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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Canada Day to everyone!

Kudos to Gwen for producing the first July newsletter in our 20-year history!

This certainly reinforces my message from last month that Probus does not shut down for the summer. You will see that there are Special Events for us to enjoy each month and our Special Interest groups have some new additions. Mary Clarke is trying to get a cycling group going, Brenda Hicks is encouraging 10-pin bowlers to join her at Champs, and the men in our club have enjoyed a couple of Guys Coffee mornings.

I hope everyone has a great summer. If you are sticking around, I hope to see you out at some of our summer activities.



It's only fair that a short President's Message comes with a short joke, so here it is:

"A woman walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist for a bottle of arsenic. What for?, asks the pharmacist. I want to kill my husband, she replies.

Good grief, he says. I absolutely could never do that. It is against all that we pharmacists stand for. The woman pulls out a photograph of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife and hands it to him. Oh, he says, you didn't tell me you had a prescription!

Walter Eadie

DATE CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER 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.

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.

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

IN MEMORIAM

Norma Haigh Copeland
Nov. 2, 1936 - June 5, 2026

It is with sadness that we share the passing of a former Milton Probus Member, Norma Copeland. She will be fondly remembered by many friends in our Square Dancing Community and our Probus Club.

Our Sincere condolences go out to her husband Keith and family. RIP

Greeters

Thank you so very much to our June Greeters, Brenda Hicks and Clare Ganson Bell.

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

PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP



New: Insider Benefits Program at Senior Discovery Tours:

Attention Travelers!

The Travel Group Chairs have been working with Senior Discovery Tours and are pleased to report that as of June 2026 the Probus Club of Milton is enrolled in the Senior Discovery Tour's 'Insider Benefits Program'.

This is a free program that will provide the Probus Club of Milton (not the individual traveler) with a 4% commission on any Senior Discovery Tours that members of the Probus Club of Milton complete.

Please note: this is not an endorsement of, or an encouragement to use, Senior Discovery Tours. It is just to let those who plan to use their services know of a benefit to our Club.

How this works: and what it means for the Probus Club of Milton.

At the time of booking a tour with Senior Discovery Tours, inform them that you are a member of the Probus Club of Milton and you want your trip to be part of the Insider Benefits Program. You will need to give the Club Code: which is "PROBUS-MILTON".

If you choose to book travel with Senior Discovery Tours, please notify our Travel Group Chair (Louise Merritt) of the tour you have booked. Louise will record the traveler's name, destination, and date of travel. At the end of the calendar year the Club will submit its travel records and will receive a 4 % commission from Senior Discovery Tours. Note that this applies only to members of the Probus Club of Milton who are in your travel party (not family or friends), and must be registered at the time of booking.

Members of the Probus Club of Milton are under no obligation to use Senior Discovery Tours. We encourage everyone to travel as you can, and whatever travel systems and programs you have that are working for you, we encourage you to continue.

Members can visit the website for more information about the Insider Benefits Program at [Insider Club Benefits | Senior Discovery Tours](#).

*Katherine Pulford & Louise Merritt
Travel Group Co-Chairs*

FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

Vicky McGonigle and Brian Idenden

Do you love The Beatles? Then Milton Probus Special Events Team Invites you to:

The Caverners, A Beatles Tribute Band - At Chudleigh's Apple Farm

Date: Friday July 3, 2026, 6:30—9:00 pm

Time: Doors open 6:30 pm, the one hour show starts at 7:30 pm

Place: Chudleigh's Apple Farm, 9528 Regional Road 25, Milton

Cost: \$28.56 (includes taxes and fees). The QR code will be your ticket.

They do have food available, as well as alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. The pizza is very good and costs \$13. There is also a huge fire pit just steps away from the exit where people are allowed to hang out after the show.

Payment: Pay as you go — To purchase tickets visit <https://www.chudleighs.com/select-tickets/?id=7425>. Make sure you buy the 6:30 pm show, not the 9 pm show.

Please respond to miltonprobusspecialevents@gmail.com once you have purchased your ticket, so we know how many tables to save.

On June 24 we had 26 people for our Mini Golf Tournament. Doug Ames was the winner with the lowest score. Ruth Parkinson was Most Honest Golfer. After golfing we went to Beer House on Appleby Line for delicious lunches. It was a great day, great weather, fun activities and good food to follow.

Pictures are on the following pages.

