

Milton Probus Pulse

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General Meeting
Wednesday
September 3rd, 2025
at 10 am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My goodness! It has been a hot and smokey summer but the last few days we have been blessed with cooler temperatures.

I always look forward to summer after a long, grey, cold winter. However, as late August rolls around, I start to look forward to the inevitable change in routine, less cooking on the barbecue and fewer relaxing evenings on the patio. Our thoughts return to the many things that we put aside for the summer, Probus, picking up grandkids from school, returning to weekly choir rehearsals and the general busyness of life. All this takes place even though most of us are retired or at least semi retired! Decades of work and obligations are simply part of what we are used to.

However, there are many things we can now enjoy with abandon. While large sections of the population are returning to work or studies, many of us will soon be leaving on vacation, cruises to distant lands or resorts.

We had our first Management Meeting on August 18th. All members of the management committee were in attendance and there was a lot of positive energy regarding the planning of Probus events. Lisa Covey and Vicky McGonigle have been working hard on future special events for the remainder of the year. Daphne Wand and Heddy Wright have an interesting lineup of speakers for our monthly meetings.

On a practical note, this is a good time to remind all our members that if you feel unwell be it a cold, flu or Covid, please stay home until you're better. Using common sense will help us all stay germ free and healthy.

Our monthly meetings start again on Wednesday, September 3rd, and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Susan Popp



Back row—Heather, Pat, Barbara, David, Daphne, Susan, Walter, Brian
Front row—Lisa, Anne, Vicky, Heddy, Lynn, Henry

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

20th Anniversary Celebration in November

Our November 5th general meeting will be extended to include the recognition and celebration of 20 years since our Club gained its Probus Charter (8th Nov 2005).

Please make an effort to attend this special meeting. We will relive the early years (do you have any stories to share?), recognize our founding members, and extend the meeting to 12:30 to allow for a light lunch and time for socialization. More details next month.

Walter Eadie

FROM OUR SECRETARY

August Management Committee Meeting Highlights

The Management committee met on August 18th at the home of Barbara Shein; 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 20th 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.

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 - Vicky McGonigle

Communications Website - David Hunt

FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Don't miss our September speaker, John Gaida.

He is a Kidney Transplant recipient who will tell us of his journey with kidney failure and how he has still managed to be a husband, father and full time Realtor.

Daphne Wand & Heddy Wright

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Welcome our new member, **JoAnne Clement**, to Probus



Barbara Shein

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

Obituaries: It is with sadness we note the passing of three former Probus members over the past summer, Liam Sneyd, John Williams and Ann Sault.

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

Golfing at Within Range

Mini golf tournament on Friday, May 30 2025 at the Within Range Golf Centre in Burlington was a BIG hit! Twenty-eight Probus members enjoyed putting around the 18 hole course in the morning sunshine and wrapped up at our 19th hole at Burlington Beertown.

Prizes for best score went to Brian (47) and lowest score went to Ruth (I promised not to reveal her score). We have a successful team of golfers with 5 getting a hole in one! So honourable mentions to: Dulce, Dave, Linda, Pat O., and Brian TWICE.



Trip to See the Musical Annie at Stratford

The planned trip was to attend the musical Annie at the Stratford Theatre on June 26th.

Thirty-eight members rode in comfort on a Great Canadian Coach bus to the lovely town of Stratford to visit the elegant Stratford Theatre for a matinee performance of the hit musical, *Annie*!

The show did not disappoint! It was a delightful musical with talented young performers that left us all in great spirits. Our members enjoyed a delicious lunch in a beautiful and upscale dining room.

All in all, a great trip!

Heddy Wright





The Garden is Buzzing!

Tour the apiary at:
"Backed by Bees" on Appleby Line for
Thursday September 18 at 11:30

FINAL CALL to sign up for our tour!

Payment MUST be submitted by Thursday, September 4, 2025

Imagine getting up close to understand the world of bees as they buzz to and from the hive.

During our tour, you can get as close as you like and experience
what a hive looks, feels, tastes and sounds like.

After our 1 hour tour, we will conclude with a BBQ lunch of honey garlic sausage, chips and
honey soda. Further exploration of honey meads is available upon
personal request and cost.

Cost is \$25 per member.

