

# Milton Probus Pulse



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## From the President: Henry Popp



Looking at the weather forecast for the next few days, one could be lulled into thinking that Spring is almost here. However, considerable temperature swings are expected so that plants, bushes and trees that are already budding could suffer from a late Winter frost. So, it is definitely too soon to get to work in the garden, and I would even suggest not to put snow shovels and other winter tools away quite yet! A late Winter or early Spring snowfall is not unheard of!

Hopes of Spring notwithstanding, the Management Team continues to be busy. The Financial Statements for the year 2023 have been completed and distributed to the club membership, and the Management Team have approved the financial budget for 2024. The Probus Club of Milton is in a strong financial position! We have completed our annual review of the Management Team job descriptions, by-laws and policies of the club have been reviewed or are presently under review, and a Health Safety & Wellness Protocol is being drafted to update/replace the Covid Protocols that were introduced during the Covid shutdown.

With Spring comes the annual changeover of the Management Team. Past President Bill Scarrow and his nominating team have drafted new members to replace those on the Management Team whose terms will end at the April AGM. The incoming Management Team members will be introduced at our next monthly meeting March 6, 2024.

As usual we look forward to our monthly speakers, not to forget Special Events. On March 23, 2024 we will have an “Old Time Rock & Roll Dance” and hope that many of you will attend that function. Looking ahead, other Special Events ideas are in the pipeline and will provide all of us opportunity to attend various “good-weather” events as we get into Spring and Summer and beyond.

## **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**

Membership - Pulse March 2024.

The club began the 2024 year with only 117 members rejoining, which is the lowest for many years. We unfortunately had four long time members who could not rejoin due to ill health or moving away from Milton and we wish them well for 2024.

While we have already had a few new members or guests so far this year, attendance at the February General Meeting was low (71 people). Although this is often the case in February, somewhat due to our snowbirds who leave for a few months, the other warm weather travelers, and unfortunately some ill health among members, but is indicative of the lower overall membership numbers.

Now it's time for you to look around your social circle, invite a guest, or two or three, to attend as a potential member and help boost the membership.

Remember – Let's share the Fellowship, Friendship & Fun!

## From Our Membership Director: Nancy Lynn

Please welcome these new members to our group:

Carol Pike  
Brian Idenden  
Gwen Holroyd  
Eileen O'Neil

Contact information can be found in the Members Only section of our website.

## From Our Program Directors: Larry Meehan, Brian Budworth

**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. She is an Autism Ontario employee as well as a mom to an 11-year-old on the spectrum. She has two other children as well, all three are boys! When not working she enjoys spending time with my family and walking her dog through the trails on the Don River.

**April**- Josh Martin, Topic - Making Tough Times less Tough



Josh is a Cancer survivor and a motivational content creator on a mission to cultivate wellness through stories and doodles. In my work, I strive to operate at the intersection of “ha-ha” and “a-ha.”

“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.



**FUN FACT**  
**Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend actually thinking.**

**I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars but I really think it's the Vodka**

**From Our Special Events Directors: Darlene Scarrow, Heddy Wright**

**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 Probus member Partner

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

Or Cheque to The Probus 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.

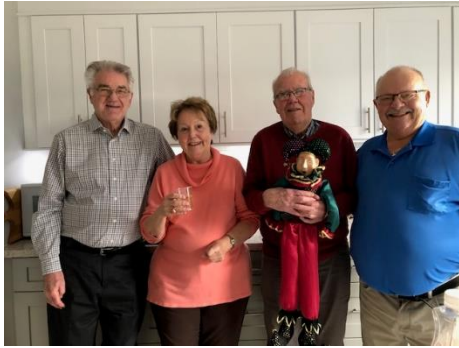
Also, if you are in need of a ride to our Monthly Meetings or one of our events, please contact Pat to arrange for a pick-up.



## Special Interest Groups

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

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



Jane Cole hosted 12 Joker players today with snack food and cold drinks.

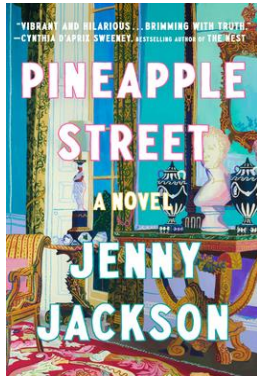
There was (Venue 1 ONLY) today as 7 players were away on vacation and some are recovering in the Hospital.

We played 4 joker games and the winners were:

Brian Budworth was the top winner of all 4 games - good going Brian. The 3 game winners were Anne Taylor, Dan Reid and Terry Cole.

Everyone was in a great mood and happy to get together and have fun playing the joker game.

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



Susan Popp hosted our group of non-travelling readers this month. Many thanks for her hospitality. Pat McIntyre managed the meeting while Nancy and hubby were seeking the sun. AND the group were treated to a poem created by Tom Jones.

The book this month was **Pineapple Street** by Jenny Jackson. Although it has many very good reviews, many in our group were not impressed. It is the story of a very privileged family in New York, and their attitude and concept of wealth. Discussions touched on subject like defining what "poor" means and different suggestions about the various levels of what rich ness. It was also suggested the book was a social commentary of the rich and poor.



