

Milton Probus Pulse



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.. (via Zoom)

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



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a belated Very Merry Christmas.

The Mathews family celebrated Christmas Eve in the Polish tradition. It's a meatless meal with soup, several fish dishes, and of course Pierogi. It almost didn't happen, as Covid reared its ugly head a few days before Christmas. Fortunately, everyone's test came back negative, and the festivities were on. The only person missing was my son who is teaching in Italy. He felt it was prudent to stay in Italy and avoid long distance travel, not risking the chance that he might not get back into the country, if there was another lockdown.

My New Years resolution is that I never have to learn another Greek Letter. I'm not sure how affective that will be, but there's no harm in trying.

I look forward to a sunny January when the days grow longer, and The Club can put into practice, the Probus motto:

“Our Strength is in Fellowship,

Our Success is in participation”.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and safe New Year.



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

Looking ahead to 2022:

Like it or not, Covid and its variants still have a hold on us. We are in no position to start holding in-person events of any size. Although I think many of us are suffering from a degree of Zoom fatigue, Zoom will continue to be our way of bringing you Special Events.

In the next couple of weeks I will be organizing Special Events using Zoom. These events will likely be similar to what we have done so far, but I will see if I can introduce some variety. If any members have ideas that they wish to share with me, please feel free to do so. I can be reached by e-mail at hpop1891@icloud.com or by telephone at 416-998-0214.

Wishing all our Probus Milton members the very best for the New Year, and hopefully we will finally emerge safely from the dread of Covid.

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)

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Hogmanay celebrations – even if they were more subdued than you may have wished. Hoping also, you all had an opportunity to see, or at least talk to, your family & friends during the holidays to wish each other all the best.

Just like Santa I have been checking my list – membership renewal list that is – to see who is nice and who is naughty - well actually just to make sure I am up to date with who has renewed their membership fees (88 of us) and who I am still missing – (41 people at time of writing). I am very sorry to report that, at time of writing, 16 of our members have let me know that, for various reasons, they have decided not to renew their membership for 2022. We will miss you especially when we resume in-person meetings once again.

Thank you all who have already eTransferred, mailed or dropped off your fee payment and ask those of you who have not yet done so to please do that soon as you can or if you are not returning to please let me know. \$90/couple, \$45/individual.

eTransfer to miltonprobustreasurer@gmail.com.

- Drop off a Cheque payable to *Probus Club of Milton* in my home mailbox at 58 John Street,
- or mail to the Probus PO Box (*P.O. Box 583, Station Main, Milton, ON. L9T 5A2*).

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.



The Importance of Good Health

- ▶ What is Health?
- ▶ Health- well being of your body, mind, and relationships with others.
- ▶ What is Quality of Life?
- ▶ Quality of Life- degree of overall satisfaction that a person gets from life. Examples?
- ▶ What is wellness?
- ▶ Wellness- an overall state of well being, or total health.

Special Interest Groups

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

MEET THE BRIDGE PLAYERS – SHIRLEY MATTHEWS

This month we learn more about our President, Shirley Matthews.

WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE? I learned to play bridge while I was studying at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Toronto. Anne Deoni's sister, Barb, was a classmate of mine and came from a wonderful bridge-playing family. She taught me the game. I now play bridge with Anne in the Probus group.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING? I learned when I was 19 years old. A lot has changed in the rules of play since then - and now I know conventions!

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY STORY ABOUT PLAYING BRIDGE? When I was on a cruise, I decided to check out the daily bridge game. One woman there thought she was a fabulous bridge player and was constantly correcting and instructing others. Well, darned if she didn't renege! I was delighted!



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

Well, another year has passed into the history books. I do believe that 2021 was not a terribly notable year. But we did manage to survive Covid's onslaught. We should all be looking forward to the New Year and trust it will bring health and happiness.

The PWG is still walking in social distance mode as we are approaching the ninety million step mark. Thank you to those intrepid walkers who have sent me their step count on a regular basis.

I hope that very early in 2022 we will begin to walk together. If we do go back to group hikes we must follow the covid protocol as set out by our management committee. As we still have not renewed our Conservation Halton memberships yet, we have two choices. We can renew group memberships, or pay by individual visits if we wish to hike the Conservation areas. We can also follow recommendation for walking sites as suggested by individual members. I am personally looking forward to getting back out there with a group.

Those interested in returning to group walks please contact me, we should be able to get back to the trails quite soon in the New Year.

The month of December added another 108,439 steps to our total, which now is 888,139,271 steps.

Here is wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

8-1 Jokers

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

On December 5th, Myra Faichnie and Ruth Parkinson hosted indoor games. Due to the latest variant, Indoor Joker Games are cancelled for the foreseeable future. Online games are still an option. Happy New Year to all Jokers, Jesters and Wee's.

