

# Milton Probus Pulse



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## From the President: Henry Popp



So far Old Man Winter has been kind to us, not much snow, and I can accept the really cold spells when the roads are as free of ice and snow as they were. However, winter is not over yet!

We look forward to the monthly meetings to hear the speakers that have been selected up to the summer break, and the fellowship with each other that we all enjoy during that approximately two-hour period, warming our hands with a cup of tea or coffee, and enjoying a cookie (or two!).

Some of us will soon be at the Milton Arts Centre (February 10<sup>th</sup>) to watch Milton Players perform “Nana’s Naughty Knickers”, and Darlene Scarrow is working on an “Old time Rock & Roll Dance” for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. So, besides the regular activities of the Special Interest Groups, there is much to keep us busy and entertained. As always, we thank those working to make these events happen.

## Member Experiences



At the Christmas luncheon for the Wee Jokers, we decided to forgo the Secret Santa and to Share and Care with a local charity. We collected 168 can of condensed soup to share with Foods4Kids. This is a local organization sending home a small weekly package of easy-to-prepare food for identified children in the local school system. It was welcomed by Stacey Halliday, Program Coordinator for Milton.



## **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](mailto: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 Program Directors: Larry Meehan, Brian Budworth**

**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.



Feb 2 Groundhog Day



Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

## **NOTICE REMINDER**

### **NOMINATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Please consider a management position. New MANAGEMENT MEMBERS offer new ideas to our Club. Our Club's annual Management changes are one of our Club's strengths.

All Management Committee job descriptions are available from our Secretary Anne Eadie.

The following Management Committee positions are vacant this year. All members of The Probus Club of Milton are eligible to be nominated.

In addition to receiving written material, all New Management Members will have the support and assistance, if requested, from other Management Members and prior Management members.

<b>MGM COMMITTEE 2023-2024 members</b>		
<b>New member needed for 2024-2025 highlighted</b>		
<b>President</b>	<b>Popp, Henry</b>	year 1 of 1 year term; moves to Past President
<b>VP</b>	<b>Popp, Susan</b>	year 1 of 1 year term; moves to President
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Scarrow, William</b>	year 1 of 1 year term; leaves management
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>McIntyre, Pat</b>	year 1 of second 2 year term
<b>Communications website</b>	<b>Murphy, Brian</b>	year 2 of 2 year term
<b>Communications newsletter</b>	<b>Hunt, David</b>	year 2 of second 2 year term
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Lynn, Nancy</b>	year 2 of 2 year term
<b>Program (speakers)</b>	<b>Meehan, Larry</b>	year 1 of 2 year term
<b>Program (speakers)</b>	<b>Budworth, Brian</b>	year 2 of 2 year term
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Ley, Heather</b>	year 1 of two year term
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Eadie, Anne</b>	year 1 of two year term
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>Wright, Heddy</b>	year 2 of 2 year term wishes to stay on for a 2nd 2 year term
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>Scarrow, Darlene</b>	year 2 of 2 year term
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Carey, Alice</b>	year 2 of second 2 year term

### **PROBUS NEEDS 7 NEW MGM MEMBERS**

If you are interested, contact any of 3 nominating committee members:

**Bill Scarrow, Walter Eadie or Bill Turnbull**

## From Our Special Events Directors: Darlene Scarrow, Hedly Wright

### Up 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**

**March 23-** the Rockin’ Rob Oldies Dance at the Milton Royal Canadian Legion.  
Save these dates. Registration and payment will begin in January.

### Rockin Rob’s Oldies Dance Saturday March 23, 2024



**FOOD**

**CASH BAR**



**MUSIC**

**CONTESTS**

**PRIZES**

**Where:** Milton Legion Hall , Charles Street Milton

**When :** 7-11 pm

**Dress:** Oldies Style Preferred

**Cost :** \$45/ person \$50 / non Probud member Partner

**Payment :** e-transfer to [miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com)

Or Cheque to The Probud Club of Milton

Please bring cheques to the February General Meeting

**Payment Due by March 15**

## **Travel**

Senior Discovery Tours has a 5 day bus trip to New York City. It is from May 11 to 15 at \$2997 pp, single supplement is \$790.

It includes a First Class hotel in the heart of Times Square, 4 hot breakfasts, 4 dinners, Broadway play- The Neil Diamond musical, "A Beautiful Noise and tours such as Central Park, World Trade Centre, Harbour cruise to the Statue of Liberty, Rockerfeller Centre and Brooklyn Bridge.