Register at our September meeting, Wednesday, September 3 along with your
payment by cheque, payable to The Probus Club of Milton or submit your funds
directly by e-transfer to miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

'**Sechile Sedare**', a brother and sister duo from the Northwest Territories, will
be performing instead of 'Twin Flames' on **September 30**. This performance
introduces the audience to Indigenous voices and contemporary Canadian music. Interviewed
earlier this year on CBC Q, this link gets you to the quick version of the podcast [https://
www.cbc.ca/arts/q/sechile-sedare-on-forming-their-brother-sister-musical-duo-1.7446982](https://www.cbc.ca/arts/q/sechile-sedare-on-forming-their-brother-sister-musical-duo-1.7446982)

We have the opportunity for **FREE** tickets.

First Ontario Arts Centre,

Tuesday September 30th at 7 p.m.

Sign up at the September 3rd meeting, or send Lisa an email to reserve your ticket at
lisa_covey@me.com. Members who previously signed up, please check at the September
meeting to confirm you are still interested.

LOOKING AHEAD

October: We are booking a tour of the **Lion's Foundation Dog Guide facility**. Date to be
confirmed. Further details at our September general meeting.

November: Get into the holiday season by touring **historic Dundurn Castle** in Hamilton
when it is decorated for Christmas. We are planning on a date the last week of November.
More information to follow.

December: Annual Christmas luncheon **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**.
Set the date in your calendar. Registration will begin in October.

Lisa Covey & Vicky McGonigle

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Jokers Venue 1 – 1st Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

On June 6th, twenty four players attended the Pizza Party and Joker games. The four game winners were Joe Yaworski and Terry Cole. Everyone had a great time socializing with their friends, eating pizza and having butter tarts for dessert.

In September Jean Robinson has offered to lead the Joker groups and arrange players for each Venue.



Linda & Dan Reid

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



Joe and Zina hosted the August Jokers games.

All arrived early, picked their beverage and settled down to see what the cards would bring.

There were a couple of very lucky people who got all the 8s and Jokers!

Joe was the only 4 games winner!

Dessert was served and everyone relaxed on the back porch discussing all sorts of topics.

A great afternoon with friends.

Zina & Joe Yaworski

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

Wee Jokers summer games

The Wee Jokers kept the fun rolling all summer long! It's always a great way to catch up with our Probus friends, share some laughs, and, of course, play a few spirited games of Jokers.

- In **June**, Angela and David Hunt hosted, with Marlene Murphy walking away as the big winner after taking **four games**!
- **July** saw us gathered at Heddy Wright's, where three players shared the spotlight with **three wins each** — congratulations to David Hunt, Gaye Bovair, and Brian Murphy.
- **August** brought us back to Marlene and Brian Murphy's, where Susan Popp claimed victory as the **three-game champ**.

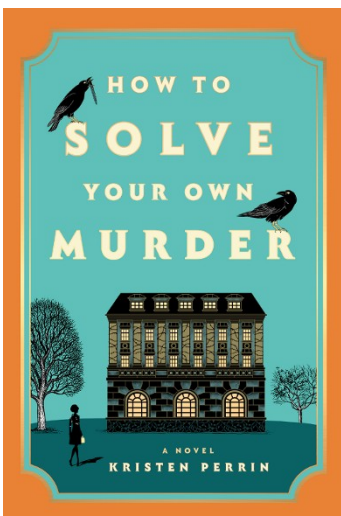
Whether you're at home, not off on vacation, or just looking for a cheerful Friday afternoon, the Wee Jokers promise good company, plenty of laughs, and a little friendly competition. Who will be our next champion. Wee is still trying to find his way home.

Marlene Murphy



Spinecrackers (book club) – 2nd Thursday of the Month @ 1:30 pm

June Spinecrackers



Many thanks to Alice and Pat M. for the Seats and Sweets.

Although summer weather has finally happened, and health and accidents intervene, 18 of our group managed to gather and share from opinions to happenings.

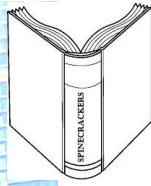
Our book this month was **How to Solve Your Own Murder** by Kristen Perrin. It is the story about a woman who spends her entire life trying to prevent her foretold murder only to be proven right sixty years later.

Our groups found the story told through various timelines quite confusing and unbelievable.



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Spinecrackers (book club) – 2nd Thursday of the Month @ 1:30 pm



July Spinecrackers



Many thanks to Pat O. for providing the 'Seats and Treats' in her Community room for the July meeting.

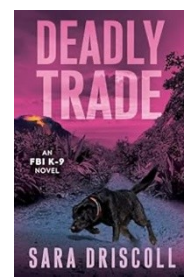
Spinecrackers had a special guest this past meeting. We were treated to local author Sara Driscoll /Jen J. Dana.

