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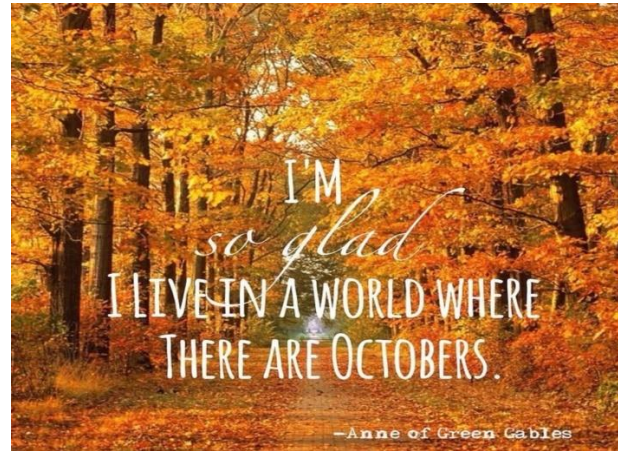
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OCTOBER 2020						
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**Next Meeting: Wednesday Oct 7
10:00 am - Zoom Meeting**

Greeters: N/A

Coffee & Tea: N/A

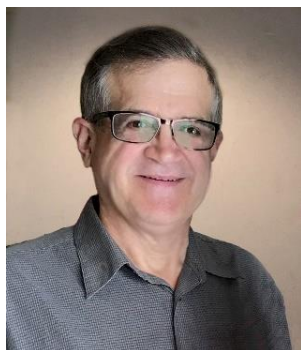
Speaker: Daniel Aonso –Woodstock
Revised

Member experiences: Henry Popp



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From our President:



Hello fellow Milton Probus Club members.

As I sit in the glorious September sunshine that marks the first day of autumn, I realize that for the last six months my newsletter message has been dominated by The Virus. I also realize that I have exhausted my supply of angles, spins and perspectives on living with, and adjusting to, COVID-19. So, at the threshold of a fresh season, I want to focus on Something N.E.W.

I want to encourage each of you to take up the challenge to venture into some thing or some activity that is fresh and exciting, perhaps even a little scary because it is unknown or untried.

Our September General Meeting was an example of a venture into new territory. We enjoyed a lively presentation by Liane Harris on the subject of Royal Scandals. Engaging speakers are nothing new at Milton Probus Club. What was new was that the whole meeting was served up on-line using Zoom. We had all the regular features of our tried and true meeting format – the National Anthem, a great speaker, an interesting Member Experience segment by Pat McIntyre, even the President’s Joke! We counted approximately 60 members who participated in our inaugural Zoom session. If you missed it you can view the recorded proceedings for a limited time at the link in David Hunt’s September 13 email to members. Watch for a new feature at our October Zoom meeting – Breakout Rooms, which will give members a chance to chat and visit in small groups.

Your Management Team wants to keep Milton Probus Club at the top of your new experience choices. We encourage you to try out one or more of our Special Interest Groups. It is easy; just contact the convener of a group that piques your interest. There is a complete listing of Special Interest Groups and conveners in this newsletter.

Taking a cue from the “walk the talk” idiom, I am looking for club members to join with like-minded folks in new Special Interest Groups with a focus on (1) photography and (2) classical music. Don’t be shy; you might not know your bokeh from your Berlioz, your andante from your aperture or your macro from your Mendelssohn. Take a leap into something NEW and enjoy delving into the harmonies of enduring music or learning how to create images with impact.

If photos and phonographs aren’t your thing, consider other possibilities in our full list of Special Interest Group offerings. Perhaps imbibing beer with the Suds Sippers, a group that just tapped the keg at the start of this year is more your style. Relive your days as a Reach For The Top contender with the new Trivia Special Interest Group.

Whatever your choice, Milton Probus Club is there to partner with you as you enjoy the world of N.E.W (Novel Endeavours Welcomed). OK, I’ve blown my cover. I am a product of an acronym world – yes, I am a fan of the Man from U.N.C.L.E.

