

# Milton Probus

# Pulse

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**Volume 20 #06**

**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
**June 4th, 2025**  
**at 10 am**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring arrived but, as it turned out, this was more of an appearance than an arrival. I believe I read somewhere that this has been the coldest May since the mid 1960s. However, hope springs eternal (the sort of pun my husband would make!). The days continue to lengthen and there are more daylight hours to enjoy.... once the weather warms up.

The Management Team is already in summer mode. We met May 12th at Brian and Marlene's house for our last meeting until we regroup on Monday, August 17th to plan the remainder of the year.

Even though the Management Team is taking a break from meeting, there will still be lots going on with Special Events and Special Interest groups over the summer. The Pulse e-newsletter will also be on hiatus until September.

Still ahead in just a few days is our last monthly meeting for this season, Wednesday June, 4th, and there will then be a break until we meet again September 3rd.

I wish you all a safe and fun summer, and I look forward to seeing you in early September if not during the summer at various social events.

*Susan Popp*



## FROM PROBUS CANADA

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Do you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school in 2025 and is enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program for 2025-2026? If so, they might qualify for a \$1,000 scholarship from belairdirect. Students must also fall into at least one of the following categories:

- Be a member/employee of a belairdirect recognized group\* (policy not required); OR
- Have a parent/guardian or grandparent who is a member/employee of a belairdirect recognized group\* (policy not required). ***PROBUS Canada is a recognized group.***

Belairdirect scholarship program is open now for applications until **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

The eligibility criteria to apply for the program remains the same as last year whereby the applicant or applicant's Parent/Guardian/Grandparent, must be a member of one of our recognized groups 'Affinity groups' and is not required to have a policy with us. This year, we will award 50 scholarships each valued at \$1,000, to students completing high school in 2025 and will attend a post-secondary educational institution in Canada in the fall of 2025.

<https://www.belairdirect.com/en/scholarship.html>

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## FROM OUR SECRETARY

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### May Management Committee Meeting Highlights

The Management committee met on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Brian Murphy; Items discussed that may be of interest are as follow:

- \* Membership – a large group of 92 members attended the May General meeting, perhaps enticed by the opportunity to hear the “inside story” of the Billionaire Murders, from guest speaker Kevin Donovan. Total membership is now 139. Still not up to pre-Covid numbers but rising every month.
- \* Members are reminded to invite potential new members to attend a meeting as a guest – our maximum membership is 160 – so there is room for new people. The updated membership directory, and directions on how to print it, is available via the members only area of the website. If you have forgotten your login password to this area – contact David Hunt.
- \* Speakers & Special Events – interesting guest speakers have been booked for the rest of the year and new Special Events are being planned. Details of these can be found elsewhere in this edition of Pulse.
- \* November 2025 will be The Probus Club of Milton's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Plans are in the works to make the November meeting a little different to mark this occasion. Watch future issues of Pulse for details.

## FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS

### Don't miss our June speaker, Marcus Goldblatt - The Backpack Traveller

Young Marcus has travelled extensively and will tell us all about his travels and how you can limit what you need to take with you and what multi-use products are convenient for travel. He has been recommended by other Probus clubs.

*Daphne Wand & Heddy Wright*

## FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

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 me to arrange for a pick-up.

*Pat Oates*



## FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

### Tour of the Weather Network Offices and Television Studio

Tom Jones is now the Weather Network's new weatherman! View his post in Facebook.

On May, 8<sup>th</sup>, 38 members from our club toured the Weather Network offices and studio at 2655 Bristol Circle. The first hour of the tour consisted of videos and an explanation of how technology helps to determine the weather forecast. In the second hour, we met with a meteorologist who explained how math and physics are used in determining weather forecasts.

Then we toured the television studio. The Weather Network is owned and operated by Pelmorex Corporation; a Canadian company founded in 1989. The company has become one of the largest weather information providers and reaches consumers around the globe.





## FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

### Attention Theatre Enthusiasts!

Our bus trip to the Stratford Festival Theatre to see the musical *Annie* is less than 5 weeks away, on Thursday, June 26th. The bus departs from the Milton Sports Centre at 10:00 am. Come early!

*Lisa Covey & Heddy Wright*

## The Probus Club of Milton Stratford Festival 'Annie' Thursday, June 26, 2025



**The Arden Park Hotel:** Enjoy a delightful, included lunch at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford. The menu features a house salad to start, followed by stuffed Chicken Breast (brie cheese and spinach). This will be served with a chef's choice of potato and seasonal vegetables. Dessert will be a warm Apple Blossom. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will also be included.

**Stratford Festival Theatre:** Visit the elegant Stratford Festival Theatre for a matinee performance of the hit musical, *Annie*!

