

Milton Probus Pulse

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**General Meeting
March 4th, 2026
At 10 am**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



While the days are getting longer, winter is so far not showing signs of letting up, so I hope everyone is managing to stay warm while we continue with our long snowy winter. Maybe some of you are embracing this weather by being involved in outdoor activities such as skiing or instead, like me, hibernating most of the time, sitting beside the fire reading a good book!

The month of February is drawing to a close, and our regular monthly meeting is coming up soon. Please come join us on Wednesday, March 4th at the Sports Centre to listen to our guest speaker, Grant Linney (speaking about Climate Change), get information on upcoming Special Events, and sign up for our many Special Interest groups. Our coffee break after the monthly talk is a good time to circulate and chat with other members, enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea, and perhaps even a goodie frequently home-baked and donated by one of our members. We have a new book club, so if you love to read and are not yet part of a reading group, here is an opportunity to join one.

On March 1st the 2025 Financial Statements will be emailed to all Milton Probus members. Please take a moment to review them for our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 1st.

As always, please do not attend club functions if you are unwell or have recently returned from a vacation three days prior an event.

Susan Popp

FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Nominations for the Management Committee 2026

As of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held April 1, 2026, the following eight positions on the Management Committee will be vacant, and it is the task of the Nominating Committee to recruit members to fill these vacancies:

Vice President	For a one-year term
Secretary	For a one-year term
Treasurer	For a two-year term
Membership	For a two-year term
Program	For a two-year term
Special Events	For a two-year term
Editor – The Pulse	For a two-year term
Media - Webmaster	For a two-year term

Nominations remain open until March 15, 2026.

Based upon the nominations that we have thus far, plus those positions on the Management Committee that are not changing at this time, the Management Committee for the year 2026-27 will be as follows:

President	Walter Eadie	for a one-year term
Vice President	Anne Eadie	for a one-year term
Past President	Susan Popp	for a one-year term
Treasurer	Brian Murphy	for a second two-year term
Secretary	Anne Ferguson	for a one-year term
Membership	Shirley Dusmet	for a two-year term
Program	Heddy Wright	year two of a two-year term
	Laurie Andrews	year one of a two-year term
Special Events	Vicky McGonigle	year two of a two-year term
	Brian Idenden	year one of a two-year term
Media - Webmaster	<i>No nominee</i>	
Media – Editor - The Pulse	Gwen Holroyd	for a two-year term
Fellowship	Pat Oates	year two of a two-year term
Facilities	Heather Ley	year two of a second two-year term

Legend: [April 2026 nominees](#)

Should any member of The Probus Club of Milton have an interest in joining the Management Committee, please advise the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Henry Popp e-mail hpopp1891@icloud.com) in writing before March 15, 2026, after which date nominations will be closed.

My thanks to Zina and Joe Yaworski, both of whom are Past Presidents of Milton Probus, for being part of the Nominating Committee and assisting in the process of finding nominees for our club.

Henry Popp

Past President, Nominating Committee Chair

FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Climate anyone?



The weather has certainly been on our minds lately.

Our speaker for March 4th is Grant Linney on The Power of Nature.

Grant has been an outdoor and environmental educator for the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, two school boards, the Ontario government, and Upper Canada College.

For over forty years, he has engaged audiences with the many pressing global environmental issues as well as our growing disconnect with nature. He will encourage us to help our grandchildren reconnect with nature more. His topic is The Power of Nature

Daphne Wand & Heddy Wright

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

Greeters for the March 4th General Meeting will be **Bob and Linda Swift**.

If you are aware of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise our Fellowship Director or a member of the Management Committee.

Also, if you are in need of a ride to our Monthly Meetings or one of our events, please contact me to arrange for a pick-up.

Pat Oates

FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

February 6

Twenty people went to Shoeless Joes for dinner and then it was a quick walk to the Milton Library to meet up with four more members to see the Milton Players in their production of *Drinking Habits*.

The food was delicious and the play was hilarious and enjoyed by all that took part in this event.

February 26

We have lots more events coming up starting with a visit to **The Escarpment Tea Room** on February 26.

Upcoming Events

April 2

We are booked to go to the **Howard Iron Works Printing Museum** in Oakville.

Our tour starts at 10:30 am.

There is no cost for this event and we shall carpool.

We'll meet at Milton Sports Centre at 9:45 a.m. and leave the parking lot at 10 a.m.

