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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 1st, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

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



In the last days of summer, I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather, because before you know it, it will be very cold, the leaves will turn, and the next thing you know, it will be snowing.

It has been a very eventful and busy summer for your Executive Committee. Covid has been responsible for the extra work as we propose medically and government approved

guidelines for reopening our special interest groups. Our aim is to make it as safe as possible for the membership to participate, even on a limited scale. The usual safety protocols, such as wearing a mask, etc., and proof of vaccines is the main thrust of our protocol. Please read the note from Bill Scarrow, our Vice President, and Chair of the Sub Committee, for a full summary of the protocols. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold in person meetings at the present time.

We are looking for volunteers as we have had 2 resignations from our Executive Committee. Fellowship needs a second person. When we are back to normal, that job is organizing coffee and tea at our monthly meetings. It also entails sending out sympathy and other cards to our members.

WE are in urgent need of a volunteer to help the coordinator organize speakers for our monthly meetings. It is not a particularly hard job but functions more efficiently with two people. If you are willing to help or if you have a suggestion about someone who would be a potential candidate, please email David Wentzell at <a href="mailto:david.g.wentzell@gmail.com">david.g.wentzell@gmail.com</a>.

Our "Bookies" Book Club is presently without a coordinator. If you love books and love to read, you are the right person for the job. Please contact David Wentzell.

We look forward to a successful fall and winter season of Probus.

"Our Strength is in Fellowship Our Success is in Participation"

#### Vice Presidents Message: (Bill Scarrow 905-878-7176 billy@scarrow.ca)

# MILTON PROBUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE APPROVES COVID 19 PROTOCOLS AUG 16

(As recommended by COVID 19 Subcommittee)

#### PROTOCOLS OBJECTIVE

Create for members and guests at Milton Probus events, an environment that minimizes the risk of transmission of COVID-19 based on best practices and public health guidelines with protocols that are effective, simple and unobtrusive as possible.

#### PROTOCOLS SUMMARY

**All members, guests and speakers** attending Milton Probus **in-person** inside or outside, general meetings, other meetings and activities **must be fully vaccinated.** 

**All members, guests and speakers** must submit their **final vaccination receipt** issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health to our Membership Director for verification. The copy of this receipt will not be retained. **No exceptions will be allowed** for any reason, medical or other (Our club does not have the expertise to review exception requests).

**Milton Probus in-person activities** will adhere to all Health Department and Town of Milton rules and regulations and may have other protocols as experience dictates.

**Membership Director** will inform Probus activity group leaders and coordinators the vaccine status of their group members to assist them with protocols.

These protocols are **effective** immediately.

#### **PROCESS**

Members are requested to email their pdf Vaccination receipt to Anne Eadie, Membership Director, at <a href="mailto:aeadiehome@cogeca.ca">aeadiehome@cogeca.ca</a> as soon as possible. After recording vaccination status, the member pdf receipt file will be deleted.

**Members who cannot email** their receipt before the first in-person event must bring a copy of their receipt to the first in-person event they attend.

**Your receipt**, if you did not retain a copy, can be downloaded in pdf format from the Ontario Ministry of Health at "covid19.ontariohealth.ca."

The full "REPORT TO MILTON PROBUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REQUIRED COVID-19 RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS UPON RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON MEETINGS TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS" can be obtained from our website member's page. Please give your Communications Directors a few days to load this report to the website.

For further information, email Vice President, Bill Scarrow at billy@scarrow.ca.

On behalf of the Management Committee

Bill Scarrow Vice President and sub-committee chair

## From Our Program Director: (Carol Streeter 343-996-7519 <a href="mailto:streeter.ci@gmail.com">streeter.ci@gmail.com</a>)

#### September Speaker



Kincardine resident Bill Pike has just had his second book, Seniors Matter(s), published. The book is a compilation of writings from a column that he publishes with a local newspaper about numerous topics relevant to seniors and those approaching the golden years.

