

# Milton Probus Pulse

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**General Meeting  
May 6, 2026  
At 10 am**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone. I am pleased to be your new President for the 2026-27 year, the 20<sup>th</sup> president in our Club's history. Not everyone was able to attend our AGM on April 1<sup>st</sup> so I thought I would repeat some of my remarks here.

2025 was a significant year for our Club. In November we celebrated 20 years with an extended meeting where we recognized our founders and acknowledged those members who have been with us for all of the 20 years. This year, we also have to thank Susan and Henry Popp for their significant contributions.

Susan has been our first 2-year president and Henry has now left the Management Committee after 6 years, including 2 years as Past President. Others leaving the Committee at the end of their 2-year terms are Barbara Shein, Daphne Wand, Lisa Covey, Lynn Townley and David Hunt. All brought their own talents to the job and made significant contributions to the success of our Club. I hope we may see them back on Management in the future.

While 2025 was a significant year, I have no doubt that 2026 will be different again. We are already at 153 members and at some point this year we will reach our membership cap of 160. These increased numbers will present new challenges to the Club, to the new Management Committee, and to our Special Interest Groups. If I am asked what I want to see for 2026, it would be more membership involvement. I don't want you to think that the Management Committee has all the answers. We will be actively looking for your input on how the Club can improve. I'd like you to come up with suggestions to make your Club better. We have lots of new members who must have good ideas. Please talk to me or any member of the Management Committee.

Over the last 10 years, Anne and I have made amazing new friends in Probus and participated in overseas trips, interesting outings and new activities. I hope you too will take advantage of all that our Club has to offer. Enjoy the year.

*Walter Eadie*



## FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Our guest speakers, Nancy Cuttle and Susan Snooks, will share with us the history of the **100 Years of Milton's Women's History**.

Please join us as we explore the unique collaboration between the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW Milton & District) and the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM) that led to the successful creation of an art show and a booklet celebrating a 100 Years of Milton's Women's History.

Nancy Cuttle is a noted local artist whose primary interest has been to tell a story of societal change. She has served on the Board of Directors for both the Milton Historical Society and the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM) and continues to be an active voice in our community. Susan Snooks has been a screenwriter and executive story editor in Canada's Film and Television Industry for over 30 years. She is a life member of the Writer's Guild of Canada, and taught screenwriting at Sheridan College's acclaimed Film and Television program for 13 years. She is a Past President of CFUW Milton & District.

*Heddy Wright*

## We Welcome New Members

Please give a warm welcome to new members Gabriele and Lorne Thompson.

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

*Pat Oates*

Former long-time Probus member Elaine Carson passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. She had suffered with Alzheimer's for many years and is finally at peace.

The memorial service for Elaine has been set for May 23, 2026 at 11:00 am. There is visitation before and a reception following.

Please find attached the link to Glen Oaks Funeral Home, where the service will take place. 3164 Ninth Line, Oakville

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/glenoaks/obituaries/elaine-carson/159091.html>

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.

## MEMBER EXPERIENCE

Wendy and James Mistruzzi will be speaking about what brought them to Hong Kong in 1988, where they lived for almost 20 years, and their first trip into China right after the student uprising in Tiananmen Square.

## DID YOU KNOW ???

Probus Canada makes available optional insurance – Travel, Group Benefits. Extended Health, Dental, Home and Auto for individual club members.

Probus Canada has obtained group rates for members through belairdirect. Check and compare with other opportunities that you have available.

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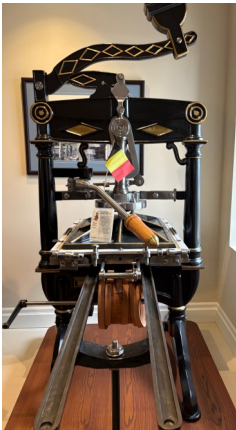
PROBUS Canada - Group Benefits

PROBUS Canada - Auto and Home

# FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

On April 2, twelve members went to Howard Iron Works in Oakville. While we were there, we saw printing presses that dated back to Queen Victoria to the 1960s. Sean, our tour guide, printed a souvenir certificate and gave the lead press to everyone in attendance.