Please sign up at the next Probus meeting, indicating if you're in need of a ride or able to provide a ride.



FROM OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTORS

April 29

We will be carpooling to **Famous Players Theatre** in Etobicoke for lunch and a show.

The meals are available in chicken and vegetarian for \$70.00 and salmon for \$76.00. This price includes gratuities and taxes. Payment is due by March 15.

As busing would double the cost of this trip we shall be car pooling. We will meet at Milton Sport Centre parking lot at. 10:15 am and leave at. 10:30.

We are still looking for drivers. If you are able to drive, please let us know how many extra people you may take.

June 16

We have booked the **Muskoka Steamship and Discovery Centre** for a tour and luncheon aboard the Wenonah II.

The price for this trip is \$150 and includes transportation , food and the tour of Georgian Bay. A deposit of \$75 will be due on April 15 with the remainder due on May 15.

As we are trying to fill a 56 passenger bus this trip we are opening the trip to family and friends.

Please sign up at the March Probus meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible to the events.

Lisa Covey & Vicky McGonigle



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Jokers Venue 1 and 2— 1st Friday of the Month @ 1 pm

Jokers Venue 1, February 6th, was held at the home of Ruth Parkinson.



There were 2 tables and we were able to play 5 games. Moe Rolph was the big winner and enjoyed a snuggle with our Joker. Ruth supplied treats we enjoyed while playing, and dessert and tea and coffee after.

An enjoyable afternoon playing Jokers and socializing.

Jean Robinson



The February **Joker Venue 2** on Friday was hosted by Joe and Zina. The afternoon started with snacks. The Ukrainian fruit chocolates were a hit. The cheese and meat trays followed the third games. The brownie trifle was enjoyed after the fifth and final games. YES, we played 5 games!



The four-time Winners were Joe and Peter. Vicky and Sylvia were 'Win Challenged' but are looking forward to better cards next time.

It was a fun afternoon with friends. Thank you to Tom, Carol and Bob for sparing.

Zina & Joe Yaworski



Wee Jokers — 3rd Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm

There is no report for February for Wee Jokers.

Marlene Murphy

Jester Jokers — 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 1:30 pm

The Jesters group met on February 10th for our monthly gathering. Maureen Rolph hosted venue 1, with Tom & Anna Marie the overall winners for the day, winning 3 of 4 games.



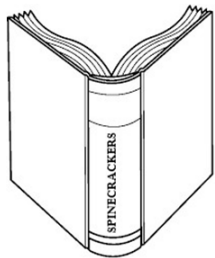
Venue 2 met at the home of Pat Kotack, with Pat Oates sharing the hosting duties. The 2 Pat's, this time Pat Oates and Pat McIntyre, along with Gwen Holroyd and myself, also winning 3 of 4 games.



As usual, the refreshments were both delicious and plentiful. However, as usual, more time was spent socializing than eating. Our next games take place on March 10th.

Bill Turnbull

Spinecrackers (book club) – 2nd Thursday of the Month @ 1:30 pm



2026 February Spinecrackers

Many thanks to Susan and Pat who hosted the dual meetings.

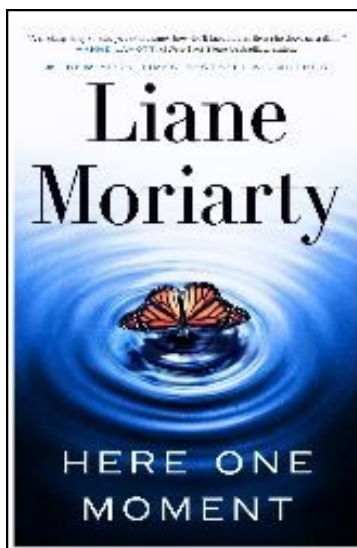
The book this month was **Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty**.

Liane Moriarty is an Australian author. She has written ten novels, including the New York Times best sellers *Big Little Lies*, *Nine Perfect Strangers*, and *Apples Never Fall* which were adapted into television series for HBO, Hulu, and Peacock.

It is the story of what happens when passengers on a plane are greeted by a woman who tells them how and when they will die. There was a lot of personal discussion on how would we would react to such a foretelling. Many felt there were too many characters and at times the tale dragged. One group was posed a question: if you knew you only had one year to live, would you do things differently?

