

Milton Probus Pulse

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**General Meeting
Sept 9, 2026
At 10 am**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sure we are all saying the same about now – “I can’t believe it’s September already”. There is something of a ‘back to school’ vibe in the air and I hope we are all looking forward to next week and our first general meeting of ‘the new term’.

Just like school, it doesn’t mean that nothing has happened over the summer. A new ‘Gourmet Group’, a ‘Cycling Group’ and a ‘Guys Coffee Morning’ have all got off the ground. A small group of travelers has left for a European river cruise and our Club has enrolled in a Senior Discovery Tours rebate program (more in the Travel section).

Unfortunately, some members have experienced personal health problems or losses within their family. Our Fellowship director Pat Oates has done a great job of keeping up with the news and sending appropriate cards and best wishes on behalf of the Club.

Most of us join our Probus club and get involved in various activities but we really don’t know much about the overall Probus organization in Canada or abroad. I’ll try and fill in some background over the next few months.

Last year our Club celebrated its 20th anniversary and next year Probus Canada will celebrate its 40th anniversary. We will hear more about that as we get to the end of the year.

Did you know that Probus Canada lists 261 member clubs, of which 185 are in Ontario? Some of the earliest Canadian Probus clubs are close by in Cambridge, Oakville and Burlington. While we only have 2 clubs in Milton, there are 7 each in Burlington, Mississauga, and Brampton. Part of the reason is the former practice of having men-only or women-only clubs. Probus Canada no longer permits single-gender clubs as of 2023, but these established clubs are grandfathered. Interestingly, 16 of the 26 clubs around us are single-gender clubs.

I believe we are all happy that our founders decided on a ‘mixed’ club and I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on September 9th.

Walter Eadie



DATE CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Please note that we will not be meeting the first week in September, as the room will not be available. Therefore, our first meeting in the fall will be on **September 9**. Please mark your calendars.

FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

At our first meeting, after our summer break, we welcome Kristina Tesser-Derksen as our speaker. Kristina, known as a home grown girl, as a local lawyer and as a well known community volunteer, is also the MP for Milton East and Halton Hills south. Kristina will share her childhood dream and her career route that got her to Ottawa.

Laurie Andrews

MEMBER INFORMATION

If you need any contact information for any of our members, please go to the detailed contact information, in the Members Only section of the Probus Milton website.

DID YOU KNOW ???

The Milton Public Library offers a monthly virtual program called Tech Talk. On September 4, they will cover ChatGPT, Copilot and Gemini. October will cover Computer Fundamentals: Windows 11 and Mac Basics. November will be on Apps and Websites Packed with Value, and December will cover From Browsing to Buying: Shopping on Amazon, Facebook Marketplace and Beyond.

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

Reminder: please be considerate of your fellow members and leave 3 clear days after a cold/flu or return from vacation before participating in any Probus activity.

In Memoriam We have been advised of the passing of Bridie Sneyd on August 10th. Bridie was the widow of the late Liam Sneyd who died in 2025. Birdie and Liam were members of the Probus Club of Milton from 2014 to 2022.

Cremation has already taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Bridie's place of birth, St. John Newfoundland.

A card of condolence has been sent to Bridie's brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Peter and Pat Sneyd.

The Greeters for the Probus September meeting are Lorne and Gabriele Thompson.

If you are aware of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise our Fellowship Director 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 me to arrange for a pick-up.

Pat Oates

FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

MUSIC OF THE EAGLES

Date: Monday September 14
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: First Ontario Arts Centre Milton
Cost: \$70
Capacity: 20

Sign up Deadline: August 26, 2026

Email payment to: miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com

Details for dinner out to follow. Hope to see you there.



The **Christmas Show of Elvis** wonderfully world of Christmas legacy tour at the Milton Art Theatre will be on December 20. Cost \$65 pp at 7:30 pm. More details will be shared at our meeting on September 9th.





Sixteen people attended The Golden Girls in Kitchener. You might say the highlight was the tornado warning during the second half of the show and how easily the characters fit it into the play. Once the play was finished we went to Crabby Joes for dinner.