Seniors Matter(s) looks at advice and suggestions for healthy living, and numerous options for longevity as people age. It includes helpful topics as well as some humour, but he says it is mostly a chance to self-reflect on where you are and where you want to go.

Bill is a retired elementary school principal. He and his wife, Sharon, have lived in Kincardine, Ontario, for forty-seven years, enjoying fulfilling careers, rural life, three wonderful children, and four outstanding grandchildren. golf in the summer (poorly), pickleball, guitar playing, long leisurely walks, the sunny south, the Kincardine Community Singers, Probus, and family all fill his time.

The statement "Getting old isn't for the faint of heart" is real! The rewards of retirement can sometimes be accompanied by aches, pains, medical concerns, and general wellness issues. Bill takes a look at the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of senior living. He includes numerous check lists and tips that will help elders navigate the seas of this new millennium including elder abuse. The chapter on AI brings to light the tremendous advances technology is making including cloning. Don't laugh at age, pray to make it!

We will have a draw, for members attending the Zoom meeting, for a copy of Bill's generously donated book.

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

Prospective New Members Welcome!

Please welcome Lynn Townley (<a href="mailto:cooketown@sympatico.ca">cooketown@sympatico.ca</a>) to our group.

Anne Eadie, Membership Director





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



### **Mini Putt for Glory**

September is often a beautiful month to get out and enjoy before those brisk days of Fall close in on us. How about a round of Mini-Putt shared with your spouse, a friend or another couple?

Please visit **The Vic Hadfield Golf and Learning Centre** (on Burnhamthorpe at Trafalgar). Choose a day that suits you and your friends anytime before September 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$9 p/p with a maximum of 4 folks putting together. No reservations required: First come, first served. Hours 9am to 7pm. Telephone 905-257-2334 if you require further details. Due to the ongoing Covid rules still applying at all venues, we cannot congregate before or after on the property. Mask are required when checking in but not on the course itself. Continue to use your own discretion and comfort level.

When you have completed the course, send a clear photo copy of the score card to <a href="mailbox">angela.hunt@cogeco.ca</a> or drop it in the mailbox if you are close to Drury Park; 265 Malick Street, Milton.

This is an easy social event done on your time/schedule to share with your fellow Probus friends and we hope you will join us to putt away a couple of hours on a warm September day.

The winner(s) will be recognized in the October Edition of Pulse

### 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.

### **Travel**

Over 30 members have already signed up for our first Probus vacation adventure since 2019.

From June 20-27, 2022, we will be on board the **Canadian Empress** of the **St Lawrence Cruise Lines** sailing from Kingston to Montreal and return.

This will be smooth river water sailing with overnight port docking for comfortable sleeping.

The good news is that our group rate for this trip has been reduced and we will pay only \$3116 plus tax for the cruise.

This includes all meals with beer or wine, daily shore excursions and evening entertainment.

At that price, we only have 4 cabins remaining for our members to book. All you need upfront is a refundable \$50 per cabin deposit.

Contact Walter Eadie for more information or to book your stateroom.

(walter.eadie@cogeco.ca); 905 691 5100

# Sharing a thank you note;

July 24, 2021

Dear Lrobus Board of Directors and Members,

We sincerely appreciate the support you have shown us during the past several months. During our heart surgeries and our dear daughters passing, you have been understanding and comforting. Thank you for the many heartwarming cards, La Rose pastries, letters, visits and phone calls.

Thank you so much for your donation to Halton Women's Place as a tribute to our daughter Dawn. She was an amazing woman and believed in doing nice things for people whenever the opportunity arose.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy life.

Diane & Jim Diane & Jim Miller



Dawn Miller Vickery February 12, 1965 - June 14, 2021

### **Special Interest Groups**

### 2 Bridge (Kathy Sellers 647-227-7036; <u>kathleensellers@hotmail.com</u>)

Bridge will be meeting online.