**About the show:** Annie Bennett is the iconic mop-topped orphan who knows the sun will come out tomorrow for her, no matter how dark it gets today. When Annie and her scrappy dog, Sandy, are taken in by the secretary of the billionaire Daddy Warbucks, the girl's lifelong search to find her birth parents sets off a chain of wacky, heartwarming adventures.

**Departing from:** Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Blvd, Milton at 10:00am

**Approximate Return:** 6:30pm



### Price Includes:

- Lunch
- Show Admission
- Luxury motor coach transportation
- HST



**\$180 Per Person**

**Final day to sign up: April 30, 2025**

For more information or to book contact:

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### Jokers Venue 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

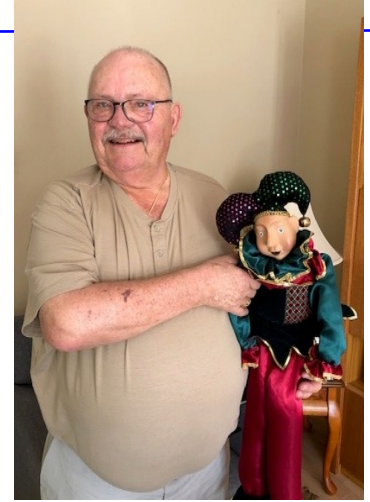
Alice Carey hosted the Joker group on Friday, May 2nd.

Terry Cole was the 3 game winner and Ruth Parkinson, Dan and Linda Reid were all 2 game winners.

Everyone had fun playing the Joker game and all enjoyed the decorated Tim Hortons cookies and lemon loaf.

Thank you Alice and Tom for hosting.

*Linda & Dan Reid*



### Jokers Venue 2 — 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

Nancy and David hosted the May Joker games with munchies galore.

During the afternoon, the players experienced playing at a six-person board and at a four-person board. Zina had a four Joker hit at the six board!

There were very few SORRY said, but lots of laughter as some very perfect moves sent opponents home. Complete silence fell as everyone enjoyed apple and cherry pie with or without ice cream after the games. Another lively afternoon with friends.

Thank you Mo for sparing.

*Zina & Joe Yaworski*





## **Jester Jokers —2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm**

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We held our games this month a week early, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and what an event it was. Patricia Oates, with the assistance of Patricia Kotack, hosted the games at the party room of her Condo, enabling all of our members to attend at one location for the first time since Christmas. We had 6 tables competing, with all players completing 4 games.

Congratulations to Joe Bernadino and Carol Streeter, on winning all four of their games. Not sure how to describe the food that was laid on that afternoon, except to say that I do not think many of our members ate dinner that night. Delicious and plentiful doesn't come close to being an adequate description.

We, the Jester group, cannot thank the "2 Pats" enough for enabling the whole group to gather at one location. It was a marvelous afternoon.

*Bill Turnbull*



## **Wee Jokers — 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm**

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Thank you to David and Nancy Lynn for being our last minutes spares to fill out two tables. May Wee Jokers was hosted by the Murphys.

Nancy was the only four game winner. We had an enjoyable afternoon of games and visiting with friends

*Marlene Murphy*



## Spinecrackers (book club) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 1:30 pm

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This month featured another Canadian author, another one of her books, and another Historical Fiction novel.

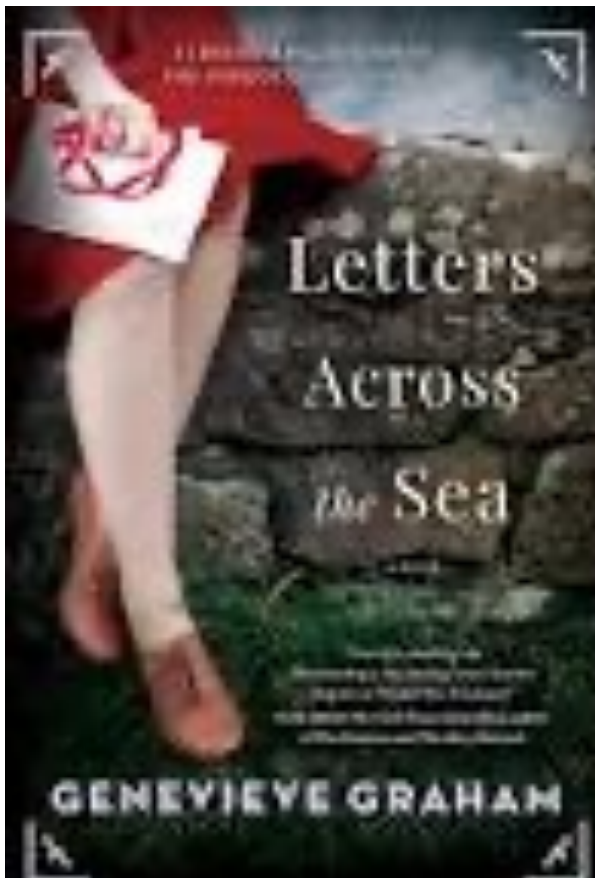
Many thanks to both Brenda and Shelley for hosting.

