

Milton Probus Pulse

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**General Meeting
February 4th, 2026
At 10 am**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Nominating Committee is endeavouring to find nominees for the Management Committee to replace those members whose term ends in April. Whether it's this year or in the future, please consider joining the Management team when positions come available. I have been on Management for quite a few years in various capacities, and I have found it to be fun and rewarding. I have come to know more people by being on Management. Management is sort of like a Special Interest group except you provide your expertise and bring new ideas. This allows members to continue to enjoy activities. New people bring new ideas which help our club to outshine. Elsewhere in

the edition of The Pulse you can read more on this topic.

Recently an amendment was inserted into our club by-laws requiring us to maintain a membership of at least 75% residents of the Town of Milton in order to be approved for financial grants from the Town of Milton. I am pleased to advise that The Town of Milton has approved and paid out a grant for the purchase of a new laptop to be used as part of the audio visual operations at our monthly meetings.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday February 4th.

Susan Popp



Nominations for the Management Committee 2026

The time of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in early April is fast approaching. One of the items of business at the AGM will be the election of new members to the Management Committee to replace those whose term of office has ended.

We are all agreed that membership in The Probus Club of Milton has many benefits on account of the many and varied social activities that are on offer. In order to ensure the smooth running of the club there are some duties that need to be formal. To this end we need a Club President, Secretary and Treasurer, but we also need someone with writing skills to be Newsletter Editor, someone with necessary computer skills to run the club website, someone to keep membership records, or to arrange Special Events. Indeed, we need a group of some fourteen people to “run the show”.

There are eight of those fourteen positions on the Management Committee that need a new set of volunteers. The time commitment is for two (2) years. We ask that all members consider serving on the Management Committee at some time. However, what with the approaching AGM, we do need some people now.

The Nominating Committee Henry Popp, Zina Yaworski and Joe Yaworski (all of whom are Past Presidents) have already been speaking with members about being nominated to one of the positions listed below, and we are grateful for those who have already agreed to be nominated. However, the slate for the AGM in April is not yet complete.

The following eight (8) positions on the Management Committee will become vacant as of the AGM in April 2026:

- o **Secretary**
- o **Vice President**
- o **Membership**
- o **Program (i.e. monthly speakers)**, working with someone who has completed one year
- o **Special Events**, working with someone who has completed one year
- o **Webmaster** (maintenance of the club website)
- o **Editor:** production and publication of **The Pulse newsletter**.
- o **Treasurer**

If you are interested in serving on the Management Committee for 2026, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee, Henry Popp (phone #905-876-3241 or #416-998-0214) or (Zina and Joe Yaworski (phone #905-878-3959).

There are **job descriptions** for all positions on the Management Committee on The Probus Club of Milton website in the Members Only section.

Henry Popp

FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Don't miss our February 4th speaker: Jovanna Mimic
from the Halton Police Department.

She will be discussing the following topics:

- **Personal & Fraud Safety:** Resources on identifying scams (grandparent/emergency), cybercrime prevention, and personal safety techniques.
- **Crime Prevention**
- **Home Safety Tips**—on residential break and enters
- **Crime Map**—of break and enters



Daphne Wand & Heddy Wright

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

Greeters for the February 4th General Meeting will be **Peter & Pat Sneyd**.

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

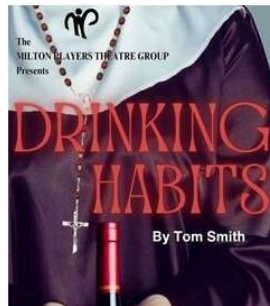
On Friday January 16, 14 members met and toured one of Milton's largest industries, Rockwool. An interesting 1 ½ hour tour of the plant gave us insight to the operations of transforming volcanic rock, basalt, into sound and heating insulation. As well as an alternation substance, Grodan, used for soilless cultivation. We wrapped up with lunch at Keegan's Public House.



FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming on **February 6**, 22 members have paid to attend the Milton Players production of Drinking Habits.



A dinner reservation for 5:15pm has been made at Shoeless Joe's.
A reminder will be sent to those attending.
Stay warm and be well.