Many agreed that we should be living as if we only have one year to live. Don't put things off until next year because next year isn't guaranteed.

Nancy Lynn



Friday Bid Euchre – 2nd Friday of the Month @ 1:00 pm

The February and March games are cancelled as many are travelling.

Zina & Joe Jaworski

Bid Euchre – 4th Wednesday of the Month @ 1 pm

Check the next Pulse for any results of February's Bid Euchre

Donna Elliot & John Stubbington

Bits and Bites — 3rd Thursday of the Month @ 5 pm

Thursday February 19th .

On a snowy February evening, at the home of Anna Marie and Tom Jones we had another very enjoyable Bits & Bites evening. With many of the group still away enjoying warm weather, the group was smaller than usual with sixteen people meeting up to enjoy the always delicious contributions and Anna Marie's wonderful baked goods.

Lots of interesting conversation as usual and a fair amount of "I am so tired of winter" comments were heard. Everyone is hoping for and looking forward to an early Spring.

Anne Eadie



Grape Expectations —4th Tuesday of the Month @ 7 pm

January Wine Tasting

Our first wine tasting of 2026 was attended by 17 of our members, distributed between the homes of Pat McIntyre and Peter and Silvia Guttinger.

The wines selected were a delight and the snacks and desserts surpassed everyone's expectations.

Thought provoking and varied conversations rounded out the evening. This month's theme was wines with animal labels (very creative) and the favourite wine of this evening, at both locations turned out to be Ugly Duck red from Magnotta at a whopping \$12.95, it is a steal and well worth looking into.



February Wine Tasting

This month, because of absences due to vacations and health issues, 18 of us were hosted by Tom and Shirley Dusmet and were treated to a varied and delicious selection of wines and eats. As usual, conversation flourished on multiple themes and everyone went home well satisfied.

The theme for the evening was labels with "castles" and the wines and treats well complimented this theme. The favourite wine of the evening was also the lowest priced one, and prices ranged from sub \$10 to \$24. Goes to show that price is not necessarily a good barometer when it comes to wines.

Welcome to our newest member, JoAnne Bennet and many thanks to Tom and Shirley for a memorable evening.

Jose Bernardino



Bridge Group — 4th Thursday of the Month @ 1 pm

There will be a bridge game the afternoon of March 26th, with the Lillies hosting.

Ruth Parkinson

Canasta — 4th Friday of the Month @ 1pm

Check the next Pulse for the results of February Canasta

AnnaMarie Jones

The Walking Group—Every Monday of the Month @ 9:15 am



PWG continued to use the Velodrome and Milton Sports Centre for indoor walking this month until the weather gods finally relented enough on the 16th for some of us to enjoy the fresh air on a walk along the Sam Sherratt trails from Milton Mall.

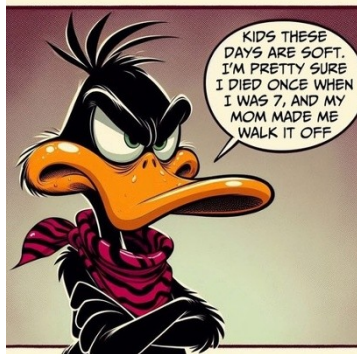
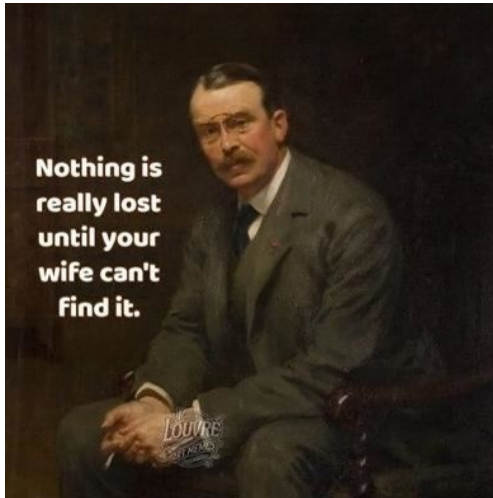
It reminded us of how much we enjoy the outdoors and we are crossing our fingers for better days ahead.

Walter Eadie



The Sam Sherratt walkers

Thanks to Denise Potter —Some Funnies



One day, I'm going to judge a spelling bee.

I'll ask one of the kids to spell the word "there."

When he asks for it in a sentence, I'll say...

"Their car is parked over there and they're late."





March 2026

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
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