Have a great N.E.W. month.

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Milton Probus Club 2021 Membership Fees

In his 1963 novel, *Cat's Cradle*, Kurt Vonnegut reminded us that “In this world, you get what you pay for.” That nugget of truth goes much further back in time. *Barlett's*, the authority on quotes, traces the proverb back to Gabriel Bell in the 15th century.

Never fearing to buck the trend, your club management has unanimously voted to give you something you don't have to pay for! Yes, 2020 members of Milton Probus Club will awaken on January 1, 2021 as full members of the Club for all of 2021. No payment required.

That the Club is able to give its members two years for the price of one is a testament to the sound financial footing that we inherited at the start of 2020. Alice Carey, Club Treasurer, presented a detailed forecast of anticipated expenses for the balance of the current year and into 2021. Management is confident that our cash resources will allow us to operate through 2021 without putting the Club in jeopardy for future years. Management looks forward to your continued participation in our meetings and special interest groups. **Stay active in Milton Probus Club and get Much More Than You Pay For!**

David Wentzell
President

Monthly General Meetings

We will continue to hold our monthly meetings on ZOOM. ZOOM is a video conferencing technology that is widely available to a full range of devices and provides easy to use, functional ways of gathering large numbers of participants in a single event.

It is management's goal to have our ZOOM meetings be as much like our in-person gatherings as possible. From the national anthem to the President's Joke, we plan to have it all. Or almost all. The Share the Wealth draw has us stymied at this point

If you can't attend our ZOOM sessions, we will record the proceedings and you can watch the video on our Milton Probus Club webpage in the Members Only section at your leisure.

We know other Probus clubs in the District have successfully used ZOOM for their general meetings. Our ZOOM debut in September was an exciting Adaptation Adventure. Plan to join us in this brave new world.

David

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From the Secretary (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100 (walter.eadie@cogeco.ca))

The Management Committee was pleased with the results of the first General Meeting by Zoom and has made plans to make the October meeting more inclusive and interactive with members' video left on, free time at the beginning and breakout rooms at the end.

A new Zoom account has been purchased that will allow Special Interest Group leaders and others to set up and host their own meetings.

The Committee analyzed our financial situation and discussed alternatives prior to reaching the decision on membership fees which is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We concluded that the Covid-19 restrictions will be with us for the foreseeable future and discussed how to maintain membership interest over that time

- We need to encourage prospective new members to attend our meetings in the same way as before
- We continue to look for members to share their 'Member Experience' presentations
- Member participation in new special interest groups will be encouraged
- Contests, games, and puzzles will be included in the newsletter, starting with 'name our newsletter'

Unfortunately, we agreed that cancellation of our Christmas Lunch was inevitable for 2020 but have already booked for 2021.

Walter Eadie
(Secretary)

From the Editor: (David Hunt 905-875-0350 (angela.hunt@cogeco.ca))



Reminder that the September Geeneral Meeting is available for viewing until October 6th at which time it will be removed. The Link below will take you to the site.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/QPw1BVpDovOICp-k5rwAdskKB5JvGsFzbXtdl-zXuz52xauZUNL-ZTv63FtqKaaR.vCeTQCe8MqBHZraX>

Passcode: 6&!9=2U

Once you click on the link it takes you to a menu of Web Sites to use to open the Presentation. I pasted the Passcode in the required box and like magic, the program appeared.

I also used Google to down load by Copying the Link to the Task Bar and again had no issues.