Later, we lunched at St. Louis Bar and Grill in Milton. It was a very interesting day.



Today, April 29, 30 people from our club are going to Famous Peoples Players and will be travelling into Toronto for lunch and to watch their show.

## FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MAY:

A tour of West Avenue Cider House is planned on May 22nd. The capacity is 20 people. The farm is located on a beautiful parcel of land at 84 Concession Road 8 East in Freelon. There will be a small tour of the farm and sampling of cider, your choice of with or without alcohol. The cost is \$20 for the tour, plus your lunch. There's a restaurant on location, ranging from \$15 to \$30. Flights (3 cider full samples) are \$20. This is a pay-as-you-go event. Last day to sign up is May 15. A sign-up sheet will be available at May's monthly meeting.

#### JUNE:

June 24 - Within Range Mini Putt Tournament - 3050 Guelph Line - Burlington. Lunch to follow at Beer House on Appleby Line, Burlington. Cost \$11, pay as you play. Lunch ranges from \$13 — \$33. This is a fun event; a sign-up sheet will be at May and June's monthly meeting. Last date to sign up is June 3.

#### Christmas Luncheon 2026

We are looking for 4 to 6 people to help us plan and execute this year's Christmas Luncheon. These people will help with the planning, set-up, prizes and entertainment.

*Vicky McGonigle and Brian Idenden*

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### Bridge Club—4th Thursday of the Month @ 1 pm

Two tables of bridge were played yesterday at Ruth's home. Carole Behn was the winner with Ginny from the Escarpment Probus as a close second. Carole and Jurgen will host our May bridge on May 28th.

*Ruth Parkinson*

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



The Jokers did not meet in April. The first Friday of April was Good Friday. We will resume playing May 1st.

Hope everyone had a lovely Easter and look forward to getting together in May.

*Jean Robinson*

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



Jokers, Venue 2 did not meet in April, due to Easter weekend.

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



The Euchre group met on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Shelley Azzano.

Since we had a last-minute cancellation and only five players in attendance, we created a new way to play Five-Handed Euchre.

We played as individuals and counted the number of tricks won in each game. The winner was Barbara Shein with the most points won in 10 games.

As always, it was a great afternoon of great food, lively conversation and lots of laughter.

Thank you to Shelley for hosting.

Our next games will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of Louise Merritt.

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

*Barbara Shein*

## Canasta—4th Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

March canasta was hosted by Diane Mitchell. Twelve people enjoyed an afternoon of cards. Thanks to Pat Oates for sparing. Anna Marie Jones was the only two game winner (no pic). Thanks to Diane for hosting, and serving snacks and tasty desserts.

April canasta was hosted by Bill and Corinne Turnbull. Twelve people enjoyed the afternoon of fun. Thanks to Steve for sparing. Steve and Moe were the two game winners. Corinne and Bill served tasty snacks and delicious desserts, served with tea and coffee. May canasta games will be held at the Budworth home.

*Anna Marie Jones*



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



Our April meeting was very different. **Hannah Mary McKinnon**, a local Canadian author joined us for the afternoon. Many thanks to Marjorie, Pat, Daphne, Walter and Anne who performed all the behind scenes work to help the meeting run smoothly.

Hannah is an author of 11 Thriller/Mysteries as well as 2 others under the pseudonym of Holly Cassidy. Our group were tasked with reading at least one of her books - **oh, my!** the questions and ideas flew! We learned of the writing process, her starting points, favourite characters, of an upcoming book and much more. She entertained and informed. It was a very special afternoon.

*David Lynn*



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



The Friday Bid Euchre group gathered this afternoon at Bob Streeter's home for another enjoyable day of cards, conversation and great food. Much like past gatherings where "everyone arrived eager to play" and "the snacks were ready and the players filled their bowls", today's event carried that same spirit of camaraderie and enthusiasm.