#### 5 Friday Bid Euchre (Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe\_zina@hotmail.com)

The Friday Bid Euchre members are all doing well and enjoying the summer. At our June Zoom social we had a lively discussion about house painting, family life and Botanical garden walks.

Our "Coffee Table Conversation" questions were:

If you could only eat one.....

which would it be PIZZA or ICE CREAM?

and

Would you rather be able to read minds or be invisible?

There was a tie for the pizza and ice cream but the majority would like to read minds!

This was followed by Family Feud questions. One of the questions was......
"Name something you eat that might roll away if you dropped it on the floor?"

We had a great variety of answers but the top 3 answers were: meatballs, peas and grapes.

There were no Zoom socials during July and August. Our next Zoom social is Friday September 10th at 3pm.

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

Hi all members of the Probus Club of Milton and welcome back from a hopefully healthy summer. The PWG has had an extremely busy and successful summer of walking the highways and byways of the region and beyond. Unfortunately, the majority of the sojourns have been in the social distance mode as the Covid virus is still with us.

Since June 1<sup>st</sup> we have managed to accumulate some 1,327,115 steps, bring us that much closer to the 90,000,000 mark. We managed a 19-member participation average over the 11 weeks of our summer sabbatical. This includes several times when it was just too hot. However, as some would say the alternative (winter cold) is worse.

I would be remiss if I did not send a huge thankyou to George and Marilyn Morita for their tireless efforts in making this group as successful in its goals and a special thanks to George for the entertained over many many years.

I would like all Probus members to feel welcome to join our merry band of hikers on our weekly outings. For now, will be walking in social distance mode but rest assured we will get to group outings when Covid allows us to.

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

Joker Club News,

Great News, our wonderful, magical wizard Bob Streeter has developed a New Online Joker Game for our Joker Club. Four (4) people may play together, it has Cards, Video and Sound built into the game board, you do not need to use Zoom. There are mute and video options on the board. So far 20 joker players have played the new game.

Joker members may call other Joker players to set up a game. The four players click on this link and add a game word name to play. Example word - test. https://joker4pvideo.herokuapp.com

Thank you Bob, for all the hours you have spent developing this new online joker game. We all appreciate your programming skills.

Joker members, have fun playing the new game.

Linda Reid

#### 8-3 JOKERS Wee Jokers;



We miss the fellowship during our monthly Joker games. We hoped that this fall would allow us to gather again and resume group play. Sadly, it is going to take a while longer, but we will get there one day.

Bob Streeter, had done an amazing job creating an intergraded Joker board for Milton Probus. We are so lucky to have a talented and knowledgeable member with the hunger for learning and developing this new program. Kudos to Bob, and thank you, Carol.

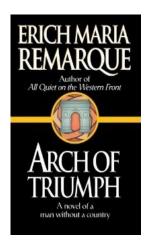
We ask that you email or call Joker friends and organize a game or two. As the days grow shorter and the weather grows cooler, it is a fun way to pass a few hours. It also helps bolster the spirits.

The game board : <a href="https://joker4pvideo.herokuapp.com">https://joker4pvideo.herokuapp.com</a> No other apps require. The game board, video and audio are all on this link.

A big thank you to all who have taken time to teach Joker players how to navigate this application. It is very friendly and easy to use.

Wee is hoping one day to come off of the shelf and join in group play. Until then, please stay safe and do not become too complacent.

## 2021 June Spinecrackers



Our group was able to once more meet via the Probus Zoom account. We shared vaccine updates and 'hair' horrors. We have traded many lockdown stories these past 18 months that are not book related but friend and family related.

Shirley had read Erich Maria Remarque's previous book **All Quiet on the Western Front** and suggested his next book **Arch of Triumph**.

**Arch of Triumph** is a 1945 **novel** by Erich Maria Remarque about a stateless German doctor living in Paris before World War II. The novel describes the Paris of 1939 and the trials of being in love while managing to survive in a country about to go to war.