She is the author of several series, one featuring K-9 Search and Rescue dogs and another detailing NYPD Negotiators as well as Stand Alone Thrillers.

She discussed, described, and truly entertained with stories of the background behind the books and her writing as well as her newest about to be published novels. She told us of her trip to Hawaii for **Deadly Trade** and her need to explore places in the US for her settings.

Deadly Trade and **Shadow Play** are her latest, one due in October.

Our group's enthusiasm has triggered the choice for October's book **Storm Rising**. Many thanks again to Jen for coming, for Pat for hosting and for the Spinecrackers and their interest in reading and sharing ideas and opinions.



Spinecrackers (book club) – 2nd Thursday of the Month @ 1:30 pm

August Spinecrackers



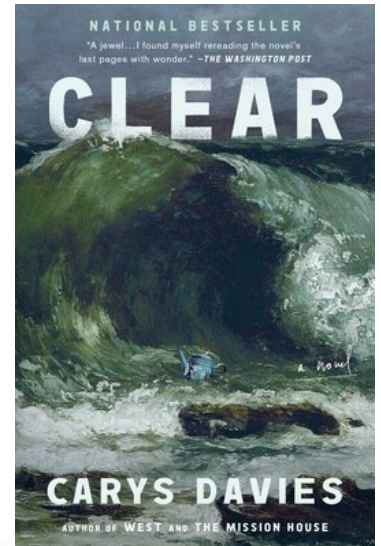
We are back into Historical Fiction once more.

The Time Zone is 1843, the Setting is a remote Shetland Island north of Scotland, the Background History involves the infamous Clearings, leaving many homeless and the split in the Scottish church.

Caught between these events, an impoverished minister is sent to clear the sole occupant of an island. We felt the author captured the era and the characters involved and produced a well written thought provoking tale.

Many thanks to Walter (and Nancy!) for hosting the Seats and Treats afternoon.

Nancy Lynn



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

June Bits and Bites

Arriving, we were instantly wooed by the heavenly scent of Anne's silk lilacs wafting through the front yard—like nature whispering, "You're in for a good night." Soon, more than 20 Bits and Bites members filled the Eadies' home with the sound of clinking glasses, bursts of laughter, and the kind of stories that get just a little more dramatic with each telling.

The breeze outside was brisk and damp enough to keep us from wandering through Anne's gorgeous gardens, but who needed fresh air when we had fresh appetizers, delicious selection of desserts and a room full of warm smiles?



July Bits and Bites

Thirteen members kicked off the evening poolside, gathered cozily around Heather Ley's patio table. When the clouds rolled in and the wind decided to sample our drinks and plates, a few of us made a graceful dash indoors. We enjoyed a tempting spread of appetizers contributed by the group, and Heather spoiled us with her own delectable homemade desserts. Conversation flowed freely, covering an impressive—and often amusing—range of topics.



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

July Bits and Bites continued

At our second venue, our gracious hosts Joe and Dulce welcomed 13 of us to a delightful evening on their deck. The night was made extra special with a double celebration—Joe and Zina's 50th wedding anniversary and Barbara and Orest's remarkable 60th. Glasses were raised, heartfelt congratulations shared, and the joy was contagious.

Cool breezes and warm company set the tone. The menu featured tasty egg salad on cheese croissants—*so good that a few members happily went back for seconds, because it was the offering of the evening*—followed by Dulce's homemade trifle, a celebratory anniversary cake, and bubbly for all. It was truly an evening of friendship, laughter, and love from your Probus friends.



August Bits and Bites

Zina and Joe warmly welcomed 21 guests to the August **Bits and Bites** gathering.

The evening began in the Yaworskis' beautiful backyard, where laughter and conversation flowed as everyone enjoyed refreshments before dinner. As the air grew cooler, everyone moved indoors to continue the fun.

Members contributed a tempting array of bites, while Zina's beautifully decorated desserts stole the show—plentiful, delicious, and almost too pretty to eat! And of course, in true Bits and Bites fashion, a wide range of topics were covered, a few of the world's problems were solved (at least in theory), and a fun evening was had by all.



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

The Euchre group met on **June 11th** at the home of Suzanne Palummieri. 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.

Our next event will be held on September 10th at the home of Barbara Shein. New players are welcome... experience is not required. Contact Barbara Shein if interested.