Two tables of four players each were in action, making for lively competition and plenty of friendly banter. At the end of the afternoon, Bob Streeter got a MOON which helped him capture the top score with **201 points**. Bill Turnbull followed closely behind with **197 points**, and Linda Reid rounded out the top three with **179 points**. A tight and exciting finish all around.



As always, the food table was a highlight. Throughout the games, players enjoyed a selection of snacks including chips, an assortment of candies and a variety of drinks. In the spirit of past gatherings where hosts offered "a nice assortment of beverages and a spread of cheese & crackers, fruit & goodies", today's spread also featured a delicious homemade cranberry and cream cheese dip, a fresh vegetable tray and a moist lemon loaf.

Once the cards were put away, everyone settled in for dessert: warm **apple blossom with ice cream**, served alongside coffee and tea. The perfect finish to a fun and friendly afternoon.

Another great day of cards, laughter and fellowship. Many thanks to Mo Rolph and Brenda Morrow for stepping in as substitutes and giving their time to make the day possible. Looking forward to the next game already.

*Bob Streeter for Zina Yaworski*

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



First came the rain and then the sun, but put a damper on our April Bits and Bites. We had 25 members come out for an evening hosted by Pat Oates and Angela and David Hunt. Pat's party room continues to be a favourite gathering spot for the group.

The pre-dinner mingling had a funny twist—what started as four gentlemen chatting quickly turned into nearly all the men gathered in one corner... hmmm, maybe it *was* quieter over there. Or do they just gravitate to one another?

The energy in the room definitely picked up as the night went on—lots of laughter, great conversation, and plenty of visiting. As always, members were incredibly generous with their contributions. The table was filled with an amazing variety of appetizers and desserts—plenty to choose from, and definitely no one went home hungry.

If you're curious about Bits & Bites or would like to join, feel free to contact convenors Marlene Murphy or Anne Eadie.

*Marlene Murphy*



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



We had a beautiful April afternoon for Wee Jokers, with Susan and Henry Popp hosting three tables. There was lots of laughter and good fun, and of course plenty of tasty treats—both savory and sweet—after the games.

Congratulations to our April three-game winners, Bob Streeter and Elizabeth Dixon!

*Marlene Murphy*



## Wednesday Bid Euchre—4th Wed. of the Month @ 1 pm



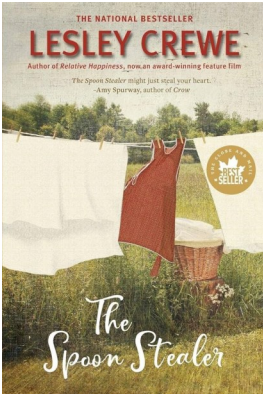
What a beautiful day to play bid euchre with our friends.

Thank you to Moe Rolph for hosting and serving a wide assortment of snacks, followed by tea, coffee, cookies and carrot cake.

Myra Faichnie led the way with a score of 196, followed by Anna Marie Jones with 183 and Dan Reid with 173.

Our next Wed bid euchre game will be on May 27th at 1 pm at Brenda Morrow's home.

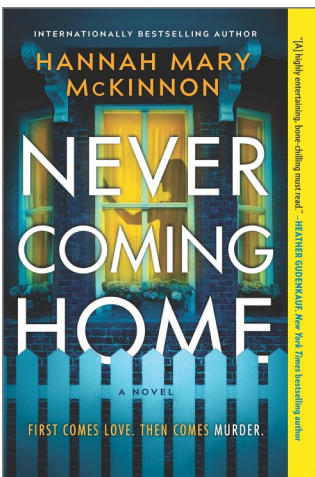
*Donna Elliott & John Stubbington*



Our newly formed book club Pageturners is now an enthusiastic group of 13 and counting. Back on the 26th of March, we held our second meeting, hosted by Anne and Walter Eadie. We discussed how the club will operate moving forward and reached consensus on several key decisions. A huge thank you to Anne Eadie for guiding the conversation and highlighting important points to consider.