One social 'hour' went far longer as we discussed the recent Probus speaker, the choice of the new Pope, and the cost of health care in Canada.

When we finally got to the book - good reviews and discussions. **Letters Across the Sea** by Genevieve Graham is a Canadian Historical Fiction novel that starts out in 1933 and follows main characters, Molly and Max, through World War 2.

Molly, an Irish Protestant, and Max, a Jew, grew up as neighbours in Toronto. Max enlists in the Canadian forces and ends up in a concentration camp after the Battle of Hong Kong. The book presented many aspects of Toronto and the war in Asia that many of us were unaware of.

*Nancy Lynn*



Our June 12<sup>th</sup> Spinecrackers book is **How To Solve Your Own Murder** by Kristen Perrin.



## Bits and Bites — 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 5 pm

The weather was beautiful for our May B & B. Around 30 members were hosted by Doug and Betty Ames. The offerings were plentiful and there was a lovely selection. Betty made some yummy deserts.

The warm weather brings out the mosquitoes and other flying insects. When evening came, everyone was happy to move indoors. We had a very successful evening sharing stories and visiting.

*Marlene Murphy*





### **Wednesday Euchre — 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm**

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The Euchre group met on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Cynthia Garcia. Since we had only six players in attendance, Vicky led us in learning the rules of Six-Handed Euchre. It was interesting and will definitely come in handy when we have an odd number of people available to play.

Since we played in groups of three and no table rotation occurred, we had a lot of fun and laughter but did not have any winner for the afternoon. Sorry, no pictures this month. We were having too much fun.

Our next event will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Suzanne Palummieri.  
New players are welcome...experience is not required.  
Contact Barbara Shein if interested.

*Barbara Shein*

### **Bid Euchre — 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm**

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On a drizzly Wed afternoon, our bid euchre group met at the Jones', where we enjoyed some tasty snacks & delicious home-made rhubarb desserts.

Donna Elliott got first with 225, John Stubbington second with 203 & Myra Faichnie third at 175. Our next game will be June 25<sup>th</sup> at Brenda Morrow's.

*Donna Elliot & John Stubbington*



### **Friday Bid Euchre — 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm**

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Dan and Linda hosted the May Friday Bid Euchre games. The screen doors let in a lovely breeze into the sunny room as we all made bids.

The afternoon was filled with snacking, laughing and hoping our partners could get one more trick.

The top players were Zina (197), Bob (195) and Anne and Dan who tied (188).

After the games everyone enjoyed the Eclair cake and friendly conversation.

Thank you, Brenda and Mo for sparing.  
The June games will be hosted by Anne.

*Zina & Joe Yaworski*

## HISTORY FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

*As we head towards our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the end of this year, we are looking back at the history of various groups and activities in our club over the years.*

### **This month's SPOTLIGHT is on .....*Grape Expectations***

The Grape Expectations wine group missed an opportunity to celebrate earlier this year. After an organization meeting hosted by Tom Carey, their first tasting session was on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 years ago.

At 6 bottles per session, that means that the wine sippers have sampled over 600 wines since the group began!

Each meeting has a theme. A particular country, or winery, or wine type were the early go-to selections but it didn't take long for creativity and fun to take over.

How about 'wines with unusual names', 'celebrity wines', 'wines from the 1960s', or 'wines from Starbucks' (yes, Starbucks had a short-lived 'evenings' program with wine and food in 2016-7).

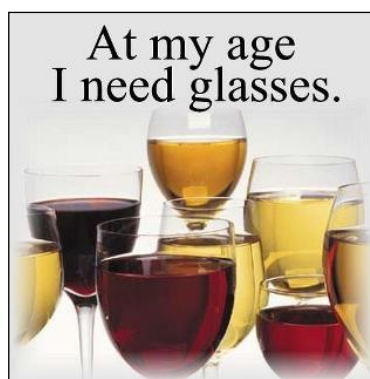
Over the years, members have found favourites that became their daily tippie and wines to recommend to friends. Of course, not all were well accepted. Mary Jane's Magical Hemp Wine (yes it's real – look it up) from Black Prince Winery has become famous, or infamous, and even an LCBO strike didn't make President's Choice non-alcoholic wines any more palatable.

Over the years, the group has had backyard summer barbeques, a visit to a make-your-own wine shop, and a memorable 2-day trip to Prince Edward County wineries in 2019.