Sadly, our group found the book generally depressing and difficult to read.



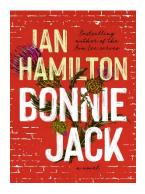
### 2021 July Spinecrackers



Once more our group met via Zoom and as good friends always do - we gabbed about health (blood pressure machines), haircuts and, of course, family and getting real 'hugs'. Our book this month, chosen by Pat McIntyre was **All the Lovely Pieces** by J.M. Winchester. It is a Psychological Thriller about a mother who will do anything to protect her son from an abusive husband. The group discussed many aspects of evil, escapism, abuse, and the extent of a mother's love.



# 2021 August Spinecrackers



This is Ian Hamilton's first stand -alone novel. The main character, Jack Anderson, facing retirement, comes to terms with his abandonment as a young boy, in a Glasgow movie theatre. He travels back to Scotland with his wife to find his long lost sister and in the search, there are new discoveries for him and his wife.



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

The Probus Suds Sippers Group took a break from meeting (but definitely not from sipping) over the summer months.

We will resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Whether this will be by Zoom or in a back yard is still TBD.

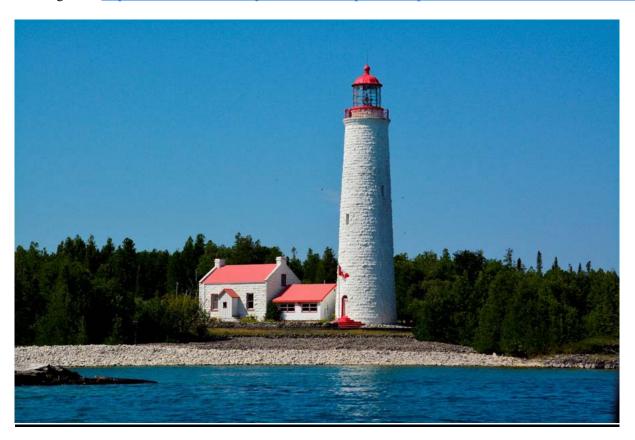
We are a friendly, unpretentious bunch (men and women) who enjoy getting together to compare our beers and to chat about everything and anything.

If you think you'd like to try us out, please contact Walter Eadie.

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

**Shutterbugs:** The photography special interest group will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, September 21 starting at 2 pm. We will share stories, experiences and photographs from our Summer experiences. If you enjoy taking photographs, regardless of your level of skill, we welcome you to our meetings.

Meeting link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83392467627?pwd=MndpUTZFNlBNWFJvVGEvUC9JczJvQT09



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

**Clässical Crüe:** Members who enjoy classical music are invited to join us on Zoom at 2 pm on September 8 for our first meeting after the summer break. The program is "Beginning with the End", featuring some of the best symphonic finales. Saving the Best for Last, isn't just a good idea when eating dessert, it also inspired classical composers to top off their orchestral masterworks with incredible music.

Use this link to join a classical music listening experience with your Milton Probus friends: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87282838657?pwd=dHhnREprOWZCNktCY21OSlhoVE95QT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87282838657?pwd=dHhnREprOWZCNktCY21OSlhoVE95QT09</a>

#### **JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH**

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

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their British ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Brits, in the weeks that followed, a French archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in "Le Figaro" proclaimed:

"French archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their French ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, Canadian Dept. Of Mines and Resources in Newfoundland reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in NE Canada, Jack Lucknow, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found bugger all (Nothing really, Nada, El Zippo).

Jack has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Canada had already gone wireless."

Just makes you bloody proud to be Canadian, Eh!

(thanks Walter)



#### Read this one slowly:

Around the corner I have a friend In this great city that has no end, Yet the days go by and weeks rush on, And before I know it, a Year is gone And I never see my old friend's face, For life is a swift.and terrible race/ He knows I like him just as well. As in the days when I rang his bell, And he rang mine.

