

Milton Probus Pulse



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.. (via Zoom)

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



Probus Pulse for December 2021

As I write this message, December is almost upon us and already we have had a dusting of snow. We begin thinking about Christmas shopping and putting up the Christmas tree. As we're still living with Covid, we are careful about wearing masks and social distancing, as we want to stay healthy for family gatherings at Christmas.

Some Probus Clubs are open to in person meetings, and hybrid meetings are deemed unnecessary as those who are willing to attend in person meetings are also those who attend Zoom meetings.

Our Club will soon be open to an in person meeting but we are limited by the unwillingness of Guest speakers to attend live meetings. We are hoping for our first normal meeting in March, so stay tuned.

Special interest groups are also starting, although with limited numbers of people attending.

Darel and Carol Crawford are stepping down as Euchre conveners and players, after 11 years at the helm. Also, Bits and Bites is losing Carol Elliott as organizer after 11 years. As everything has been on hold for the last 2 years, it seems this is the year for change. I'm confident that when life returns to normal, or a new normal, there will be a renewed interest in all the Club's activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone by Zoom at 5:00 P.M on December 1 for "Cocktails and Christmas Traditions."

**"OUR STRENGTH IS IN FELLOWSHIP,
OUR SUCCESS IS IN PARTICIPATION"**



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

Special Events: Dec. 1st Zoom Meeting



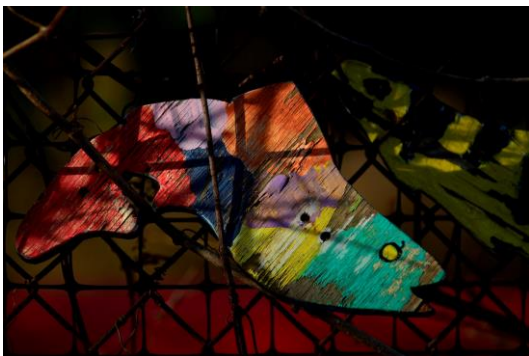
Probus Milton Christmas Cocktail Hour via Zoom

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 4:45pm

Please join us for about an hour of fellowship and entertainment. George Sanford will give us a History of Christmas Traditions. He will talk about his favourite holiday, Christmas, and provide a PowerPoint presentation about the many wonderful and beautiful Christmas traditions around the world, telling us about the origins of Christmas and the symbols of the holiday season. George has a great passion for art of all kinds be it music, dance, painting, theatre and the architecture of writing.

Bring your favourite late afternoon cocktail, wine, beer spirits or mocktails. We will open the chat room at 4:45pm so that people have a chat and catch up before the presentation.

A zoom invitation will be sent to all members. There is no need to RSVP.



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

January Speaker

Amy Brauen-Halton Healthcare

Amy has been a registered social worker for the past 19 years. She currently works in the Older Adult Mental Health Clinic providing therapy, case management, and supporting the psychiatrists in assisting with new assessments.

She has worked in all areas of health care; currently mental health, home care, and hospital care (stroke recovery, ICU care, complex rehabilitation programs, and general medicine).

She will be presenting on the Basics of Depression and Anxiety – Signs/Symptoms, Treatment options, where to go for help.

Brian

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

Probus Membership Fee Renewal – 2022.

It is that time of the year Probus friends! Membership fees are due & the deadline is December 31st.

Membership fees have normally been collected at the Christmas luncheon however due to Covid19 this is one more change to the norm that we are having to endure. This year we are requesting that you pay your membership either by interact etransfer, mail in a cheque or deliver a cheque or cash to Anne Eadie or Alice Carey.

The renewal form on the following page has all the information you need to make your payment by one of these methods - please complete and return this form to aeadiehome@cogeco.ca to make sure you are included in the 2022 Membership Directory.

We will be able to meet in-person soon so plan to pay your membership so you can continue to enjoy the fellowship of your Probus friends, the meeting speakers and special interest groups.

Not rejoining? If you are not planning to rejoin please let me know ASAP so I do not continue to send you renewal requests.

If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me (905-878-7143). I am happy to help.

Thank you, Anne Eadie, Membership Director.

(A copy of the following form will be sent by separate email.)



PROBUS Club of Milton



P.O. Box 583, Station Main, Milton. ON. L9T 5A2
Website - miltonprobust.ca

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022 - Membership is annual from January to December 2022

FEES: due by December 31st.2021: **Amount:** The 2022 annual fee is \$45.00 per person.