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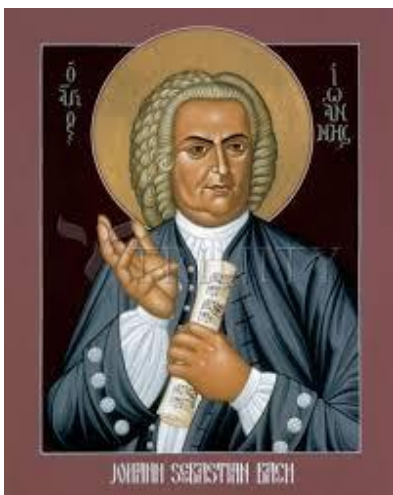
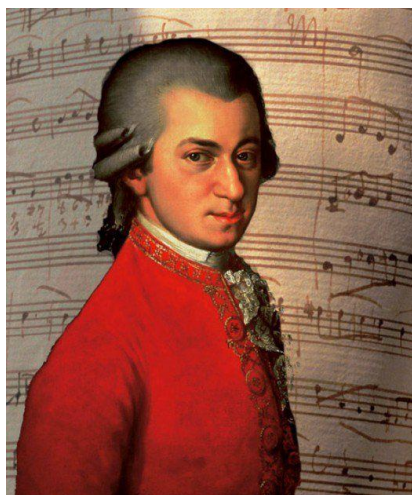
Special Interest Poll

We are exploring the possibility of adding new Special Interest groups to enhance our member experiences. Suggestions include:

Photography-- Please email david.g.wentzell@gmail.com if you're interested in participating



Classical Music --Please email david.g.wentzell@gmail.com if you're interested in participating



Trivia --- Please email angela.hunt@cogeco.ca if you're interested in participating or perhaps even convening this group. At time of publishing, we only have 3 interested members, not enough to continue. If there is no greater interest this month, we will remove this option for now.

We're open to any other suggestions for new groups?

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Zoom Meeting Tips

Meeting Preparation

- **Camera** - position your laptop or tablet so the camera is at your eye level. If necessary, sit the laptop/tablet on something (never hold it). Then we see your face and not under your chin 😊.
- **Lighting** - avoid having a window or bright light directly behind you as you will be in shadow to everyone else. A light or window in front of you and behind your camera is much preferred.
- **Sitting position** - try to sit close enough to the camera so that your head and shoulders are visible to the participants in the meeting.
- **Tablets** - always position them sideways for a bigger image on the screen
- **Headphones** - with mics, are not needed but are recommended for better audio and transmission of your voice, eliminating extraneous noises, and also making it less annoying for your family.
- **Technical issues** - if you lose connection to the meeting for any reason, just exit right out then join again.
- **Internet Connection** - if you are using a wireless connection, use www.speedtest.net to check your internet speed in the room you use. A download of 25-50 Mb/sec is good. Perhaps try another room if you have problems connecting and your number is low. Upload speed may also be important if you are doing a presentation, especially with video.

Tips for Best Participation

- **Rename yourself** - some participants show up as 'Owner' or 'Mary's i-Pad'. We all want to know who is who, so an easy first step when you join the meeting is to Rename Yourself so your first/last name is on your image.
Right click on your picture and select Rename, or open Participants, highlight your name, go to More, and then Rename.
- **Know How to Use Mute** - Effective use of Mute and Unmute is critical for Zoom meetings. This is the responsibility of each attendee, so please try to master this function.
- In general, you should be Unmuted when you first join the meeting, but please Mute your microphone as soon as you are sure you are connected OK and are just waiting for the meeting to start. This allows the moderator to focus on ensuring that everyone else joining after you is connecting OK.

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Upcoming Speakers

October Speaker (introduced by Zina Yaworski and thanked by Joe Yaworski)



We are pleased to announce that our originally-scheduled April speaker, **Daniel Aonso** from Circle Enrichment will be giving us his presentation of "Woodstock Revisited" by Zoom in October. It is fifty years since the Woodstock Festival was an historic event of "Three Days of Peace & Love," which still resonates throughout all music today...Joan Baez, Johnny Winter, Joe Cocker, Janis Joplin & Jimi Hendrix - a festival of hippie culture, anti-Vietnam war and rock 'n roll. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone of musical history.



November Speaker



Ellin Bessner will be speaking to our Probus group November 4.

