

Milton Probus Pulse



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 2, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.. (via Zoom)

Presidents Message: (Shirley Mathews 905-636-8680 mathews@sympatico.ca)



Greetings everyone. February, 2022

February is just around the corner, and it is the month that we celebrate Valentine's Day. The origin of this special day is shrouded in mystery. Was it based on the ancient Roman ritual of Lupercalia that welcomes spring, or was it the card-giving customs of Victorian England? Perhaps it was based on the martyred Saints called Valentine or Valentinus. Or maybe this special day was based on the legend of a priest called Valentine who was

secretly performing marriages after a 3rd century Emperor decreed that all soldiers must remain single. These are but a few of the myths, customs and legends associated with Valentine's Day.

I think that our present custom is the best. Giving flowers, chocolates and gifts is much more civilized, especially when it is served with a dash of humor. For example,

"What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?" "I'm stuck on you".

"Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day Cards?" "His heart wasn't in it".

A Reminder: Please remember to observe Covid protocols: Wear a mask at appropriate times, wash or sanitize your hands often, maintain social distancing, and stay safe.

Attention all those Mathematically inclined: The Club needs someone to review the year end Milton Probus financial statements. If you are interested in contributing to the Club by doing this yearly volunteer job, please contact a Management Committee member.

**"Black history is not just for
Black people – Black history
is Canadian history."**

- JEAN AUGUSTINE

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

#BlackHistoryMonth



From our Special Events Director: (Henry Popp 905-876-3241: 19hooper38@gmail.com)

January Event



On the evening of Friday January 21, we met via Zoom for the murder mystery show “Malachi Stout’s Family Reunion”. What a pleasant and fun-filled evening it turned out to be. As someone wrote later, “who ever imagined we had such a wealth of acting talent among our very own Probus members”.

Our thanks to those who participated in some form or other, taking on roles to act out, or applying their detective skills as investigators, or simply showed up to enjoy the “mayhem, mystery and mirth” as someone else put it.

Congratulations to Patricia Kotak for correctly guessing who the murderer was, and congratulations to Harrison Clarington (a.k.a. Joe Yaworski) and Sabrina Stout (a.k.a. Pat McIntyre) who were voted by the cast, investigators and audience as best actors.

Susan and Henry Popp



February Event



*You're Invited to a
Valentine's Day Cooking Class Demonstration
Featuring Chef Philip Bernardino
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5pm*

Via Zoom

Details of menu and grocery list will be emailed at a later time to all participants who sign up for this event.

R.S.V.P. Henry Popp at hpopp1891@icloud.com



From Our Program Directors: (Carol Streeter 343-996-7519,
Carole & Brian Budworth 905-878-8545)

February Speaker; Lianne Harris Racioppo. She will be speaking on Canada's Black History.



Lianne is the history, culture and social studies resource specialist consultant with the Toronto District School Board, guest teacher to many other boards, and has participated as curriculum advisor for Upper Canada College. In 2013 she was invited to develop and deliver a series of educational adult lectures and hands-on presentations that delve into those things that mature students want to know (places, lives, customs, and events) but with no classroom exams and all the boring bits taken out--just the juicy stuff!

Appearing on TV and interviewed many times on the radio, she has been the keynote presenter at many professional, academic and organization events. She is an honours graduate of York University.

February is Black History Month



The speaker for March will be George Sanford - The Sensual World of the Seasons

From our Fellowship Director: (Patricia McIntyre 905-876-4040; pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca)

Greeting Cards



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.

Pat McIntyre..905 876 4040 pat.mcintyre@simpatico.ca

Thank you.



MILTON PROBUS TRAVEL

Last call for ALL ABOARD



By early March, we will need to firm up our numbers for the June 20-27 St Lawrence River cruise and return uncommitted cabins back to the company.

So you have the month of February to decide if you'd like to join the 30 or more Probus members who are already signed up. Please let me know asap.