Please complete and return this Form by email to Membership Director - Anne Eadie at aeadiehome@cogeco.ca. or print and return it with your payment.

Payment may be made by:

- etransfer to Treasurer at miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com
- Cheque by mail to: P.O. Box 583, Station Main, Milton, ON. L9T 5A2
- Cash or Cheque –can be delivered in person to:

Anne Eadie at 58 John St., Milton, L9T 1G3 or Alice Carey 3225 Pinemeadow Drive, Unit 3, Burlington, L7M 3T7

Important: If paying by Interact etransfer you must include your name on your bank etransfer payment form so the treasurer receives accurate notification of who the payment is from.

If a security password is required use – Membership with a capital M.

Cheques should be.

Please indicate amount, method of payment & date paid. Cheques should be made out to Probust Club of Milton

\$_____ Method _____ Date Paid _____

Member Name(s) _____

Please note: If you have not already submitted your Covid Vaccination Receipt as per Probust Milton protocol. Please do so with this form.

Complete the following only if you have any changes.

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PREFERRED TELEPHONE #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(2021 December)

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.



Special Interest Groups

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

Regrettably, Carol is resigning as the lead for Bits & Bites. Thanks you so much for the time and effort over the past decade. We need someone to step-up and replace Carol to keep this fun group running. Are **you** interested?

2 Bridge (Kathy Sellers 647-227-7036; kathleensellers@hotmail.com)

MEET THE BRIDGE PLAYERS - KATHY SELLERS

How long have you been playing bridge? My husband and I fooled around with bridge just after university but I really learned to play in my 30's.

How did you learn to play? I joined the bridge interest group with the University Women's Club in Milton. I learned at the table and am grateful to all the club members who shared their expertise with me.

Have you a funny story about playing bridge? Actually, I have two. The first one takes place on the very first time I hosted bridge for the UWC. We had little kids so I used furniture polish to clean my kitchen table and chairs. To my embarrassment and chagrin, one of the ladies sat down on my newly polished chairs and slid right under the table!

The second one is a tale of a new player learning at the table. My partner (who was a very good bridge player) welcomed me to the game and asked if I had any "conventions". A convention is a series of bids bridge players make to tell each other about their hands. I did not know that so I replied, "Well, I have been to the Canadian Bar Association Convention several times." I am not sure that she was impressed.

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

The Canasta Group do not play Canasta In December.....our Canasta date in December is too near to Christmas.

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

Darel and I have decided not to continue to convene the Euchre Games with Probus. We took over as organizers of the Euchre card games in 2010. We have notified the current members of the group asking if any would like to organize the games going forward; however, many of the current Euchre card players are already organizing other special interest groups.

We have had so many enjoyable evenings playing Euchre and many laughs over the years! Delicious snacks throughout the evenings and fabulous lunches after the games, not to mention the camaraderie.

Along with the current Euchre players, and those who played in the past, we would also like to thank all the 'Spares' who came out to play, often on short notice.

If anyone would like to take over organizing the Euchre games, I would be happy to give you a listing of the players, and those who are currently on the spare list.

Sincerely,

Carol/Darel Crawford

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

Wednesday Bid Euchre continues in isolation mode.



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

The month of November has almost passed into history and the Christmas season is fast approaching. Over the past month the temperatures have been falling and Mother Nature has anointed us with great volumes of rain and some snow.

The PWG has experienced a very large drop in both step counts and participants. I can only attribute this drop to one of two reasons. (1) people are shying away from walking due to the inclement and cold weather or (2) our hikers are wanting company to keep them on the trails. We are unable to do much about the weather however as Covid begins to subside, vaccinations are increasing and restrictions are beginning to loosen we can now consider going to at least some of our old haunts.

That being said we are in need of some volunteers to help in organizing these walks and getting our group re-registered for park passes. Thanks to members of PWG like Marilyn Morita, Jane Cole, Linda Reid and Alice Carey we have been able to keep the group headed toward some lofty goals. I believe the time has come for others to take hold of the reins and steer us onward. I can only hope that this plea is heeded.



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

Jane Cole and Nancy Lynn hosted the indoor Joker games on Friday, November 5th.

Probus protocols were adhered to and all felt comfortable playing 3 games.

Online Joker games were played by Joe & Zina Yaworski, and John & Caroll Williams.

These were fun games for the Joker players who haven't played Jokers in a almost two years.