Ellin is a Canadian journalist and accomplished speaker based in Toronto. She is the author of a new book about Canada's Jewish servicemen and women who fought in the Second World War. The book is called *Double Threat: Canadian Jews, the Military and World War II*.

We hope to raffle a copy of Ellin's book at our meeting.

Ellin will provide a general talk about the book's story as we prepare to mark the first ever Virtual Remembrance Day in November due to COVID

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Upcoming Member Experiences:

October:

Henry Popp: His interest in his family history and the results of his research into their genealogy.

From our Membership Director: (Anne Eadie 905-878-7143; eadies@cogeco.ca)

Prospective New Members Welcome!

Although we are not able to meet in person during Covid 19 the Milton Probus Club is alive & well and “Zooming”. We had a very successful September General meeting via Zoom with approximately 60 members enjoying a very entertaining presentation by the guest speaker.

Now, that the season of meetings has started, it is the time to invite your friends to join and enjoy the benefits of Probus. If you have any prospective members that you know would like to meet us you are encouraged to invite him/her/them as your guest(s) to a meeting. They can be introduced by you and welcomed in the same warm manner as always – albeit faces on a screen instead of in person.

They can still enjoy many of the benefits of membership, admittedly not the friendly hugs at the door or the coffee break chats, but interesting speakers are being secured for the general meetings (anticipated to be on Zoom for the foreseeable future) and many of the special interest groups continue to meet via Zoom or, in the case of the Monday morning “Happy Hikers” group, have a weekly social-distanced walk to keep their steps total growing. There is a second book club coming and some other new special interest groups just waiting in the wings for new members to join & enjoy.

In light of the fact that expenses for adding a new member are slightly lower during Covid 19, and to maintain the ongoing viability of our Club, Management Committee has decided to adjust the new member fee for 2021 to \$25. (Inclusive of the initiation fee).

So, come Zoom with us and if you intend to invite a guest to attend the October meeting send an email to David Wentzell so he can prepare the agenda to include them.

Anne Eadie, Membership Chair

From our Fellowship Directors: (Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288;

marlene_murphy@hotmail.com

Jim Miller 905-876-3105; jimmiller@rogers.com)

Greeting Cards



If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Director or a member of the management committee.

If you or a fellow Probus member is moving out of the area, please inform us.



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Christmas Probus Luncheon December 2, 2020

After a lengthy discussion with the Probus Management Committee, it has been decided to cancel our Christmas Luncheon due to Covid-19 concerns. We have been in touch with Granite Ridge Golf Club and they have advised us that they would not be able to accommodate us as mandated by Town of Halton Hills. Our goal for 2021 is to have our Probus Christmas Luncheon at the Granite Ridge Golf Course on Wednesday December 1st, 2021. Fingers crossed.

Obituary: Allen Johnson



Allen Ronald Johnson, born February 4, 1938 in Val D'or, Quebec, died peacefully in Milton, Ontario on September 19, 2020. Allen leaves behind his wife Dorothy, his children Ian Johnson, Craig Johnson, Jacquelin Iverson and their extended families, and his sisters Kathleen Wilson and Linda Hasler. Due to COVID, a private funeral will be held for the family at Pine Hills Cemetery on Saturday, September 20, 2020. Allen and his wife Dorothy (Hay) were among the founding members of the Probus Club of Milton, in the first membership list from January 2006.

After missing a couple of years when he moved to Allandale, he rejoined for 2020 and, with the assistance of his daughters, attended our meetings at the Sports Centre at the beginning of the year, happily reconnecting with former neighbours and Probus friends

Travel

May 12 -18 2021 - Nashville and Memphis

(Terry Cole- Probus trip coordinator 905-875-0171)

Update:

Jane and Terry have been in regular contact with the folks at TOUR DESIGN.

The dates have been changed but the itinerary remains the same.