To recap, this is a 7-day, calm water, river cruise from Kingston to Montreal and return. Coach transportation from Milton to Kingston and return will be added so you have no worries about air flights, passports, or out-of-country travel insurance. The cruise includes daily shore excursions, all meals, wine with lunch and dinner for our group rate of only \$3116 pp.

This will be a wonderful way to shake off the Covid cobwebs and re-establish great friendships within our Probus family. I hope you will join us.

St Lawrence Cruises had a safe, incident-free 2021 schedule and have a robust Covid protocol in place. We are all hoping this will not be needed by June this year but it is reassuring to know that the company has the experience and commitment to keep us safe.

I am available to answer any questions and provide more information. Please get in touch.
Walter Eadie

Special Interest Groups

5 Friday Bid Euchre (Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe_zina@hotmail.com)

On Friday December 10th, 2021 we had our first in person games in two locations hosted by Bonnie Chapman and Joe and Zina Yaworski. The afternoon started off with conversation catching up on 2 years of absence. Everyone agreed that it was great seeing each other and finally playing bid euchre.

We were looking forward to the January games but with the rising numbers of Omicron the games have once again been cancelled. Fortunately, Bob Streeter has designed an online bid euchre game. He began working on the computer game in the summer of 2021. A test group gave Bob suggestions, he has perfected the game, and it is ready to be used by anyone.

Members of the Friday Bid Euchre group who want to play are learning the online version. Our Friday online games will begin on February 11, 2022.



7 The Hiking Club (Leader Terry Cole 905-845-0171; terryjane@sympatico.ca)

We have entered the second month of the year without managing to determine where January went. That said, we have reached the coldest portion of the year. Then there was snowmageddon in mid-month. Thus the reason for lower numbers in both step counts and participants.

We did manage to increase our step count by 133,881 to a total of 88,329,706. As we approach our goal of 90,000,000 steps we should consider some kind of celebration with Covid safety in mind.

Those of you who wish to participate in our socially distanced please record your steps and send them to me via e-mail.

8-1 Jokers (Linda Reid 905-878-7717; dlreid@sympatico.ca)

“ALL ABOARD “ONLINE” JOKER PLAYERS”

During February, Joker Captains will be inviting you to play the online Joker Video game.

The online game that Bob Streeter developed is easy to play with sound and video included, you do not need Zoom.

The Online Captains are:

Nancy Lynn, Linda Reid, Joe Yaworski, Patricia Kotack and Marlene Murphy.

A spreadsheet will be emailed to all online players with the link to the Joker Video game. I hope that joker players will continue playing online games with other club members.

During February, if anyone in the club, including New Members would like to learn how to play the online joker game, please contact:

Online Training Captain Joe Yaworski at joe_zina@hotmail.com

Thank you,

Linda

8-3 Wee Joker (Brian & Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com)

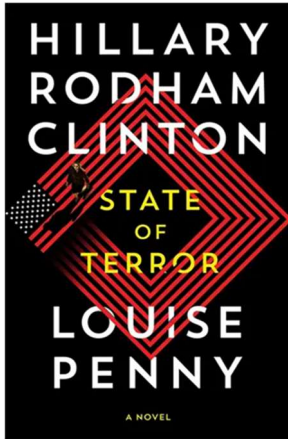
The month of February comes and goes so quickly. We observe Groundhog Day, Valentines Day and Family Day to name a few. We are encouraging the Joker players, who can play online, to initiate a game with your fellow Jokers. Who would have thought that we would be locked down at this point. A game of Jokers is one way to stay in touch.

I will be initiating play with the Wee group during the month of February. We have a great application with gameboard, video and audio. The App is continuously evolving. Try it out. Please contact me if you would like to play a game and we will set up a session.

Remember to take care of your heart health this month. Stay active. Just 10 minutes a day improves blood pressure, stress and mood. Have a few laughs and play Jokers.



9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; lynn67.personal@gmail.com)



Is this Covid year two or three? Two solid years of Zooming coming up for our group and we are still reading, discussing, and able to keep in touch. Thank you to the Milton Probus Club for enabling our meetings. We caught up on Covid cases, friends moving, and even shared the jigsaw puzzles many of us have worked.