Barbara Shein

Bid Euchre — 4th Wednesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm



June Bid Euchre

Thanks to Brenda Morrow for hosting our Wed bid euchre game on June 25th.

Two tables of players enjoyed many tasty snacks and beverages, followed by yummy strawberry shortcake and other fruits.

The 3 winning scores were only 5 points apart, with Tom Jones getting 187, Donna 184 and Nancy Lynn 182. Donna had a moon.

July Bid Euchre

Our July 23rd Wednesday bid euchre group enjoyed another great day of cards. Thanks to Linda & Dan Reid for hosting. Thank you to Bonnie Chapman and Joe Yaworski for sparing.

Moe Rolph had a moon. Linda Reid got high score of 228, Bonnie got 2nd with 186 and John Stubbington with 175.

Linda served a very tasty dessert with tea, coffee & cold drinks.



August Bid Euchre

As hostess of our Wed bid euchre group, I want to thank the Lynn's for offering their home as our playing site, and Bob Streeter for sparing.

John Stubbington led the way with a score of 203, followed by Nancy Lynn with 191 and Tom Jones with 170.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the snacks, along with lemon loaf, cookies and blueberries with their tea & coffee.

Our next game will be Sept 24th at the Lynn's.

Donna Elliot



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



June Friday Bid Euchre

Anne hosted the June, Friday 13th Bid Euchre games. Some of us arrived early and enjoyed the sunshine and birds at the bird feeder on the back porch. Later in the afternoon we were surprised by three deer in the back fields.

The top players for the afternoon were Bill, Bonnie and Bob. After the games we all sat around enjoying the snacks and drinks and discussing a variety of topics.

July Friday Bid Euchre

Bill and Corinne hosted the July games. Outside it was a scorcher but inside the AC was very much enjoyed.

The top three players were Bill with 213, Dan with 211 and Linda with 205.

Thank you, Bill and Corinne for the tasty snacks and desserts and all the cold drinks.



August Friday Bid Euchre

Joe and Zina hosted the August Friday Bid Euchre games.

Snacks and drinks were selected, and the games began. The top players were Bonnie, David and Joe.

The raspberry trifle was enjoyed as everyone chatted and laughed after the games.

Zina & Joe Yaworski

Did you Know?

Milton Street named after the Yaworskis

From Colin Best on Facebook:

My wife and I were honoured to attend Joe and Zina Yaworski's 50th wedding anniversary along with their many friends and family.

*Thanks to their children Joseph and Yelena for helping me arrange to have **a street named after them for their tremendous community service over the years.***

***Yaworski Gate** was recently approved by Milton Council to replace Rothsay Gate off Fourth Line just south of Louis St. Laurent Blvd opposite CK High School.*

A fun time was had by all including line dancing after the meal!

Zina and Joe have been Probus members since 2008 and both are Past Presidents.

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

Summer wine

Our wine appreciation special interest group continued its activities throughout our Probus Summer break with varied and very interesting wine tastings.

Starting in June, the Sheins and the Eadies hosted 28 of our members and treated us to wines from France, Italy, South Africa and Chile, all within a cost of less than \$11.

July saw 22 of us attend a special tasting at VinBon Milton where our host presented a variety of in-store made wines. Snacks provided by our scheduled hosts, Peter and Silvia Guttinger kept us busy in between sips. Everyone relocated afterwards to their back yard where yummy desserts and coffee and tea was available. The beautiful summer weather helped to make the entire evening magical.

In August, the Bernardinos and the Turnbolls hosted 20 attendees and treated them to wines from Portugal, Italy, Chile and Ontario. Accompanying snacks and desserts made the evening complete. Our next event evening will be in September, while a good number of our members will be river cruising in France - no doubt there will be some measure of wine tasting on that trip.

Joe Bernardino



Bridge Group — 4th Thursday of the Month @ 1 pm

The bridge group did not meet over the summer, people were too busy travelling. The next bridge will be the end of October.

Ruth Parkinson



Canasta — 4th Friday of the Month @ 1pm

June Canasta

June canasta was played at the home of Anne Taylor's in Guelph. Due to illness only seven players came out to enjoy the afternoon.

Anne was a gracious hostess, and served lovely treats and desserts.

Pat Oates spared for the day and was the only two game winner.

July Canasta



July canasta was held at the home of Bill and Corinne Turnbull.

A fun afternoon of canasta was enjoyed by all twelve players.

Moe Rolph, Tom Jones, and Myra Faichnie, were all two games winners.