**4 Friday Bid Euchre Joe & Zina Yaworski 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00**



Bob and Carol Streeter hosted the February 9, 2024 Friday Bid Euchre game. As two couples, Joe & Zina Yaworski and David and Nancy Lynn were away, we only had two tables playing. The top player was Bill Turnbull with 179 and Bonnie Chapman and Carol Elliott both had a score of 137. The next game will be hosted by Carol Elliott on March 8 @ 1:00 pm.

**5 Wednesday Bid Euchre Barbara Shein & Elizabeth Dixon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. @ 1:30**

The revived Euchre group held our first event on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Elizabeth Dixon. Eight avid Euchre players had a great afternoon of lively conversation and fun. Congratulations go to Michael Hooker who took the honour of Top Score for the day. New members are welcome. Contact Barbara or Elizabeth if interested.



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

Mother Nature, again, decided to drop snow on us the evening of Bits and Bites, which made travelling a little dicey. Our members from Burlington made the smart call and tucked in at home for the evening. Denise prepared her appetizer, so called the neighbors in to share. Twenty-two members signed up for February Bits and Bites. We split the attendees into two groups. Carol Elliot's home was the first venue. The second group was hosted by David and Angela Hunt. Both groups had a lovely evening and delicious appetizers.



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



Thank you to Carol and Bob Streeter for hosting twelve Joker players the month of February. One table of four had a long painful game. They still had fun, but David did not have his best game. While we enjoyed a lunch provided by Carol, four keeners played a fourth game. It was an enjoyable Friday afternoon. We welcome new players in the future as our Joker family grows.





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

“Snowbird absences and medical situations reduced our numbers to roughly half of the group for the February Grape Expectations event.

15 avid tasters gathered at Tom and Anna Marie Jones’s and we all had a marvellous evening of good wine, tasty snacks and great conversations. Photos and more details next month.”

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

Our game of bid euchre on Feb 28 was cancelled due to the weather forecast of high winds & possible flash freezing in the afternoon. We hope for a better forecast in March when we meet at Moe Rolph’s place on the 27th.

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



A fun filled afternoon of canasta was had by all 12 players. Carole and Brian Budworth hosted the games. There were four - two game winners - Moe Rolph, Bill Turnbull, Linda Heggie, and Carole Budworth. Sorry Carole you did not make the pic. Lovely treats were served by the host and hostess. Tea, Coffee and sweets finished off the afternoon, followed by a glass of wine. Thanks to Moe Rolph for sparing.

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



If you’re contemplating some moderate exercise and a chance to socialize with more members of our Probus Club, our walking group would love for you to join with us. Listed below are the walks we enjoyed through February.

### **Feb 5th**

Not many people thought it was worth the drive to Bronte last week, so this week we will stay in Milton.

While Bronte Creek was completely snow-free, that is still not the case at local conservation areas (Hilton Falls was snow-covered and slippery last week).

Instead, Terry will lead us on a walk on the paths around his neighbourhood, starting and ending at Milton Mall.

So no reservations, no car-pooling, just show up.

### **Feb 12th**

It looks like a comfortable morning for walking tomorrow.

A few of us felt the effects of walking on hard paved surfaces last week so let's return to the conservation area trails tomorrow.

We will go to Mountsberg Conservation Area and walk on parts of the Pioneer Trail – should be about 4-4.5 km and flat.

### **Feb 19th**

Tomorrow is Family Day and with child-minding duties and other family obligations, I am sure we will be missing some regulars.

Also, it is going to be a bit colder, although not prohibitively so (around -5 deg.)

I thought we would stay close to home and walk our familiar Indian Creek Trail, starting at the Sherwood Community Centre/Library.

While the trail will be snow covered it is not icy and there are no hills.

### **Feb 26th**

Gerry Dowd has a new walk in Mississauga for us to try. It is flat, scenic, and around our usual 4.5 km in length. I hope you will be able to join him.

## **12 Bridge Ruth Parkinson**

The Milton Probus Bridge held a joint afternoon with the Escarpment Bridge at the Grace church. Sixteen enjoyed the afternoon. Another trial of combining the two Probus bridge groups is being held March 7th at the Grace church. If interested, contact [ruth.parkinson@sympatico.ca](mailto:ruth.parkinson@sympatico.ca).



# JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

Thanks Carol Streeter:

1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

Thanks Denise Potter:

**I found \$20 in a parking lot and thought to myself, What Would Jesus Do?**

**So, I turned it into wine.**



## March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	5	6	7	1 1:00 PM <b>Jokers - Joker</b> V1 - Linda & Dan Reid V2 - Joe & Zina Yaworski
9:30 AM <i>The Walking Group</i> E-mail notification Terry Cole		10:00 AM <b>General Meeting</b> <b>Milton Sports Centre</b> Henry Popp	1:00 PM <b>Cards - Bridge</b>  Ruth Parkinson	1:00 PM <b>Bid Euchre - Friday</b>  Zina Yaworski
11	12	13	14	15
9:30 AM <i>The Walking Group</i> 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	1:30 PM <b>Book Club - Spinecrackers</b>  Nancy Lynn	1:00 PM <b>Jokers – Wee Joker</b>  Marlene Murphy
18	19	20	21	22
9:30 AM <i>The Walking Group</i> E-mail notification Terry Cole 1:30 PM <b>Executive Meeting</b> Henry Popp			5:00 PM <b>Dining – Bits and Bites</b>  Marlene Murphy	1:00 PM <b>Cards - Canasta</b>  Anna Marie Jones
25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday
9:30 AM <i>The Walking Group</i> 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		