Many thanks to Anne Eadie who researched material and found an on-line interview with the authors of her book, **State of Terror** by Hilary Clinton and Louise Penny. We all seemed to agree that the focus on the book was a cautionary tale about the dangers internationally present today, and the strong female characters whose friendships directed the positive action in the plot. For those of you are interested, since 2015 there has only been one rating of 10 by one of us - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.



Ice and Snow on Sixteen Mile Creek Add Beauty to a Winter Walk Through Livingston Park



10 Grape Expectations Wine Club (Tom & Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca)

December



The Wine Club met on December 28th at 7.00pm, once more on Zoom.. Thirteen Members Zoomed in to celebrate the Season with an Evening of sharing how our Christmas Celebrations had been during this current state of isolation, along with the format of the Evening of “Sips & Dips & Potato Chips.”.where everyone shared their choice of Wine and their version of “ Chips & Dips. We had an informal night of “Munching” “Sipping” and more of “chit chat” than Munching.

All in all everyone decided that it wasn’t that bad, just a little different from the usual.

January



The Wine Club met on January 25th at 7.00pm, another Month has come and gone and the “Zoomers” are still logging in via “Zoom”. Thirteen Members got together (yet still apart) for an Evening of Nachos and Sangria. There were many versions of that famous dish displayed as well as a discussion on the different versions of Sangria, based on the Wine that was used in each of the recipes. As the Evening ended the talk centered on Vacations, the upcoming Probus Cruise and did we think that next Month would maybe the last wine Night of the Lockdown.

As the end of the Lockdown appears to be coming closer Tom & I feel that, even if we are still in the back stretches of the Lockdown we should get back to the rhythm of our Meetings and alternate the duties of Hosting. (Even if we are still using “Zoom”)

We wound up the night with the “Two Tom’s” jokes of the Evening. (With a promise of more to come!)

11 Suds Sippers Beer Tasting Club (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

The members of Suds Sippers have reluctantly decided that Beer and Zoom do not mix. As a result, we have decided we will be “hungover” until we can resume in-person meetings. Please contact Walter Eadie if you’d like to join our merry group in April (we hope).

The Forest Mime is almost blue with the January cold temperatures.



13 Shutterbugs (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

January Shutterbug activity was subdued. Weather, calendar conflicts and the “blahs” were all out in force, working against us. A skeleton crew gathered by Zoom on January 18 and shared stories and photos. Nancy Lynn’s grandson, visiting from Florida, gave her lessons in enthusiasm and f-stops with his Canon Christmas gift. The challenge of the month was to experiment with the light in a predominately white photo composition. The weather cooperated, dumping over a foot of sparkling white winter groundcover. We will continue to schedule a monthly zoom meeting on the third Tuesday of the month and watch both the thermometer and the COVID-19 numbers with a view to planning an in-person photo outing when it is safe to do so. We welcome any club members with a camera and an urge to capture life around them. Our February gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15 on Zoom at 2 pm.

For more information or to join us at a future event please contact David Wentzell.

Waiting for a Warmer Day



14 Classical Crüe (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

On January 12 the Crue gathered to tackle a classical music quiz and listen to some music along the way. We learned that Chopin composed the music played at his own funeral and that a dog falling into a river inspired some enigmatic variations by Edward Elgar. And who would have guessed that the first non-British orchestra to play at the London Proms concerts would call Moscow home? Is it crazy that the tune “*Finlandia*” by Sibelius was the national anthem of Biafra and not Finland? If you would like to hear some **Melodious Mozart** (without any skill-testing questions) join us on Wednesday, February 9 at 2 p.m. when we meet by Zoom.