We were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.
Tomorrow, I say "I will call on Jim"
just to show that, I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And distance between us grows and grows Around the corner- yet miles away,
"Here's a telegram sir-"
"Jim died today."

And that's what we get and deserve in the end. Around the corner, a vanished friend. If you love someone, tell them. Remember always to say what you mean-. Never be afraid to express yourself. Take this opportunity to tell someone what they mean to You. Seize the day and have no regrets. Most importantly stay close to your friends and family, for they have helped make you the person that you are Today and are what it's all about anyway. Pass this along to Your friends. Let it make a difference in your day and theirs.

The difference between expressing love and having regrets is that the regrets may stay around forever

(thanks Bonnie)

### **Management Committee:**

#### 2021/22

President	Shirley Mathews	905-636-8680
Vice President	Bill Scarrow	905-878-7176
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Secretary	Susan Popp	905-876-3241
Special Events Dir.	Henry Popp	905-876-3241
Treasurer	Alice Carey	905-336-6309

# **Club Activity Schedule**

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - Joker	1st Fri 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - Jester Joker	2nd Tues 1:30 pm	Peter Sneyd	905-693-1708	psneyd@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers – Wee Joker	3rd Fri 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	b_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - Spinecrackers	2nd Thurs 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	lynn67.personal@gmail.com
Book Club – Bookies	$3^{rd}$ 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 - Friday	2nd Fri. – 3:00 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - Wednesday	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	Carol Crawford	519-836-1985	dcraw4d@sympatico.ca
Dining – Bits and Bites	3rd Thurs 5:00 pm	Carol Elliott	905-875-3980	celliott7@cogeco.ca
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 – Suds Sippers	3rd Tues 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Tastings – Wine - Grape Expectations 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 – The Hiking Club	Every Mon 9:30 am	Terry Cole	905-845-0171	terryjane@sympatico.ca

#### **SEPTEMBER**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		10:00 AM		1:30 PM
		General Meeting	Zoom for Jokers	Jokers - Joker
		Zoom	Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00	See Newsletter Linda Reid
		Shirley Mathews	1:50 till 5:00	Linda Reid
6	7	8	9	10
9:30 AM		2:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
The Hiking Club	Zoom for Jokers	Music - Clässical Crüe	Book Club - Spinecrackers	Bid Euchre - Friday
Individual	Time Booked	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom
Email Steps to Terry	1:30 till 5:00	David Wentzell	Nancy Lynn	Zina Yaworski
13	14	15	16	17
9:30 AM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	1:30 PM
The Hiking Club	Jokers – Jester Joker	Book Club – Bookies	Dining – Bits and Bites	Jokers – Wee Joker
E-mail notification	See Newsletter	On Hold	On Hold	See Newsletter
Individual	Peter Sneyd		Carol Elliott	Brian Murphy
Email Steps to Terry				1 9
	Zoom for Jokers	7:30 PM	Zoom for Jokers	
	Time Booked	Cards - Euchre	Time Booked	
	1:30 till 5:00	TBD	1:30 till 5:00	
		Carol Crawford		
20	21	22	23	24
9:30 AM	2:00 PM	1:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
The Hiking Club	Photography - Shutterbugs	Bid Euchre - Wednesday	Cards - Bridge	Cards - Canasta
Individual	Zoom	On Hold	OnLine	On Hold
Email Steps to Terry	David Wentzell	Myra Faichnie	Kathy Sellers	Alice Carey
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2:00 PM	7:00 PM		Zoom for Jokers	
<b>Executive Meeting</b>	Beer – Suds Sippers		Time Booked	
Zoom	Zoom Meeting		1:30 till 5:00	
Shirley Mathews	Walter Eadie			
27	28	29	30	
9:30 AM	7:00 PM			
The Hiking Club	Wine - Grape Expectations			
Individual	On Hold			
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