The Escarpment Tea Room has been booked for **February 26**.

April 29 has been booked for Famous Players Theatre.
A sign up sheet for both will be at the February Probus meeting

Lisa Covey & Vicky McGonigle

September Rocky Mountaineer

Our member, Anne Ferguson, on September 19th is going on a 9 day trip with Senior Discovery Tours from Toronto to Vancouver. They will spend 3 nights in Vancouver and area touring, which includes Lake Louise!

On Day 4 they board the train through the Rockies arriving in Kamloops where they will stay for 1 night. The next morning they board the train again heading for Banff where they stay for 3 nights. From there they travel to Calgary for a farewell dinner and fly home to Toronto.

This is truly a "bucket list " trip for Anne!

For more details go to
SeniorDiscoveryTours.ca

Survey Results January 2026

Thank you to all the members who participated in the travel survey at the January meeting.

We have reviewed the feedback and interpreted the data as follows:

Two categories / groups identified.

1) Well travelled members who indicate a desire for:

- ⑩ Easy activity and excursions.
- ⑩ arrive and unpack once.
- ⑩ included leisure/ free time.
- ⑩ more exotic locations to tour.
- ⑩ ocean ships/ resorts/ longer stays.

2) New to travel members who indicate a desire for:

- ⑩ entry level locations & tourism areas. (London & Paris)
- ⑩ moderate to active activities and excursions.
- ⑩ Include a busy itinerary
- ⑩ lots of locations on a tour
- ⑩ bus/train, river/ocean ships

Destinations:

23 responses were given, with 21 different travel locations identified.

Time of the Year

10 responses. 40% for fall travel, 30% for summer travel

Duration of Travel

The majority identifying 7 to 14 day travel duration.

Mode of Travel

Numbers were evenly distributed across categories. (several adding NOT – not a ship/ resort / hotel)

This feedback will be used to help us identify travel locations for 2027. We continue to listen to the members to determine the needs and desires for future travel adventures.

Thank you, Katherine & Louise.

Probus Club of Milton Travel Group 2026

AMA Waterways: Switzerland 5 day land tour with 7 night Enchanted Rhine River Cruise Tour.
24th August to 05th September 2026.

For more details and booking contact Ruth at Milton Office- Expedia Cruises 905-864-8999.
rwright@expediacruz.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Jokers venues were cancelled in January as many of the players are travelling. Both will return again on Friday, February 6th.

*Jean Robinson and
Zina & Joe Yaworski*

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

January Wee Jokers was hosted by Bonnie Chapman, and what a treat it was! We filled three tables and played three games, fueled by a steady stream of appetizers and treats throughout the afternoon. Desserts appeared at the end of the games, which meant no one went home hungry—or needed to make dinner. A true win-win.

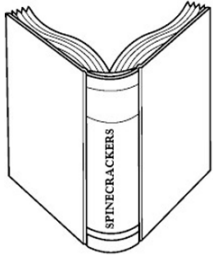
There were four three-game winners this month: Gaye Bovair, Carol Streeter, Bob Streeter, and Brian Murphy. We also saw some truly unusual hands of cards. At one point, Brian managed to hold five 8s, proving that anything can happen at Wee Jokers.

Members of Wee Jokers met the day after a snowstorm, and just to keep things interesting, the snow began falling again as we were heading home. A spirited discussion followed between Brian and Elizabeth over who would be clearing the end of her drive...a game with no clear winner.

Marlene Murphy



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

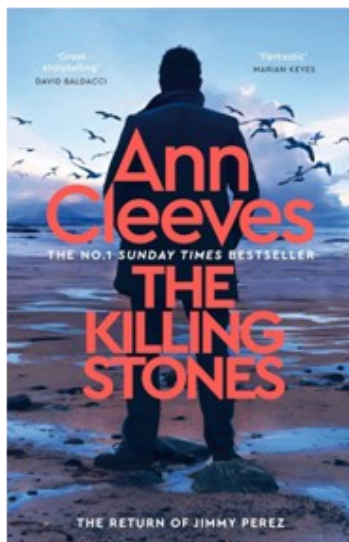


Many thanks to Ruth for hosting the second venue and for those who braved the drive to Burlington. As this was the first meeting in the new year and our first get together since Christmas, we shared many stories (or woes) of our holiday.