On September 23, An Evening with Mary Walsh will be held at First Ontario Arts Centre Milton. These tickets are \$25 and available through the First Ontario website or box office. This will be A PAY AS YOU GO event.

Other events may include a tour of the Amazon Fulfilment Centre and a trip to the Georgetown Little Theatre. Details to follow.

Vicky McGonigle and Brian Idenden

PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP



As you read this newsletter the Travel Group will be in Switzerland and then on our river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. More about that next month.

We have come to the realization that our Probus Club of Milton have many members with many diverse travel wishes and experience.

We encourage everyone to travel as they have been and are comfortable doing. We will make a couple of group recommendations for 2027 soon.

Reminder: Insider Benefits Program at Senior Discovery Tours

For those of you who choose to travel with Senior Discovery Tours, know that our Probus Club receives 4% of the total cost of your tour that you book with them. When you book, please remember to tell them **at booking** that you are with the Probus Club of Milton and our code is 'Probus-Milton'. Then please let Louise Merritt know your date and destination of travel. At year end we report to Senior Discovery the dates and destinations of our member's travel. Senior Discovery will only forward the Club any benefit program amount that we report and apply to them.

Please note: this is not an endorsement of, or an encouragement to use, Senior Discovery Tours. It is just to let those who might plan to use their services know of a benefit to our Club at no cost to you as the traveler. Contact one of us for more information or explanation.

Wishing you many future travel adventures.

Katherine Pulford & Louise Merritt
Travel Group Co-Chairs

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Jokers, Venue 1 & 2— 1st Friday of the Month @ 1 pm



Jokers Venue 1 and 2 were combined on August 7th and was held at the home of Linda and Dan Reid. There were three tables of enthusiastic players. The big winners of the afternoon were Joe Yaworski and Linda Reid. After Jokers, we enjoyed fellowship and a delicious ice cream dessert made by Linda.

Jean Robinson

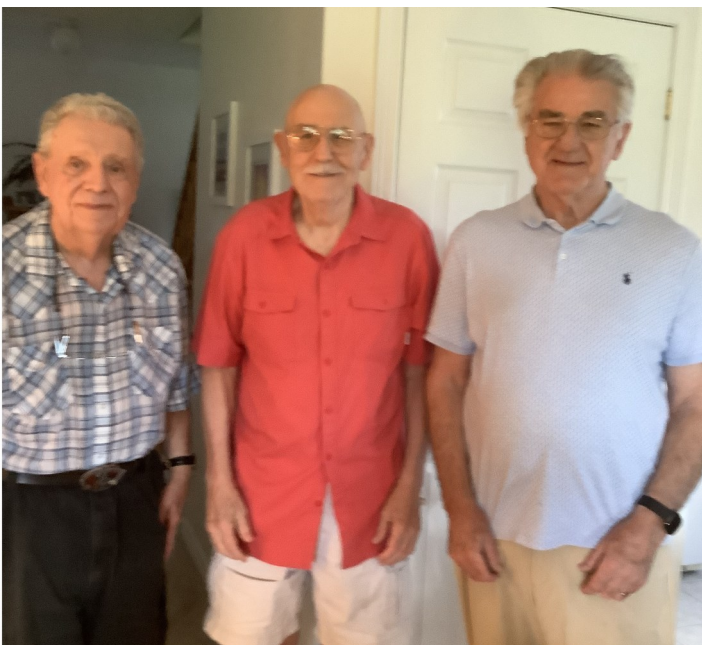
Canasta—4th Friday of the Month @ 1 pm



A fun afternoon of canasta was played at Moe Rolph's home. Three tables of eager players used strategy to make their canasta's and enjoy the afternoon. Moe served tasty snacks - including egg salad sandwiches, which everyone raved about. The afternoon ended with tea, coffee, mini cheese cakes, cookies, date squares, and lots of conversation. Thanks to Gaye Bovair for sparing. Brenda Morrow and Gaye Bovair were the two game winners. September canasta will be held at Carole and Brian Budworth's.

AnnaMarie Jones

Wed. Euchre—2nd Wed. of the Month @ 1:30 pm



The guys prevailed on Wed Aug 26th bid euchre game. David Lynn scored an impressive 236, followed by Dan Reid's 210 and John Stubbington with 185.