For more details visit..... [SeniorDiscoveryTours.ca](http://SeniorDiscoveryTours.ca)

If you are interested, email Zina at [joe\\_zina@hotmail.com](mailto:joe_zina@hotmail.com)



**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**

### **Jokers Venue 1** – Linda & Dan Reid - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00

Brian Budworth hosted the Joker game on Friday, January 5th. Bob Streeter and Megs Shellard won 3 games each. New Joker members Marjory Clark and Roslyn Ahara played their first joker games and each won 1 game.

The group enjoyed snack food during the games and a cheese & cracker tray along with cookies after the games.



### **1 Jokers Venue 2** – Joe & Zina Yaworski - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00



Heather McCorquodale hosted the Joker game for January. Lisa Covey was the only 3 game winner - good going Lisa. The group enjoyed banana cake, tarts and cookies during the games.

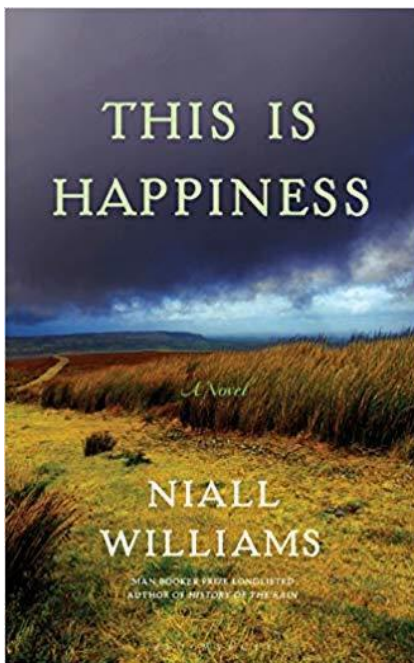
## 2 Jester Jokers Bill Turnbull – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 1:30

Our Jester group was scheduled to meet on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Corinne & I were going to be away, so everything was set up: 2 venues, 5 tables & 2 spares in place, and left in the capable hands of Tom & Anna Marie. And then the bottom fell out of everything. Spares cancelled, new spares were found, but then the day of the event, the snow hit and the flood of cancellations started. Since problems like this seem to happen every time Tom & Anna Marie are asked to look after things, they've had plenty of experience at scrambling, and were able to find more spares and arrange for 4 tables.



Faced with all of this adversity, Orest Shein took charge of the afternoon, winning all 4 games that he played. Congratulations, Orest, and thanks to Tom & Anna Marie for stepping up to the plate when needed.

## 4 Spinecrackers Nancy Lynn – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 1:30



Many thanks to Walter and Anne Eadie who provided the space for twelve of the group to start the new year's reading. Apple cake, fruit, and a date loaf (and a box of chocolates) helped to start the chatter. This book caused people to copy phrases and language from the book and in the reciting of them, laughter and then more laughter followed that. We reminisced and discussed the many events our group had grown up with - from the community telephone to first cars. Our Irishman, Tom J. raved about the small town descriptions **and** countryside **and** rain **and** colloquialisms. Warning - it took an entire chapter to describe the rain in Ireland and more than three pages for the detail of a kiss - but the humour and wit and verbiage had us literally in stitches.

This is happiness by Niall Williams is ' a portrait of a community, its idiosyncrasies and traditions'. Niall tells the story of the coming of electricity to a small Irish parish, the arrival of Christy who brings the news and searches for a long ago love, and the interaction of the people and the land.





## **5 Friday Bid Euchre Joe & Zina Yaworski 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:30**



Bonnie Chapman hosted the first 2024 Friday Bid Euchre games. The wind was blowing outside but it was cozy inside with friends, snacks and drinks. Bonnie was the Top Player 195, Anne Taylor 143 and Anna Marie Jones 139. Thanks to Anna Marie and Tom Jones for sparing. The next games will be hosted by Bob and Carol Streeter on February 9th at 1pm.



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

Anne and Walter Eadie welcomed nineteen members from Burlington, Milton and Georgetown with warm greetings for a frosty January B & B. Arriving in daylight felt one step closer to welcoming Spring. Again we enjoyed a delicious selection of appetizers. The hostess served some delicious desserts





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

January Jokers was hosted by Linda Heggie. We had an enjoyable afternoon with twelve members in attendance. Brian Murphy was able to pull off a three-game win. Linda and Gaye served a lovely lunch after the games and yummy snacks that broke some peoples New Year resolutions.



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

January's Grape Expectations event evening was pre-empted by medical circumstances of the original hosts and illness of both scheduled backup hosts, as well as some nasty January weather. December's event, scheduled for Boxing Day, was similarly cancelled for obvious reasons.