June 24 Golf







SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Canasta—4th Friday of the Month @ 1 pm



A fun afternoon of canasta was played at the home of Bill and Corinne Turnbull. Everyone was eager and ready to play the game. Snacks were served along with cheese and crackers. Myra Faichnie and Pat Oates were the two game winners. The afternoon ended with delicious strawberry cake and lots of good conversation.

AnnaMarie Jones

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



The Euchre group met on June 10th at the home of Margo Kent.

Since we had nine players in attendance, we played one table of four and another with five players.

Our newest member, Valerie Kane was the overall winner at the table of four and Louise Merritt handily lead the group in five-handed Euchre.

Lots of fun and laughter was had by all.

Many thanks to Margo for being such a wonderful host.

Our next event will be held on July 8th.

New players are welcome...experience is not required. Contact Barbara Shein if interested.

Barbara Shein

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



Jokers on Friday June 5th was an enjoyable event that began with a delicious lunch shared by all participants at my home. After everyone had a chance to socialize and enjoy the lunch, four exciting games were played, with players showing great enthusiasm and friendly competition throughout the afternoon. Carol Streeter emerged as the overall winner after winning all four games! Tea, coffee and dessert was enjoyed after the games. The event was a success, providing plenty of fun, laughter, and camaraderie for everyone involved.

Jean Robinson



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



Dan and Linda Reid hosted the June Friday Bid Euchre games. We thank Myra Faichnie for dropping everything and coming to play at the very last minute! Also, thank you Moe Rolph for sparing.

The big winner was Bill Turnbull with 226 points. Corinne Turnbull's MOON couldn't catch up with Bill but she was close behind with 195 and Dan Reid had 178.

Thank you, Dan and Linda for your hospitality, snacks, beverages and the delicious banana sundae cake!

We will be playing throughout the summer.

Joe Yaworski

Jester Jokers—2nd Tues. of the Month @ 1:30 pm

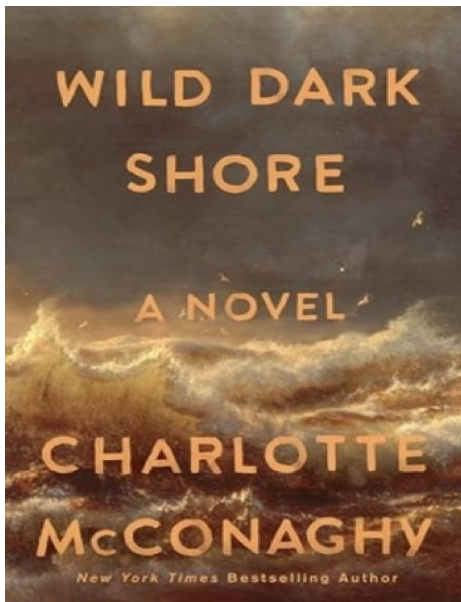
Our “Kick-off to Summer” Jester event was held on June 9th. Bill & Darlene Scarrow again graciously offered to host the entire group at their home for an afternoon of fun, food and socialization. Pat Sneyd was the overall winner of the games portion of the day, winning all 3 games she played. Megs Shellard, Linda Swift and Corinne Turnbull also won 3 games, however competed in 4. Upon completion of play, Bill displayed his skills on the barbeque grilling up burgers, while Darlene laid out a spread of numerous salads and goodies. The day was so beautiful that some of us adjourned to the pool area to finish up the afternoon with a glass of wine. Our thanks to the Scarrows for hosting such a great gathering. We all hope it continues as an annual event.



Bill Turnbull



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



The 'Seats and Treats' time creates the opportunity for our members to enjoy goodies but also to share in the latest events in their worlds or to speak of other 'non book' items. Nancy's group went from travel insurance and pacemakers to memory blockage and driving license tests to the potato famine in Ireland! (And not one Trump moment at Nancy's) **Wild Dark Shore** is the story of a family on an isolated island coping with trauma when a mysterious woman washes ashore. The novel deals with the themes of climate change, grief, isolation and love.

Many thanks to Louise for her book choice this month. Many felt this book had so many good things about it that they rated it a ten or close to it. Others did not feel as strongly and felt the story a bit slow and parts hardly believable and somewhat depressing.