If anyone has any questions they can feel free to call us (905) 875-0171 or E-mail us at terryjane@sympatico.ca

Terry and Jane Cole

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Special Events: (Susan Popp 905-876-3241; susulucky66@icloud.com and Henry Popp 905-876-3241; hpoppp1891@icloud.com)

As you know, all social events have been cancelled, and this will continue until the Probus Club of Milton is permitted to resume such activities. At this time, we do not know how long this will continue. When we are in a position to resume events, we will start off with some events that will seem appropriate and simple to arrange to get the ball rolling. While we wait for the situation to change, should anyone have ideas of events that they would like us to arrange, please email one of us with your suggestions, and we will look into whether or not they are feasible for our club.

Special Interest Groups

1 Bits and Bites on Thursday night (Carol Elliott 905-875-3980; celliott7@cogeco.ca)

Bits and Bites continue in isolation mode.

2 Bridge (Shirley Mathews 905-636-8680; mathews@sympatico.ca)

The fall season of the Bridge group kicks off on October 1 using the online app, **Trickstercards.com**. We are pleased welcome Ellie Lawrence to our Special Interest Group and invite any interested players to become members. We are a congenial group and all levels of experience are welcome. Our games are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to having good cards through the fall and winter.

3 Canasta (Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca)

Canasta continues in isolation mode.

4 Euchre (Darel & Carol Crawford 519-836-1985; dcraw4d@sympatico.ca)

There is no Report for the Euchre Group.

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

We have all missed our card games and companionship. Some members have been wondering whether they still remember how to play bid euchre! To refresh their skills some have been playing face to face but only one outdoor table practicing social distancing.

6 Wednesday Bid Euchre (Myra Faichnie 905-878-6615; billmyra@sympatico.ca)

Wednesday Bid Euchre continues in isolation mode.

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7 The Hiking Club (Co-Leader Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca Leader Marilyn Morita 905-854-5046; george.morita@sympatico.ca)

The Hiking Group is actively walking within the Covid Guidelines. We Social Distance but still manage to “Chit Chat” along the way, keeping one another up to date in all that we are doing, what books we are reading and how Family and Grandchildren are coping. There are some of us who feel more comfortable walking on their own in their own Neighbourhood and reporting their step count, and that’s fine with everyone. Over the last few weeks we have branched out and as well as an in Town walk, we have walked the The Britton Trail, The Mill Pond Trail and the Currie Forest Tract. Lots of People to chat with and walking in familiar Trails, it is almost, but not quite, normal. Our thanks to Marilyn Morita who is instrumental in keeping this Group moving. Our overall step count is 79,720,291 footsteps and we are just 279,709 steps shy of our goal of 80,000,000 It was wonderful to see George, who popped over to the parking lot to make sure we were all “Tick” free. Goodness No ! we weren’t searched but he did give us all a little “doohickey” that would remove Ticks in the event that one decided to take a ride. We were all so pleased to see George looking so well.



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

The Covid 19 Jokers on line and on front porches tally is Girls 84 to Boys 74.
Linda Reid

8-2 Jester Joker (Peter Sneyd 905-693-1708; psneyd@sympatico.ca)

Still in isolation mode.

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

We are truly missing the companionship and enthusiasm of the Wee Jokers. We may be a new group, but we instantly meshed and we looked forward to and enjoyed the comradery of our monthly games.

A year and half ago, John Williams helped us start the Wee Jokers. We met at the home of Marilyn and George Morita. Most of us had a training session with veteran Joker players. We were brought together and instructed and coached on playing a few rounds of the games. As a group, we were fortunate to experience the energy and competition of two Jokeramas. We were thankful and grateful for being included.

We are sad to say farewell to John and Carolle. We are happy for them and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives. I personally will miss John’s mentorship and quick smile.....