Lynn's choice for this month was **The Killing Stones** by Anne Cleeves. Many of the reviews call this novel a 'slow burn mystery'. Detective Jimmy Perez and his partner Willow work their way through a murder that involves an old friend, a Neolithic Stone, and the Orkney Islands environment.

Several of our members have travelled or were familiar with the Shetland landscape and Cleeves' description was excellent. Many of us agreed that the story unfolded very slowly, with many red herrings and a truly surprise twist finale.

Nancy Lynn



Calling All Readers – New Probus Book Club in the works!

A new Probus book club is about to launch. As Spinecrackers Book Club has now reached capacity with twenty-four avid readers it is time to form a new Probus Book Club for new & old members to enjoy.

When - This will take place one afternoon each month, 1:30 to 3:30pm. The actual day of the month is still TBD depending on members' choice and availability. It will be an informal and social afternoon to enjoy the company of other "bookies" and discuss the chosen book.

Format - Everyone reads the same book as chosen by one member and a "round table" discussion is held on the good, the bad, the surprises of the book – and a rating is given by each member like it, hate it, or something in between!

I would like to hear from you if you are interested in learning more and would like to consider joining. I will host a small gathering to start us off and answer any questions. Please let me know if you are interested – all are welcome – a perfect introduction for new members to begin enjoying your Probus Club.

Anne Eadie, aeadiehome@cogeco.ca. 905-875-7772.

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

January 15 was our scheduled *Bits and Bites*, hosted by Pat Oats and Angela Hunt. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans. More than a foot of snow blanketed Southern Ontario, and while it was undeniably beautiful, travel conditions were unsafe. As a result, we made the difficult decision to cancel the evening's event.

Instead, Pat is sharing a few fond memories from *Bits and Bites* last year. And as for dinner this time around—members had to make other plans! Rather than sharing a meal together, everyone had to come up with their own dinner menu... am I correct, Peter?

Marlene Murphy



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

The Euchre group met on January 14th at the home of Barbara Shein. Since we had only six players in attendance, we continued to learn the playing of Six-Handed Euchre.

The team consisting of Suzanne Palummieri, Cynthia Garcia and Barbara Shein won both games.

Our next games will be held on February 11th at the home of Shirley Dusmet.

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

Barbara Shein

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

We celebrated our last Wed bid euchre game before Christmas in Nancy & David Lynn's beautifully decorated home on **Nov. 26th**.

David had a moon & Nancy had the top score of 180, (even though David said the host shouldn't win). Myra scored with 175 & Brenda closely followed with 173.

We all enjoyed a tasty pineapple bunt cake with our tea & coffee.

The Wednesday bid euchre game on **Jan. 28th** was cancelled due to the cold & snow conditions, with poor parking conditions on the street. We will hope for better conditions for our game on Feb 25th. Anyone wanting to join our group as a spare can contact John or Donna.

Donna Elliott & John Stubbington



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

Bonnie hosted the first Friday Bid Euchre games in 2026. The top three winners were Dan with 205, Tom with 183 and Zina with 178. There were two successful MOONS played by Dan and Bill. Thanks to Tom and AnnaMarie for sparing.

It was a fun afternoon.
Thanks to Bonnie for providing delightful snacks, drinks and desserts throughout the afternoon.

The February and March games are cancelled as many are travelling.

Zina & Joe Yaworski



Canasta — 4th Friday of the Month @ 1pm

Canasta games were played at the home of Tom and Anna Marie Jones, on the coldest day of winter. Eleven people braved the cold weather to enjoy an afternoon of card playing.

Thanks to Gaye Bovair and Brian Idenden for sparing. Treats and veggies were served as snacks, Heaven on Earth cake was a big hit with the guests. Brian Idenden and Moe Rolph were two game winners.

