovery Tours. Dates are August 11-24 2023 and the package price is \$5397 Cdn pp (double occupancy) from Toronto.

Travel Insurance: one of the benefits of your Probus membership is group travel insurance through Medoc by Johnson Insurance

If you'd like to get a quote from this insurer, please visit their website at <u>https://travel.johnson.ca</u> and enter **PROBUS Canada** as the group name.

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

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

Meeting February 16th, submission will be included in April newsletter.

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

February results will be included in the April edition of Pulse.

<u>**3 Canasta</u> (Anna Marie Jones 905-878-5707 <u>annamariejones@sympatico.ca</u>)</u>**



January canasta games were played at the home of Linda Heggie. Twelve players enjoyed an afternoon of fun and laughter. Thanks to Linda for hosting, providing snacks, sandwiches, goodies, and drinks. Thanks to Bonnie Chapman for sparing. Tom Jones and Diane Mitchell were our two game winners. Looking forward to our February games on the 25th.

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



Our February Bid Euchre was hosted by the Streeter's. As both the Lynn's and Yaworski's were cruising the Caribbean, we only had two tables at play.

Shirley Matthews was the top player, Corrine Turnbull placed second, and Anne Taylor placed third. The final scores were tight as the difference between first and third place was only 7 points.

Even though we were all looking forward to our dinner and theatre evening, we enjoyed an afternoon of fun and snacks.

The March games will be hosted by Bill Turnbull.

<u>6 Wednesday Bid Euchre</u> (Donna Elliott 905-331-3161; <u>donna.volunteer@gmail.com</u>) (John Stubbington 905-331-3161; <u>stubbijo@yahoo.com</u>)

February results will be included in the April edition of Pulse.

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

February's walking activities began on Rattlesnake Point's covered trails. The weather was slightly chilled but walking in lower reaches kept us out of the breeze.



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For our next adventure we made the decision to avoid the icy trails of the Conservation Parks. That said we set out on a site seeing trek from the Sherwood Sport facility down Savoline Blvd. and back to Sherwood via Scott Blvd. We did have a distressing incident on this particular walk. Two of our group seemed to vanish into thin air. The rest of the gang searched in vain for Wendy and James but to no avail. However much to our relief we received some good news from our strays. It seems that they took a wrong turn out of the park and ended in warmer and sunnier climes.

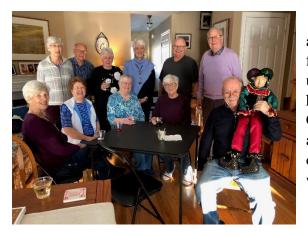


Our final hike took us back to Bronte Creek provincial park. Eighteen of us took to a new set of trails led by our Co-Leader and historian, Walter Eadie. We have been blessed with some fine weather for February. Sunny conditions greeted us most days and we able to miss the fridgid blast of the Polar vortex. The only unfortunate thing is that Wendy and James have told us they won't be back 'til the weather smartens up.



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 terryjane@sympatico.ca or Walter Eadie at walter.eadie@cogeco.ca.

8-1 Jokers (Venue 1 – Linda & Dan Reid 905-878-7717; <u>dlreid@sympatico.ca</u>)



It was such a cold and windy day that we arrived with cold faces and watery eyes from the wind but playing jokers warmed us up and kept us happy. Jane Cole hosted 3 tables or 12 joker players. Tom Carey was the 3 game winner today. We all socialized after the games with a glass of pop or wine. Great day to be inside with friends playing jokers.



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

There is no joker, Venue 2 info for the Pulse in February as many players were away. Hope they all enjoyed some sun.

<u>8-2 Jester Jokers</u> (Bill Turnbull 905-878-9573; <u>turnbullwt@yahoo.com</u>)

The February Jester games was held on Valentine's Day, split between two venues. Patricia McIntyre hosted venue 1, with Pat & Anna Marie Jones going 3 for 4 on the afternoon.

Venue 2 was hosted by Maureen Rolph, a new addition to our group. She proved herself to be a fast learner, as she and Brenda Morrow won all three games that they participated in. Ironic that both hosts were also the top winners. I will add that it was a bad day for the men as they weren't even close...

Our thanks to Pat & Moe for making our February get-together an enjoyable afternoon.





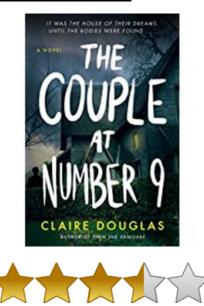
<u>8-3 Wee Joker</u> (Brian & Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com

Meeting February 17th, submission will be included in April newsletter.



Turks & Caicos (hope the management meeting is as much fun, LOL)

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



The Spinecrackers Group reported last month that it was expanding its membership. The interest was wonderful and the group grew from 14 readers to 21. As this will be too many for one household when all are able to attend, we will follow a two-host/venue format as required while still enjoying the same book.

February's meet-up was hosted by Anne Eadie and, while many of the group members were away reading in warmer locations, 11 of us, including 2 "newbies", braved the rain to do what avid readers do best on a rainy day – if we cannot actually read a book – let's talk about a book! This month's book was - *The Couple at No.9 by Claire Douglas*. To begin the meeting, we listened to short parts of a podcast where she talked about her inspiration for the book, her way of plotting the twists & turns and how the characters develop for her.

The book, described by critics as a thriller, delivered a great story about a couple who inherit what seems to be their dream home, until a horrifying discovery is made during renovations by contractors who uncover human

remains. Two bodies that have been buried at least thirty years. From that moment on, the author introduced many new characters and served up so many twists & turns that had us all sure we had solved the crime - and then - comes the surprise ending!

It was interesting that while some members loved the descriptive style of the author's writing – others found the very same paragraph had "too much filler" and wanted to "just get back to the story line". However, all agreed that the book was an easy read and it did result in a really interactive & lively discussion by the group – which after all is the intent & the fun of a book club!

If you are interested in joining us, we have room for you. Please let one of our members know, or call or email Nancy Lynn. 905 319 0191, lynn67.personal@gmail.com



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

February results will be included in the April edition of Pulse.

JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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



Thanks Walter

Thanks Zina& Joe...you've convinced me!



Milton Sunset (thanks Megs)

Management Committee: 2022/23

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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 & Dan 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	Donna Elliott John Stubbington	905-331-3161 905-331-3161	donna.volunteer@gmail.com stubbijo@yahoo.com
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 Expectation	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

March