From a modest beginning of 10-12 members per meeting, Grape Expectations now needs two locations each month to accommodate over 30 keen wine sippers. A big thanks to Tom Carey for starting and managing this group for many years. Today you can contact Jose Bernardino for more information.

If the group had a motto, it might be *Grape Expectations – Wine Snobs We Ain't.*

*Walter Eadie*





## Grape Expectations —4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 7 pm

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The recent wine tasting experience was attended by 21 of us, with numbers split almost evenly between the homes of Bill and Darlene Scarrow and James and Wendy Mistruzzi.

The theme for the evening was Spanish wines from the Vintages section of the LCBO. We were treated to three whites and three reds, as is usual, mostly from the North region of Spain.

Delicious wines all around, well received by all. Accompanying snacks and desserts were in keeping with the theme and consumed with gusto.

Bravo, hosts!

*Joe Bernardino*



## Bridge Group — 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 1 pm

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We were not able to have 2 tables this month.

Next month, We will try again. Calling all Bridge players to play **June 26<sup>th</sup>**.

*Ruth Parkinson*



## Canasta — 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month @ 1pm

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What better way to spend a cold May afternoon than playing cards. Brenda Morrow was the perfect hostess.

Two games of canasta were played and Moe Rolph, Pat Oats, Corinne Turnbull, Brenda Morrow were all two game winners.

Brenda served two very delicious desserts, tasty snacks and fruit. Thanks Brenda.

June games will be held at Anne Taylor's in Guelph.

*Anna Marie Jones*



### Our 2025/26 Management Team

**President** - Susan Popp

**Past President** - Henry Popp

**Treasurer** - Brian Murphy

**Fellowship** - Pat Oates

**Program Director** - Daphne Ward

**Special Events** - Lisa Covey

**Communications Newsletter** - Lynn Townley

**Vice-President** - Walter Eadie

**Secretary** - Anne Eadie

**Membership** - Barbara Shein

**Property/Technology** - Heather Ley

**Program Director** - Heddy Wright

**Special Events** - Vicki McGonigle

**Communications Website** - David Hunt

All members are here for you. Please contact us if you have any concerns or suggestions.



## The Walking Group—Every Monday of the Month @ 9:15 am

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Word got around to Pat McIntyre that Walter Eadie is planning to step down as the leader of our Probus Walking Group (PWG) next April. Not on Pat's watch! We are planning to form a "meal train" to feed him right there chained to that tree until he changes his mind.

All kidding aside, as Walter will become our PROBUS President in 2026, he will resign as leader of the PWG at that time. We are so grateful for the time and effort he has put into organizing us each week.

We have been fortunate enough to walk at a few of our conservation areas over the last couple of months i.e. Hilton Falls, Mountsberg Conservation Area and Crawford Lake. When weather was unpredictable or members had afternoon commitments we walked in town.

Just a friendly reminder that the PROBUS Walking Group continues to walk all summer. Add your name to the weekly notifications by contacting Walter Eadie at [walter.eadie@cogeco.ca](mailto:walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

As mentioned in earlier posts, there is no obligation or commitment when adding your name to the list. We would love to see you any Monday. "Wellness encompasses a healthy body, a sound mind and a tranquil spirit. Enjoy the journey as you strive for wellness." *Buddha*

*Carol Streeter*





Thanks to Denise Potter—some funnies



Banana is sooo  
hard to spell!







## June 2025

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2 9:15 am <b>Walking Group</b> Email notifications  Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	3	4 10 am <b>Probuc General Meeting</b>  Susan Popp	5	6 1 pm <b>Jokers Venue 1 &amp; Venue 2</b>  Linda & Dan Reid—V1 Joe & Zina Yaworski—V2	7
8	9 9:15am <b>Walking Group</b> Email notifications  Carol Streeter & Walter	10 1:30 pm <b>Jester Jokers</b>  Bill Turnbull	11 1:30 pm <b>Wednesday Euchre</b>  Barbara Shein	12 1:30pm <b>Book Club — Spinecrackers</b>  Nancy Lynn	13 1 pm <b>Friday Bid Euchre</b>  Joe & Zina Yaworski	14
15 Father's Day	16 9:15am <b>Walking Group</b> Email notifications  Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	17	18	19 5 pm <b>Bits &amp; Bites</b>  Marlene Murphy & Anne Eadie	20 1pm <b>Wee Jokers</b>  Marlene Murphy	21 June Solstice
22	23 9:15am <b>Walking Group</b> Email notifications  Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	24 7pm <b>Grape Expectations</b>  Jose Bernardino	25 1:30pm <b>Bid Euchre</b>  Donna Elliot & John Stubbington	26 1pm <b>Bridge</b>  Ruth Parkinson	27 1pm <b>Canasta</b>  Anna Marie Jones	28
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