Anna Marie Jones



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

What do you do when you are the PROBUS Walking Group and this year's winter weather has interrupted several of your official walking days? Well, if you are fortunate enough to live in Milton, you move your walking days indoors.

Milton has two inside tracks, the Velodrome and the Milton Sports Centre. The Velodrome has a longer track (outer ring is 319 m, middle ring is 314 m, the inside ring is 308 m) and the temperature is kept warm (humidity is high to protect the wooden bicycle track). The Sports Centre track is (191 m, 190 m and 182 m) around one of the skating rinks so the temperature is cool. It's a personal preference. Pick your venue, walk at your own pace or pick a walking mate and enjoy your walk. You do you!

Weather permitting; and, if the walking feels safe, we will walk outdoors. Keep your eyes open each Sunday for Walter's email outlining that week's walk. We walk every Monday morning at 9:30. Contact Walter if you want your name added to the email list.

Walter's email is: walter.eadie@cogeco.ca

Carol Streeter



Thanks to Denise Potter and Walter Eadie —Some Funnies

A hacker contacted me and said he had got all my passwords.
I got a pen and paper and said: "Thank the Lord for that, what are they?"

The other day I found a \$20 bill in a public car park and thought to myself
What would Jesus do? **So I turned it into wine...**

Why seniors never change passwords

WINDOWS: Please enter your new password.

USER: Cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

USER: boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

USER: 1 boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces

USER: 50damnboiledcabbages

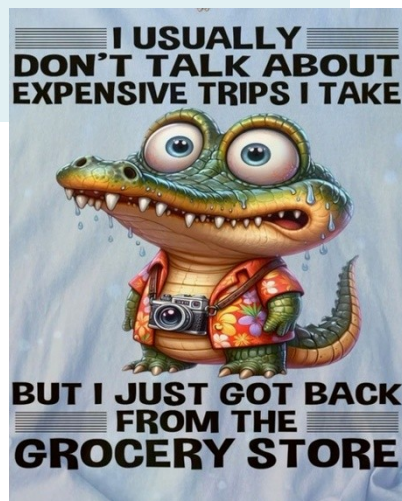
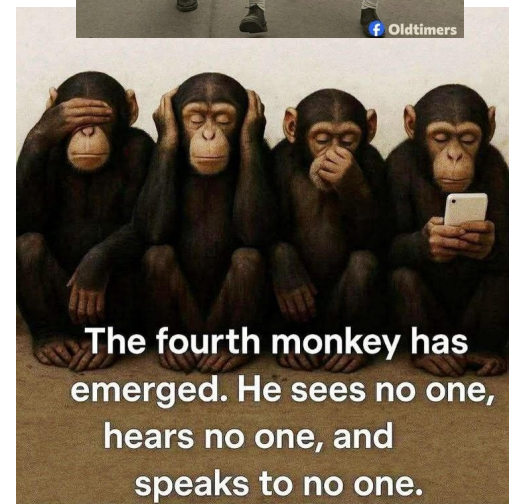
WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character

USER: 50DAMNboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

USER: 50GoddamnBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDon'tGiveMe AccessNow!

WINDOWS: Sorry, that password is already in use.



Make sure you delete this one if you are travelling to the States!

If Europe really wants to screw with the Americans, have Ikea remove a couple of screws from every pack of furniture that's heading to the U.S.



February 2026

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1 +	2 9:15 am Walking Group Email notifications Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	3	4 10 am Probus General Meeting Susan Popp	5	6 1pm Jokers Venue 1 & Venue 2 Jean Robinson— V1 Joe & Zina Yaworski—V2	7
8 1:30 pm Management Meeting Monday Feb. 9th 	9 9:15am Walking Group Email notifications Carol Streeter & Walter Eadie	10 1:30pm Jester Jokers Bill Turnbull	11 1:30pm Wednesday Euchre Barbara Shein	12 1:30pm Book Club — Spinecrackers Nancy Lynn	13 1pm Friday Bid Euchre Joe & Zina Yaworski <i>NB: Feb. game cancelled</i>	14
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