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

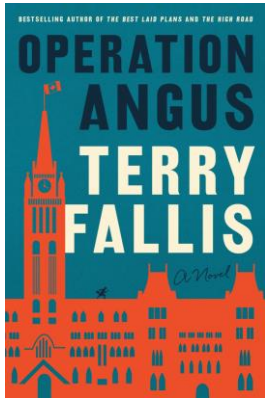


Sending Wishes of Health, Peace and Happiness to our Probus friends.
We hope 2022 will bring you warmth, love and light to guide us in a more positive destination.



Let it snow....

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



Our Christmas afternoon began with updates on friends, family, recent activities. Christmas decorations were part of our Zoom discussions along with a glass of wine shared by several members. We wish all members of Probus a safe and healthy holiday season for family and friends - especially those who have to negotiate travel restrictions. May the new year be safer and friendlier for all.

Walter Eadie's choice of Operation Angus by Canadian author Terry Fallis was a hit. He calls the novel a Comic (spy) Thriller. It follows the story of Angus McClintock and his friends as they investigate the threat of a Russian bomb attack on the newly built Spider building on Nepean Point, Ottawa. We enjoyed the Ottawa environment, the characters, and the constant humour as the story unfolded.



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



In November our get together resulted in 10 tasters attending the first in-person Winetasting of 2021. We all came dressed in our Finery and Black Tie to participate in the sparkling "Gala". We were happy to involve seven of our Tasters, whose preference was via Zoom.. This was our first "Hybrid " wine event and a hint for our Theme was "Tuxedo" The theme of the evening was "Celebrities" and there was quiz at the finale to guess which wine was endorsed by which Celebrity. Result is as follows: the winner guessing all 6 correct was Joe Bernardino. Kudos to Joe, Yeah!!!

Whites

1. Provence Rose Miraval - Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie
2. Sauvignon Blanc VQA - Wayne Gretsky
3. Sun Goddess Sauvignon Blanc Doc Friuli - Mary J. Blige Reds
4. 19 Crimes Cali Red - Snoop Dogg
5. The Dreaming Tree - Crush Red Blend - Dave Mathews Band
6. Zinfandel Diamond Collection - Francis Ford Coppola

The Following are the wines chosen by the zoomers

Vino Spumanti - Heddy

Proseco – John & Caroll

Pinot Grigo from Caroline Cellars- Walter & Anne

Merlot Philippe De Rothschild – Bill & Darlene

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



A small group of Sippers, together with their spouses, met at the Eadies for the first annual Suds Sippers Social Soiree on Dec 14th.

Some had beer, some had wine and all had an enjoyable (but careful) evening together for the first time in many months.

We had hoped that this might be the first in a return to regular house meetings but it seems that Omicron had other ideas. So, our next get-together will be Jan 18th and we will be back to meeting over Zoom.

Recommended by the Suds Sippers, so I bought some for Christmas and shared with my sons. All agreed that it was a fine Christmas beer (ed.).

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

It wasn't an "atmospheric river", but gusty, wannabe tornado winds on December 16 prevented the Shutterbugs from gathering for a planned photo walk through Old(e) Milton to take in, and shoot, the Christmas Lights. As Marlene Murphy noted, the winds were so high that we would have to shoot video to get a clear image!. We look forward to new adventures in photography in 2022. Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for January 18 on Zoom at 2 pm. We welcome any club members with a camera and an urge to capture life around them. For more information or to join us at a future event please contact David Wentzell.

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



Happy New Year! The Crüe's Christmas gathering took place over Zoom on December 8. The regular gang and some guests enjoyed a varied program of Christmas music. There was a tune from "Messiah" (not the Halleluiah Chorus), Christmas music with nature sounds recorded by Dan Gibson of "Solitudes" fame and a carol fest of unique Christmas sounds from around the world including samples of "mumming". Mumming involves dressing in disguise and singing at the homes of friends and neighbours. Much fun, and probably some "wassail" is involved. Perhaps there is the seed of an idea for a future Probus Special Interest Group in there somewhere?

We will meet next over zoom on January 12 at 2 pm to listen to some great music and test (only slightly) our classical music knowledge with a trivia quiz. 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

JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

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



Chatam-Kent has named it's snowplows. There are times I love living in Canada.

The 12 names are:

- Anita Shovel
- Gordie Plow
- Blizzard of Oz
- Darth Blader
- Pillsbury Plowboy
- Sled Zeppelin
- Buzz Ice-Clear
- Qunuk (Inuit word for snowflakes)
- Flurrious George
- School's Not Cancelled
- Snobi One Kenobi
- Sleetwood Mac

Test Your Logic:

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. Billie was born on December 28th, yet her birthday always falls in the summer. How is this possible?
6. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
7. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg is white" or "The yolk of the egg are white?"
8. A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?

Answers on Page 11.



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

Answers:

1. Johnny. Most automatically say June is the next child. Remember the question started "Johnny's Mother".
2. Meat. Ha, easy one to miss!!
3. Mt. Everest. It just wasn't discovered yet.
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Billie lives in the southern hemisphere.
6. You would be in 2nd place. You passed the person in second place, not first.
7. Neither. Egg yolks are yellow.
8. One. If he combines all his haystacks, they all become one big stack.