We welcome all Club members to join us for a listen and a chat about music of the ages. If you would like to join the fun, please email david.g.wentzell@gmail.com or join us using the Zoom link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86428205075?pwd=a1JFQ1hxUUptSGxIS0tzQkNaUIJEUT09>

JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

(Send your submission for possible inclusion in a future newsletter)

Calling all Club Photographers (or any Member who likes to Take a Picture)

Through history, notable figures from Leonardo DaVinci, to Napoleon to the playwright Henrik Ibsen have been connected with the adage, “A picture is worth a thousand words”. The editor of the Probus Pulse thinks so too. The newsletter is a great spot to share with club members photos of Milton, club members, your travels, or a great sunrise or sunset that you have captured.

Help make the images you see in the pages of the Pulse relevant and local by sending any photos you would like to share to Dave Hunt by email david.hunt@cogeco.ca.

Thanks David and Nancy for the suggestion. A reminder to all, this is your newsletter, if you have suggestions for additions or improvements please forward them to david.hunt@cogeco.ca.

Spray throat 3 times a day for anti coronavirus



Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!!



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THE FACE YOU MAKE WHEN REALIZING

COVID-19 DIES AT 80 DEGREES AND GLOBAL WARMING CAN SAVE US

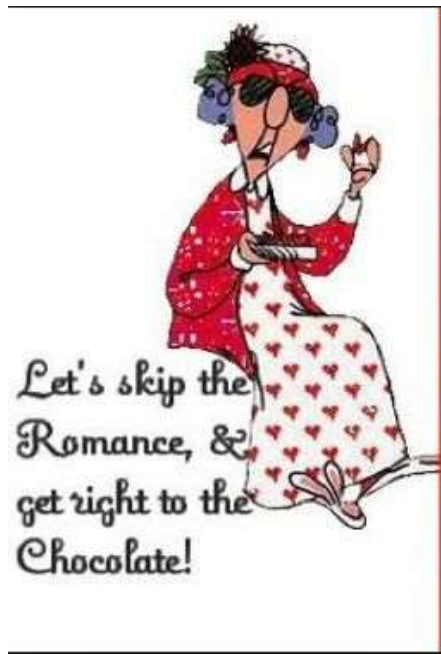




Self Isolation Chair

BREAKING NEWS

**Wearing a mask 🤔
inside your home is now
highly recommended.
Not so much to prevent
Covid-19 but to stop eating.**



Let's skip the
Romance, &
get right to the
Chocolate!

Crabby Road

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Every year in the middle of
February, something wonderful
and heartwarming happens.
Tons of candy
goes on clearance!

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AN ELDERLY MAN THINKING HIS WIFE WAS LOSING HER HEARING WENT ABOUT 20' BEHIND HER AND ASKED, "CAN YOU HEAR ME SWEETHEART?" NO REPLY. MOVED FORWARD 10' AND INQUIRED AGAIN. NO REPLY. 5' AND NOT A WORD. A FEW INCHES BEHIND HER EAR, HE ASKED "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW HONEY?" HIS WIFE SAID "FOR THE FOURTH TIME, YES!"

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?

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Club Activity Schedule

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	1st Fri. - 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Jester Joker</i>	2nd Tues.- 1:30 pm	Peter Sneyd	905-693-1708	psneyd@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	3rd Fri. - 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	lynn67.personal@gmail.com
Book Club – <i>Bookies</i>	3 rd Wed – 1:30 pm			
Classical Music	2 nd Wed. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	2nd Fri. – 3:00 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre – <i>Wednesday</i>	4th Wed. - 1:30 pm	Myra Faichnie	905-878-6615	billmyra@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	4th Thurs. - 1:00 pm	Kathy Sellers	647-227-7036	kathleensellers@hotmail.com
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri. - 1:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm			
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	3rd Thurs. - 5:00 pm			
Photography	3 rd Tues. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Probus Info Network - PIN	Online only - no meetings	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Tastings – Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	3rd Tues. - 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Tastings – Wine - <i>Grape Expectations</i>	4th Tues. - 7:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Travel – Event Coordinator		Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Every Mon. - 9:30 am	Terry Cole	905-845-0171	terryjane@sympatico.ca