Nancy Lynn

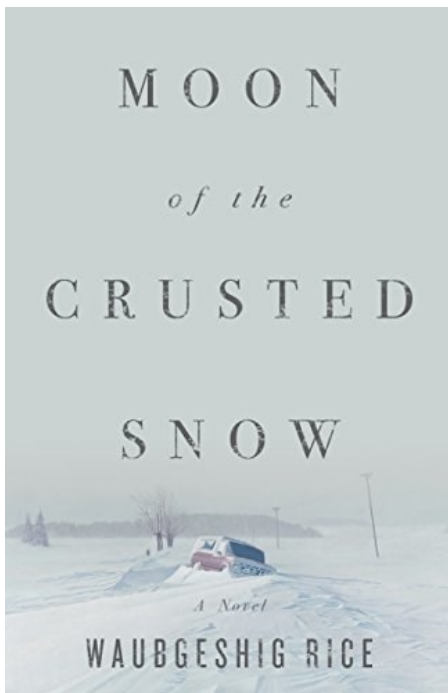
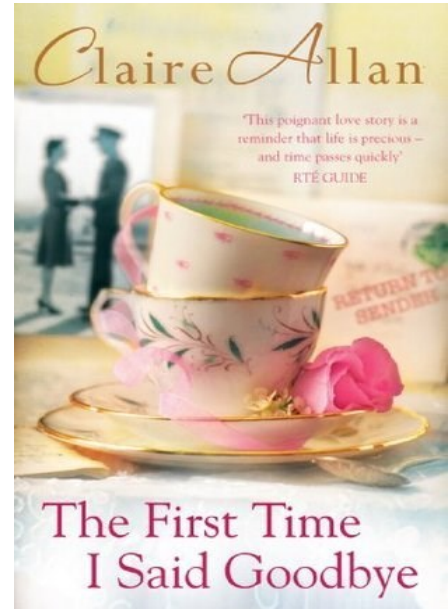


The Pageturners book club have met twice since the last newsletter.

On May 28th, a group of four members gathered to discuss **The First Time I Said Goodbye** by Claire Allan. The story centered around two mothers whose lies set off a chain of consequences that unfold throughout the novel.

While the premise had potential, the overall consensus was that the book was an easy but ultimately forgettable read. The characters were predictable and lacked much complexity, making it a quick page-turner without leaving a lasting impression. If you're looking for a light, uncomplicated read to pass the time, this one fits the bill.

Average Rating: 2.7/5



Our June meeting sparked one of our liveliest discussions yet as we explored **Moon of the Crusted Snow** by Waubgeshig Rice. Set in a remote Indigenous community where the power goes out and all contact with the outside world is suddenly lost, the novel prompted thoughtful conversations about survival, community and human nature.

The straightforward writing style and authentic dialogue reflected the Indigenous setting beautifully, and many of us came away with a greater appreciation for life on a reserve and the strength that comes from a close-knit community. We also could not help but imagine ourselves in the same situation, realizing just how unprepared most of us would be without modern conveniences or basic survival skills.

With its thought-provoking themes and plenty of room for interpretation, this book generated a wide range of opinions and made for an engaging discussion.

Average Rating: 3.7/5

JoAnne Clement

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



Despite the cool, breezy weather, some members enjoyed a few minutes outdoors in Eadie's beautiful gardens. Walter and Anne hosted June Bits and Bites.



Marlene Murphy

The Gourmet Group



The Gourmet Dining Group consisting of Karen & John Seincich, Barbara & Orest Shein & Tom and Shirley Dusmet met for our first dining experience at the Dusmets on May 25th.

Lots of learning with new recipes and ideas. Good conversation, great company, good food & wine enjoyed by all.

Looking forward to our next dinner at the Shein's, July 10th on the patio (weather permitting of course).

Shirley Dusmet

Gourmet Dining Group

*Prepared by: Barbara & Orest Shein,
Karen & John Sencich, Shirley & Tom
Dusmet (Hosts)*

Menu

*Roasted Stuffed Dates with Toasted
Walnuts and Gorgonzola
2024 Trius Riesling VQA Niagara*

*Borscht with Sour Cream
Pinot Noir 2025 - Chateau Des Charmes*

*Fresh Assorted Greens - Olive Oil,
Balsamic Dressing
Grey Label Shiraz 2013 Wolf Blass*

*Baked Pistachio Crusted Salmon -
Lemon Sour Cream
Duchesse Potato - Asparagus Spears
Roasted Buttered Radishes
Crama Ragala 2023 -
Cabernet Sauvignon*

*Decadent Caramel Mousse & Sea Salt
Inniskillin Late Autumn Reisling -
Estate Series*



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



The three game winners of Wee Jokers was Linda Heggie and Bob Streeter. Heddy Wright hosted June Wee Jokers.