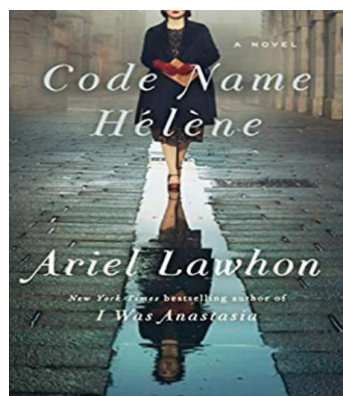
Marlene

9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; dhlynn@sympatico.ca)

2020 August Spinecrackers

Ariel Lawhon’s **Code Name Hélène** is a historical fiction novel inspired by the real story of Nancy Grace Augusta Wake, under several code names, she becomes one of the most powerful leaders in the French Resistance, known for her ferocious wit, her signature red lipstick, and her ability to summon weapons straight from the Allied Forces. *Code Name Hélène* is a story of enduring love, remarkable sacrifice and unfaltering resolve that chronicles the true exploits of a woman who was the Allies’ most decorated servicewoman of WWII, and the Gestapo’s most-wanted person.

Our Zoom meeting was a great chance to get together and share ideas and events. Many thanks to Walter Eadie and Dan Reid for their help in facilitating the experience. It’s hard to get a good picture of the group as you can see - it would be much better if we were actually sitting together and sharing that cup of tea and desserts!



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

Our August 25th Wine Club get together was held in the beautiful garden of Anne & Walter Eadie. Anne & Walter had set up their Patio to ensure that social distancing was in effect at all times. We all took our own Chairs, our Wine and our Munchies. It was wonderful sharing time with each other in the flesh. We chatted, laughed, sipped and munched our way through an excellent evening. Thank you Anne & Walter for going to all that trouble to keep us all safe. Everyone had a wonderful evening.



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

Our next get-together will be in October, perfect timing for our own Oktoberfest celebration. Call Walter if you'd like to join us.



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between a beer
and your opinion
is that I asked for
a beer.

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*is living proof that God loves us
and wants us to be happy.*

-Benjamin Franklin

**DRINK
BEER,
BECAUSE NO GREAT
STORY EVER STARTED
WITH SOMEONE EATING
A SALAD.**



12 *New Book Club* (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

A group of nine members has agreed to form a second book club, meeting 3rd Wednesday at 1:30 each month. If you would like to learn more or are interested in joining this group, please contact Walter Eadie. (walter.eadie@cogeco.ca 905- 691- 5100).

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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	b_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	dhlynn@sympatico.ca
Book Club – TBD	3 rd Wed – 1:30 pm	Walter Eadie	905-878-7143	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	2nd Fri. - 1:00 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	Shirley Mathews	905-636-8680	mathews@sympatico.ca
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri. - 1:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm	Carol Crawford	519-836-1985	dcraw4d@sympatico.ca
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	3rd Thurs. - 5:00 pm	Carol Elliott	905-875-3980	celllott7@cogeco.ca
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		Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Every Mon. - 9:30 am	Marilyn Morita	905-854-5046	george.morita@sympatico.ca

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
Activities				
General Meeting	Oct 7	10:00 AM	No Meeting	David Wentzell
Executive Meeting	Oct 19	2:00 PM	TBD	David Wentzell
Clubs				
Probus Info Network - PIN				Bill Turnbull
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	Oct 2	1:30 PM	TBD	Linda Reid
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Oct 5	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	Oct 8	1:30 PM	Tom Carey	Nancy Lynn
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	Oct 9	1:00 PM	cancelled	Zina Yaworski
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Oct 12	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Jester Joker</i>	Oct 13	1:30 PM	TBD	Peter Sneyd
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	Oct 15	5:00 PM	TBD	Carol Elliott
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	Oct 16	1:30 PM	TBD	Brian Murphy
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Oct 19	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	Oct 20	7:00 PM	TBD	Walter Eadie
Cards - Euchre	Oct 21	7:30 PM	TBD	Carol Crawford
New Book Club	Oct. 21	1:30 PM	TBD	Walter Eadie
Cards - Bridge	Oct 22	1:00 PM	TBD	Shirley Mathews
Cards - Canasta	Oct 23	1:00 PM	cancelled	Alice Carey
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Oct 26	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Wine – <i>Grape Expectations</i>	Oct 27	7:00 PM	TBD	Alice Carey
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Wednesday</i>	Oct 28	1:30 PM	TBD	Myra Faichnie