Thank you to the Reid's for hosting a fun afternoon of cards.

Our next game will be back at the Reid's on Sept 23rd.

Donna Elliott

Friday Bid Euchre —2nd Fri. of the Month @ 1:00



Our August, Friday Bid Euchre games were hosted by Nancy and David Lynn.

The top players were Bill Turnbull (197), Joe Yaworski (184) and Zina Yawroski (182). Zina also had a successful Moon! Thank you Moe Rolph for sparing.

Thank you Nancy and David for the tasty snacks and beverages throughout the afternoon. The rhubarb cheesecake was a “HIT” during conversation time after the games.

Joe Yaworski

Cycling Club—2 Saturdays a Month @ 10 am



Our third ride this summer started at the Mattamy National Cycling Center. We cycled the path along Tremaine to Sherwood Community Center and back, with a few extra detours. Beautiful day, good distance at a leisurely speed.

Distance 14 kms

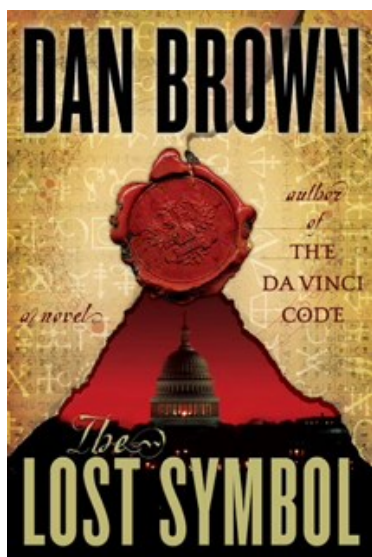
Speed 15 km/hr

We are open to more cyclists. If you are interested, contact Mary Clarke by email miltonprobus@gmail.com

We cycle Saturday morning at 10:00 twice a month. Our next ride is Saturday, Sept 12th at 10:00. Come join us.

Mary Clarke

Spinecrackers (book club) - 2nd Thurs. @ 1:30 pm



Many thanks to Dan and Tom for hosting this month. One group extended the social part of Seats and Treats to an hour - we have so much to comment on or share! We read a classic Dan Brown (Richard Langdon) novel this month. Set within a 24 hour span, Langdon becomes involved in a race to find a hidden Masonic pyramid to save Langdon's kidnapped mentor. The professor must do his usual decrypting of symbols and clues and navigate many Washington D.C. buildings.

Many of our group seemed awed by the amount of research and facts that Brown included in his story. However, many felt that it was too much, too many facts, too many characters and too much 'filler'. Apple TV did one season based on this novel.

Nancy Lynn

Pageeturners (book club) - 4th Thurs. @ 1:00 pm



The Page Turners met on August 27 at the home of JoAnne Clement to discuss Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth.

Mad Mabel was a huge hit with the group, receiving two 4.5 ratings and the rest a perfect 5 out of 5. I don't imagine we will come across many books that are so universally well received. We loved the humour and unexpected twists, while also appreciating the way Sally Hepworth wove serious issues into the story. The surprising ending gave us plenty to discuss, and we all agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable read.

JoAnne Clement

Average Rating: 4.9/5

Bits & Bites—3rd Thursday of the Month @ 5 pm



The weather was beautiful for our August Bits & Bites, and with 26 members attending, we gathered at two locations.

Heather Ley's Gathering



Heather's delightful garden provided the perfect setting, and we were able to enjoy the outdoors for the entire gathering. The temperature couldn't have been better! When the food was ready, Heather rang a bell at the kitchen window, calling everyone to the table — a charming touch that got everyone's attention.

The table was soon filled with an array of appetizing appetizers, followed by lovely desserts provided by Heather. Good food, beautiful surroundings and great company made for another wonderful August Bits & Bites.



Denise Potter's Gathering



At Denise's, there were many laughs as members shared pictures from their younger days. In many cases, it became quite the guessing game — some faces were easier to recognize than others! Guests enjoyed delicious appetizers and Denise's equally delicious desserts. It was a wonderful evening of reminiscing, laughter and good company.