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

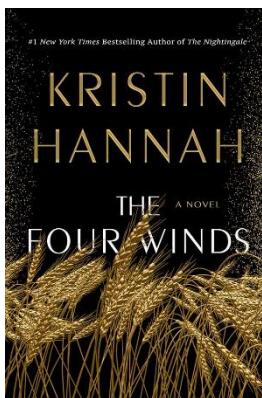


Wishing all of our Probus Friends and Their Families a very Merry Christmas Season.

The Wee Jokers group is not ready for in-person play. We all miss the camaraderie and fellowship of our group. Our Christmas potluck Luncheon 2019 was one of the last times we celebrated together. We look forward to future play and merriment



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



Our meeting is still via Zoom. Thus we shared our friendship and ideas virtually once more. We discussed more than the book of the month. We talked of Anne D's new furniture and cataract surgery and the fact that some have Christmas decorations and lights up already. We talked of Christmas plans and visits, and the real world happenings. Covid continues to be a concern and we are all awaiting the chance for a 'booster' shot.

Walter's book for December is **Operation Angus** by Canadian author Terry Fallis who will be interviewed in a feature by the Milton Library on November 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Our book this month was **The Four Winds** by Kristin Hannah. We read about the Dust Bowl of the 1930's and the terrible conditions the farmers and then California-bound migrants faced. All in the group agreed it was a very depressing story of a very depressing era.



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



In October our Wine Club decided that we would take it easy and not stray too far from Home. We would stay Local with the Wide Variety of “Home Grown Wines” to choose from and once again we met up on “Zoom”.

We had 15 Tasters in attendance and as soon as we all got our “Zoom” on, the chatter started.

We allowed time for “Let’s Catch Up” with everyone pitching in on various topics of interest

.We had a great variety of Ontario Wines to choose from including the following:

Coffin Ridge L’Acadie Blanc,

Strewn Rogues Lot Cab Sav.

G.Marquis The Red Line Pinot Grigio

Trius VQA Sauvignon Blanc.

Small Mercy Upbeat White

Our Wine Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 7.00pm (currently on “ZOOM”) with a different theme for discussion each month.



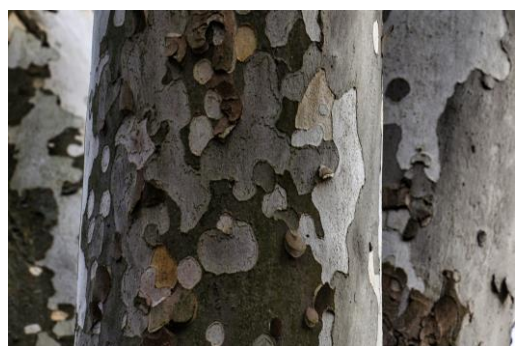
13 Shutterbugs (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

On November 16, an adventurous trio of Shutterbugs gathered in person for a photo hike along the paths of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. The pleasant weather and late fall sunlight allowed Nancy Lynn, Marlene Murphy and David Wentzell to capture images of trees, lakes, wildlife and fungus as we enjoyed the fresh air. Look for photos from the RBG by our group members throughout this edition of The Pulse. We enjoyed the break from Zoom so much, we have a plan to capture the Christmas lights in old Milton as part of our December activities. For more information or to join us at a future event please contact David Wentzell.

Behind the scene with shutterbugs:



Many pictures throughout Pulse are from members of the Shutterbug group.



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

The Crüe met over Zoom on November 8 and enjoyed a program of “bigger” chamber music as we listened to examples of a quintet, a sextet, a septet. Adding on one more instrument, a complete performance of Felix Mendelssohn’s Octet for Strings proved to be a fitting way to cap off the afternoon.

We will meet next over zoom on December 8 for a program of festive seasonal music selected by our participants. 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 and have music of Christmas you would like to share, please email david.g.wentzell@gmail.com

Use this link to join a classical music listening experience with your Milton Probus friends at 2 pm on December 8:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82422549534?pwd=b1lYMzU1eFhaM2ZUNm5GNzVjNjh2dz09>



JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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

december: |dē-'sem-bər| -n.

a month of lights, snow and feasts; time to make amends and tie loose ends; finish off what you started and hope your wishes come true

Frigid

And suddenly, the woodland has bared its branches
The days now cloth the new season, like a bride.
And though cold and pale, its exquisite beauty
Fills my eyes with such incomparable warmth.
I shall carry this grace with me; in my soul.
Until she—frigid, in the last hours;
With frosted lips, kisses the newly born Spring.

— Clairel Estevez



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Management Committee: 2021/22

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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