We reviewed *The Spoon Stealer* by Lesley Crewe, a strong first pick with an average rating of 4.3 out of 5 stars. The story follows Emmeline and her best friend Vera (a small white dog) as she reflects on her past in Nova Scotia and returns to reconnect with her family and heal old wounds. Emmeline, in her final years, believes that a spoonful of kindness can set to rights the family so broken by loss and secrecy.

We just had our latest meeting on April 23rd hosted by JoAnne Clement, where we reviewed the book



*Never Coming Home* by Hannah Mary McKinnon

Reviews of this book were mixed amongst the group, with an average rating of 3.4 out of 5 stars. The group enjoyed the writing style, however some found there were plot holes in the story. It is a dark psychological thriller told from the perspective of the villain.

It quickly became a story of the hunter becoming the hunted in a tense game of duplicity.

If you love to read and would like to join us, please reach out via email to [joanelclement@gmail.com](mailto:joanelclement@gmail.com) or by phone at (416) 580-7680.

*Joanne Clements*

## Walking Group every Mon. of the Month @ 9:15 am



It finally happened. The Probus Walking Group (PWG) got to walk outdoors three of the four Mondays in the month of April.

Week One - we all met outside Pat McIntyre's house to start our walk of Old Milton aka Slessor Corners. It was a pleasant walk through the streets and then through the Historic Milton Evergreen Cemetery. The cemetery was established in 1880 and has been designed as a public park open from 8 a.m. to dusk daily. If you haven't visited give it a try and enjoy the quiet, scenery and carvings.

Week Two – Mother Nature was at it again so we had to walk at the Velodrome again. We had a good turn out and enjoyed walking and talking the hour away.

Week Three – Wendy and James led us on our walk from Elephant Park located at 2524 Valleyridge Drive in Oakville. The park is dog friendly, has picnic tables and playground equipment if you would like a place to take your grandchildren one afternoon. As a group, we resisted the temptation of all sitting on the playground equipment for our photo. The photo above is one of the bridges we cross during the walk. It was a little cold but bright and sunny. The paths were even drier than expected so that was a pleasant surprise.

Week Four – Pat McIntyre led us on along the Milton Pipeline walk. We had an excellent turn out of at least 20 members and with the beautiful sunny day we left from the Milton Sports Centre. This is an excellent trail as it is mostly flat with a small hill up to the Community Gardens.

If you are interested in joining us any Monday morning, please contact Peter Guttinger to have your name added to the email sent out each Sunday afternoon. Peter will advise where we are walking, where to meet (especially if you are hoping to car pool), and the time we will meet. We would love for you to join us. Here is Peter's email address: [pgutti2@gmail.com](mailto:pgutti2@gmail.com)

*Carol Streeter*

## Grape Expectations— 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 7 pm



Our latest special event wine tasting was at the homes of Walter and Anne Eadie and Heather Ley (with Pat McIntyre). We were treated to a unique selection of 3 whites and 3 reds, each one as good as the previous.

Plenty of snacks complimenting the wines were offered and the sweets that followed were out of this world. Conversation was widely varied and always interesting. The theme selected by the primary hosts, Walter and Anne, was wines available for purchase by the box. Italian, French, Spanish and Ontario wines were tasted and rated. A great evening with great people.



*Jose Bernardino*

# Denise's Funnies



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somewhere really expensive





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

## MAY 2026

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:15 am <b>Walking Group</b> Email Notification Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 am <b>Probus Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 1:30 pm <b>Management Meeting, Mon, May 11</b> 	<b>11</b> 9:15 am <b>Walking Group</b> Email Notification Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	<b>12</b> 1:30 pm <b>Jester Jokers</b> Bill Turnbull	<b>13</b> 1:30 pm <b>Wednesday Euchre</b> Barbara Shein	<b>14</b> 1:30 pm <b>Book Club - Spinecrackers</b> Nancy Lynn	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm <b>Friday Bid Euchre</b> Joe & Zina Yaworski	<b>16</b>
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