Marlene Murphy

Wee Jokers—3rd Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm



The August Wee Jokers had a fun afternoon of cards, with three tables hosted by Brian and Marlene.

Congratulations to Anna Marie Jones, who was the afternoon's three-game winner!

It was a great afternoon of cards, laughter, and good company. Thank you to Jean Robinson and Anna Marie Jones for joining us.

Marlene Murphy

Bridge Club—4th Thurs. of the Month @ 1 pm



Two tables of challenging bridge with a delicious dessert topping a friendly afternoon occurred at the Mistruzzi's.

Next month on the 22nd we will again be at the Mistruzzi's, with members supplying the treats.

Ruth Parkinson

Walking Group - every Mon. of the Month at 9:30



The Walking Group meets every Monday at 9:30.



Our numbers have varied this month due to some members being on holiday and other summer plans. This hasn't stopped us from having a lot of fun on our walks and in some cases, made it a bit easier to get to know our fellow walkers.

When we walked part of the Milton Pipeline Trail, James decided that this time, he was going to get an artistic photo. It did take us some time to decide on which rock we wanted to pose! We also re-visited The Opsrey Marsh Loop in Mississauga, starting with a portion of the Lisgar Meadow Brook Trail. Due to the weather forecast of possible showers, we were a small group which allowed us to walk quickly to avoid getting wet.

If you are interested in joining the Walking Group, please contact Peter Guttinger. He sends out an email each Sunday afternoon with the details of where and when we will be walking, and where to meet if you are hoping to car pool. During the hotter months, we have been starting early, so please be sure to check the times in the Sunday email.

We would love for you to join us.

Wendy Mistruzzi

Grape Expectations—4th Tues. of the Month 7 pm

This month we were treated to wines selected by Heddy Wright and Peter Tessaro. The theme was wines from Heritage Wineries in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula.

Three whites and three reds were tasted and rated and the results are shown below. The smaller group (at the Mistruzzi's) were somewhat more critical of the selections, but no one went home dissatisfied.

As usual, great conversations were held around the table, varying from soup to nuts - yes even our favorite nut south of the border came into the picture.

Food selections and desserts were most satisfying and complemented the wines perfectly. Photos of the two happy groups are appended below.

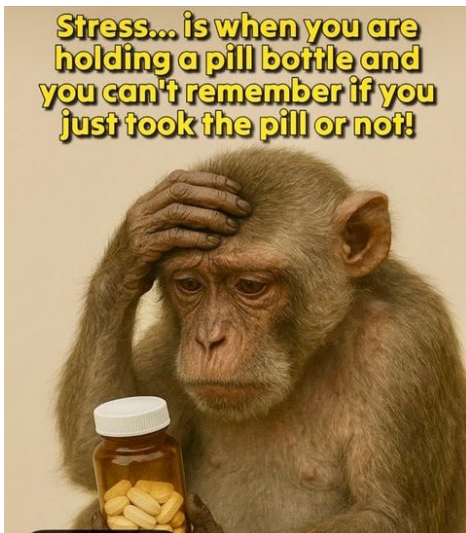
Jose Bernardino



Denise's Funnies

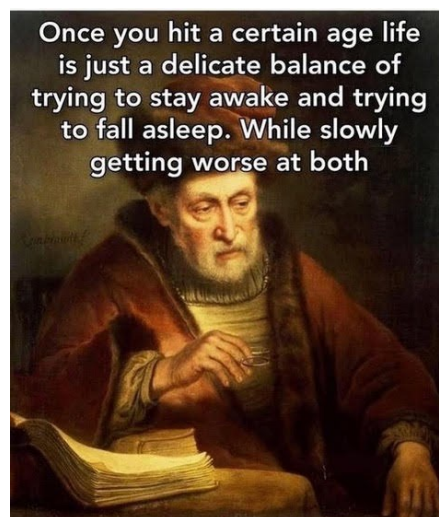


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life support,
unplug me...
Then plug me back in..
See if that works..



It's a 5 minute walk
from my house to the
pub. It's a 30 minute
walk from the pub to
my house.

The difference is
staggering.





Probus Club of Milton
was the recipient of a
Grant from the Town of
Milton to purchase a new
laptop

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