Marlene Murphy

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



Joanne Ticknor was the winner. Carolyn Miller joined our group today. Strawberries were enjoyed following the game. Next month, Wendy and James will host.

Ruth Parkinson

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



We did it! We finally got to walk outside every Monday in May. We have consistently had eighteen to nineteen walkers.

On May 4th, we ventured out to Courtcliff Park. Located in the community of Carlisle within the City of Hamilton. Courtcliff Park is a forty hectare (98 acres) area where Conservation Halton carried out a restoration project to return the creek to a more natural condition.

May 11 we walked the Britton Trail. A pretty and easy trail, this loop is best for hiking as the route connects many other tracks in the woods. Since much of the loop follows the wetlands, there are some good birdwatching opportunities.

Staying in town on May 18, nineteen members walked the Indian Creek Trail. This trail is a hidden gem in Milton, offering a serene 4.8 km flat terrain with gravel and woodchip path perfect for walking. It features naturalized habits including bat houses, native plants, lovely woodlots, a pond and meadow spaces.

For our final walk in May, we went to Crawford Lake. It turned out to be a sunny, warm day. The boardwalk that skirts the lake is presently under construction. As this is normally part of our walk, we're all looking forward to seeing the completed boardwalk.

The PWG continues through the summer months. It's a great time to come join us. Peter Guttinger will continue to send out an email each Sunday. If you want your name added to the email list, just contact Peter at miltonprobus@gmail.com.

Carol Streeter

Walking Group Continued—June



“Walking is man’s best medicine” — Hippocrates

Now that the nice weather has finally arrived, we have been able to enjoy walking outside with only one day being rained out. Our group is trying to alternate walking ‘in-town’ at different locations in Milton with visits to other areas just outside the city. One of the highlights this month was walking by Lake Ontario and through a local community, marveling at many of the beautiful houses that lined the streets.

As much as we enjoy the fresh air and exercise, with many of us counting our steps, another benefit is chatting with many different Probus Members along the way. We try to take several mini-breaks which provide a chance to mingle with others and enjoy a scenic spot, before resuming with different walking partners.

Our group has different members taking turns to suggest and then lead, walking locations. We do try to keep to walks that are relatively flat and are also appropriate for those who prefer using walking sticks.

If you are interested in joining the Walking Group, please contact Peter Guttinger at miltonprobus@gmail.com

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.

We would love for you to join us.

Wendy Mistruzzi

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



Last Tuesday was a beautiful evening for outdoor wine tasting and 23 happy tasters gathered at the homes of Orest and Barbara Shein and Peter and Silvia Guttinger (Silvia was away and Peter, with the help of Heather held down the fort admirably).

As usual, we were introduced to wines under a specific theme, this time wines from wineries with celebrity connections. Some pleasant and some a little less pleasant surprises came out of the selections. Ratings ranged from a low of 1 to a high of 17. The lowest rated wine, from Australia was again the most expensive of the lot while the favourite, from Ontario, was a modest \$14.95.

Conversation flowed freely on many topics totally unrelated to wines, and the snacks and desserts were eagerly consumed by all participants.

A great job by both hosts.

Our next evening will be on July 28 at the homes of Bill and Corinne Turnbull (primary hosts) and Joe and Dulce Bernardino (secondary).

Joe Bernardino



Denise's Funnies

**Really pleased to get
a full tank of petrol
for \$90 today.**

**Admittedly it was
for the lawnmower,
but I'm trying to
stay positive.**

IF I REFUSE TO NAP....



IS THAT RESISTING A REST?

**I think it's
disgraceful that
after 50 years,
people don't know
who Neil Armstrong
is, or the type of
trumpet he played**

**Nurses will be
spending 20mins
looking for blood
veins.**

**Something mosquito
locates in the dark
while singing**

SAW IT
LIKED IT
ASKED GRANDMA
GOT IT



**You come from
dust, you will
return to dust.**

**That's why I don't
dust.**

**It could be
someone I know.**

**I think it's
disgraceful that
after 50 years,
people don't know
who Neil Armstrong
is, or the type of
trumpet he played**

IT'S CALLED
READING.
IT'S HOW PEOPLE
INSTALL NEW
SOFTWARE INTO
THEIR BRAINS.



**They say
marriages
are made
in Heaven.
But so is
thunder and
lightning.**

~ Clint Eastwood



Bizwaremagic's Funny Quotes



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

JULY 2026

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