However, we did have a marvellous evening in November. Our Wine Tasting was held on Tuesday, the 28th at the homes of Heddy Wright (12 attendees) and Pat McIntyre (8 attendees); 5 others were scheduled to attend but illness and family matters prevented them from doing so.

A fine selection of Ontario VQA wines was presented and rated by all attending. The clear winner this time round was a Wayne Gretzky Baco Noir that impressed most of us and received high marks. A couple of our tasters were not at all pleased with this particular wine and rated it far below the average rating. Wine tasting and appreciation is definitely a very personal thing. To complement the fine selection of wines, an array of Canadian cheeses and other local delicacies were provided and enjoyed by all.

Below are some photos of the wine selection and happy participants at both venues.



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



Regardless of the fog on Wednesday, 10 players made their way to Burlington for the bid euchre game. Zina Yaworski zoomed in & got high score of 215. Donna Elliott & Linda Reid had the next highest scores. We had a rare event with 3 players getting a moon - Zina Yaworski, Anna Marie Jones & Dan Reid. The next game will be back in Burlington on Feb 28th.



## **14 Canasta Anna Marie Jones 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00**

The January Canasta games were played at the home of Tom & Anna Marie Jones. What better way to enjoy a dreary January afternoon, than a fun game of cards. Brian Budworth was the only two game winner (no Pic). Thanks to Moe Rolph for sparing. Looking forward to the games in February.

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



The year got off to a bit of a slow start with a cancellation due to the January deep freeze setting in which is not the best for our health. Week two saw a thaw sufficient to allow us to walk the sheltered trails of Britton Tract. We were able to set a brisk pace. The was fresh and many participants commented on snow crunching under our feet. As you can some folks set a faster pace than others.







We then returned to a favourite walk area a Crawford Lake . We were treated to a cool but breeze freeze stroll through the flat and snow dusted trails. we also got to view some new carvings along with our cold but friendly butterflies.

Our final walk for January went through Bronte Creek Park. 8 hikers enjoyed the walk through field and forest.

We walk every Monday morning (weather permitting) at 10am, usually for about an hour. If you are interested in joining us please contact myself (Terry Cole) or Walter Eadie.” We will be more than happy to add you to the mailing list. We send out an Email Sunday to advise members of the upcoming venue and our meeting place.





# JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

Thanks for these Denise:



# MILTON PROBUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023/2024



**Front row**

Henry Popp President	Susan Popp Vice President	Anne Eadie Secretary	Alice Carey Treasurer	Nancy Lynn Membership Dir.	Heddy Wright Special Events Dir.
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**Back Row**

David Hunt Newsletter.	Heather Ley Property Dir.	Patricia McIntyre Fellowship Dir.	Brian Budworth Program Dir.	Larry Meehan Program Dir.	Brian Murphy Communications Dir.
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**Missing**

Bill Scarrow Past President	Darlene Scarrow Special Events Dir.
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## February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	6	7	1	2
				1:00 PM <b>Jokers - Joker</b>  V1 - Linda & Dan Reid V2 - Joe & Zina Yaworski
9:30 AM <b>The Walking Group</b> E-mail notification Terry Cole		10:00 AM <b>General Meeting</b> <b>Milton Sports Centre</b> Henry Popp	1:30 PM <b>Book Club - Spinecrackers</b>  Nancy Lynn	1:30 PM <b>Bid Euchre - Friday</b>  Zina Yaworski
12	13	14	15	16
9:30 AM <b>The Walking Group</b> E-mail notification Terry Cole	1:30 PM <b>Jokers – Jester Joker</b>  Bill Turnbull	1:30 PM <b>Euchre</b> Barbara Shein Elizabeth Dixon	5:00 PM <b>Dining – Bits and Bites</b>  Marlene Murphy	1:30 PM <b>Jokers – Wee Joker</b>  Marlene Murphy
19	20	21	22	23
9:30 AM <b>The Walking Group</b> E-mail notification Terry Cole <hr/> 1:30 PM <b>Executive Meeting</b> Henry Popp				1:00 PM <b>Cards - Canasta</b>  Anna Marie Jones
26	27	28	29	
9:30 AM <b>The Walking Group</b> E-mail notification Terry Cole	7:00 PM <b>Wine – Grape Expectations</b>  Joe Bernardino	1:00 PM <b>Bid Euchre - Wednesday</b>  Donna Elliott John Stubbington	1:00 PM <b>Cards - Bridge</b>  Ruth Parkinson	