August Canasta

August canasta was played at the home of Tom and AnnaMarie Jones. Thanks to Pat Oates for sparing last minute.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and the two games winners were Diane Mitchell, and Carole Budworth.

September canasta will be held at Moe Rolph's, September 26th.

AnnaMarie Jones



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



Recently I read an article on the benefits of walking with a group. These benefits include improved physical and mental health, increased motivation, and enhanced social connections.

It can also be a great way to explore new places and meet like-minded individuals. Walking outdoors, particularly, in a green space, can reduce stress and anxiety and can make exercise more enjoyable and less of a chore.

This summer has certainly been very hot and very humid. Although a few of the walks were canceled because of the weather over the summer months, the Probus Walking Group explored the Courtcliffe Park in Carlisle, enjoyed walking along the water in Oakville and Kelso.

In July, we walked at Osprey Marsh in Mississauga, Lions Valley Park in Oakville and the Britton Tract north of Campbellville.

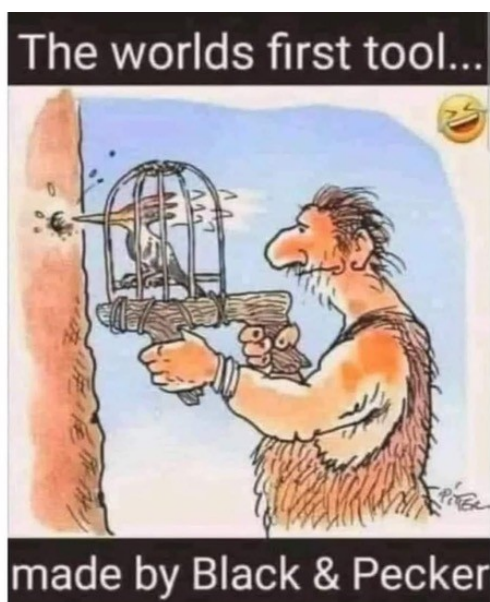
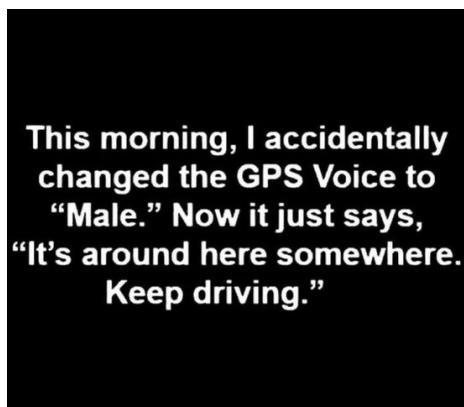
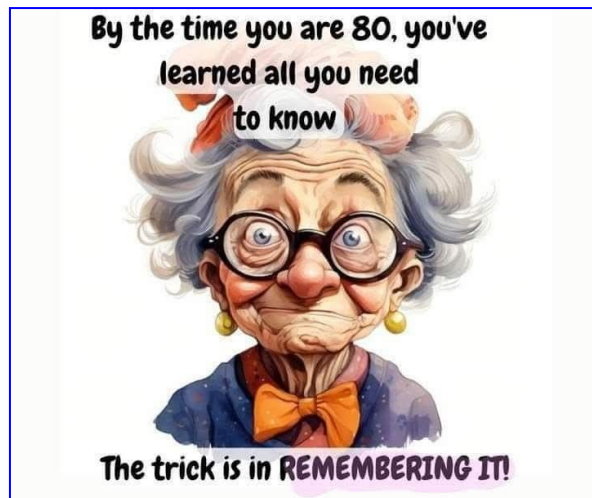
We walked in town in August that included both a walk along the gas pipeline and another Monday walk starting off at the Drew Centre. Our final scheduled walk in August was a new walk for us, the Halton Conservation's Area 8 (Kelso Quarry Park). As the gates open at 10:00 a.m., in true Probus tradition, there were six Probus members' cars at the gate at 09:45 a.m. There we sat, then after several calls to the Halton Conservation office, still no one showed up to open the gate. We were the last to leave at 10:15 a.m. but we all met up at the Milton Mall and walked the area close to Drury Park.

Please don't be shy about showing up one Monday. We enjoy meeting new friends and especially hearing new stories on our walks. Be sure to email Walter to add your name to the weekly contact list. Here's the email address - walter.eadie@cogeco.ca

Carol Streeter



Thanks to Denise Potter & Walter Eadie—some funnies




Tesla owners attempting to go on a
long roadtrip:





September 2025

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