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
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Activities

General Meeting	Nov 4	10:00 AM	No Meeting	David Wentzell
Executive Meeting	Nov 16	2:00 PM	TBD	David Wentzell

Clubs

Probus Info Network - PIN				Bill Turnbull
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Nov 2	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – <i>Jokers - Joker</i>	Nov 6	1:30 PM	TBD	Linda Reid
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Nov 9	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Board Games – <i>Jokers – Jester Joker</i>	Nov 10	1:30 PM	TBD	Peter Sneyd
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	Nov 12	1:30 PM	TBD	Nancy Lynn
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	Nov 13	1:00 PM	cancelled	Zina Yaworski
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Nov 16	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	Nov 17	7:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Walter Eadie
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	Nov 17	5:00 PM	TBD	Carol Elliott
Cards - Euchre	Nov 18	7:30 PM	TBD	Carol Crawford
New Book Club	Nov. 18	1:30 PM	TBD	Walter Eadie
Board Games – <i>Jokers – Wee Joker</i>	Nov 20	1:30 PM	TBD	Brian Murphy
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Nov 23	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita
Tastings - Wine – <i>Grape Expectations</i>	Nov 24	7:00 PM	TBD	Alice Carey
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Wednesday</i>	Nov 25	1:30 PM	TBD	Myra Faichnie
Cards - Bridge	Nov 26	1:00 PM	TBD	Shirley Mathews
Cards - Canasta	Nov 27	1:00 PM	Cancelled	Alice Carey
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Nov 30	9:30 AM	E-mail notification	Marilyn Morita



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JOKE, AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

Imagine you were born in 1900.

When you're 14, World War I begins and ends when you're 18 with 22 million dead.

Soon after a global pandemic, the Spanish Flu, appears, killing 50 million people. And you're alive and 20 years old.

When you're 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and famine.

When you're 33 years old the nazis come to power.

When you're 39, World War II begins and ends when you're 45 years old with a 60 million dead. In the Holocaust 6 million Jews die.

When you're 52, the Korean War begins.

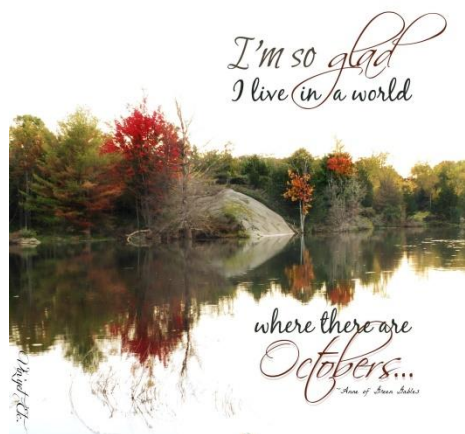
When you're 64, the Vietnam War begins and ends when you're 75.

A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and catastrophes.

Today we have all the comforts in a new world, amid a new pandemic. But we complain because we need to wear masks. We complain because we must stay confined to our homes where we have food, electricity, running water, wifi, even Netflix! None of that existed back in the day. But humanity survived those circumstances and never lost their joy of living.

A small change in our perspective can generate miracles. We should be thankful that we are alive. We should do everything we need to do to protect and help each other.

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Dear Facebook,
please stop suggesting
people I may know.
I do know them.
I don't like them.

An elderly woman was walking her dog when a young man grabbed her purse and ran away. I asked if she was OK and she smiled and said that its really no big deal because she carries her old purse to put her dog's poop in it until she gets home to dispose of it.



**In other news...
the Seven Dwarfs
have been advised
that as of today,
they can only meet in
groups of six.
One of them isn't
Happy.**

The quarantine has strained many marriages but for some of us it has enhanced our relationships. I'm lucky to have the most loving wife. Last night I woke up while she was holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from COVID 19.

Thanks Diane

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Tributes to John and Carroll Williams:



This is a special PWG report to say farewell to Carroll and John Williams who are moving, or may have already moved, within the last few days, to Collingwood. They want to be close to their daughter and family who are constructing a home for spring occupancy. We owned a chalet at the base of Blue Mountain for many years, and enjoyed going there winter and summer. Several close friends still have homes there and have told us that the town has revitalized itself over the years with many new shops and fine restaurants.

We will miss Carroll and John and their contributions to various Probus “SIG”s, and I know I speak for the entire PWG group when we wish them “Many Happy Trails” in Collingwood!

Marilyn and George



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Jolly jovial Joyful, jocund, John Williams jested with me to try jokers at a June Probus meeting. Jumping, Jiminy, Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat, the Jones's joined in July. Face cards to open, backward eights joker limitations and splitting sevens seemed to be significant rules to study, but we found it to be a jewel of a game and juices, jub jubes, and jelly beans were jauntily consumed at many games. Twice yearly Jokeramas were eagerly looked forward to. I have been jinxed at every one. I find I am just a journeyman prone to make jeopardizing moves lacking justification and juris prudence. However being a jester heckler at a Trump wiggled witty Williams takeoff on dizzy, ding dong dipstick, disastrous Donald the Donkey was very worthwhile.

Careful, comical, carefree, Cape Bretoner, Caroll Williams coaxed and cajoled, us to consider Canasta. Convincingly she coached us so we could cope with the crazy counting system and the crucial strategies of the game. She is a calculating, conscientious, constructive, creative competitor capable of winning or losing with grace. However when opposing, sitting to her immediate right I have coyly and calmly chuckled as she cringed and mildly complained crankily at not getting the crucial card to compliment her hand. Conversely she has done the same to me with the coolness of a conqueror.

In 2020 Covid Crisis year the Williams family cashed in on their casa in Drury Park moving to the cross country trails of Collingwood.

John and Caroll we hope you enjoy your new home where you will enjoy the closeness of family, the serenity, peacefulness and magnificent beauty of Georgian Bay. Hopefully you will find a Probus club where you can continue to contribute generously as always. If you can find a white wine that John can give a higher rating than ten let us know.

Good luck goodbye and God Bless. Hopefully our paths will cross again.

- Tom Jones

It may seem trite my saying good bye to Carol and John, having only met them a couple of times. However, by the wonderful accolades sent to you, from your friends, I am sorry for not having had time to get to know you better.

The probus organization engages a wonderful group of people. I can imagine how much you will miss them. Good luck in your 'new digs'.

Denise Potter

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JOHN and CAROLL WILLIAMS

**Moving north, to Collingwood
Leaving our neighbourhood
Missing them, we'll grieve
Saddened, to see them leave.**

**Joining, Probus Interest groups
Book Club, Hiking, Wine Tasting-whoops
Bid Euchre, Bridge, Canasta too
And Jokers that expanded and grew.**

**John, Grand Marshall at Jokerama
Impersonating "TRUMP" caused drama
Over sixty players at Morita's
Indulged in fajita, pizza and pitas.**

**Lawn bowling on manicured grass
Keeping fit in exercise class
Freezing muffins by the dozen
Mysteriously disappear, by her husband.**

**Wonderful folks are Caroll and John
True friends you can really count on
Best wishes, as you move on
And for Zoom Jokers, just log on.**

**Linda Reid
September 24th, 2020.**

John and Caroll would be delighted to hear from you.

Please pass this on for us and let people know that we are willing hosts ,in the TRUE NORTH , for any who choose to venture that way. We too were pleased to be able to be with the Walking Group yesterday. We will miss you all. John and Caroll.

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