



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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Next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 10 at 10 a.m. in the Lions Den of the P&H Centre.

Next Management Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday May 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Classroom of the P&H Centre.

Welcome to our new members of the Club. They are Sharon Kennedy sponsored by Lorna Eadie Hocking, Pat Tucker sponsored by Nin McTeer, Marlene Kennedy sponsored by Don Smith, and Arlene Henry sponsored by Barb Smith. We trust that you will become involved as much or as little as you like, and make new friends and acquaintances along the way.



Donna Love introduces our guest speaker, Ilse Gassinger of the Durham Art Gallery.



Sporting their name tags and enjoying one of Lorna's jokes are Frances Agnew and Bev Hambly.

Guest speaker: Ilse Gassinger – Durham Art Gallery

The speaker was introduced by Donna Love.

Ilse Gassinger who has been the administrative director since 2000 and the artistic director since 2005, is certainly the driving force behind the Durham Art Gallery since 1990. After she received her PhD from the University of Vienna, she started her career as an artist, curator and arts administrator. In 1990 she traveled to Canada and then to Durham. She had some culture shock in this move

The gallery itself was instituted in 1979 and first occupied the basement of the Durham Public Library. As the library needed the space 10 years later,, the gallery was forced to find other accommodation and spent some time in a vacant store downtown. Eventually the town of Durham offered a piece of land across from the old Knechtel mill and the gallery moved into the old mill itself when the construction of the gallery began.

With the help of a bequest of \$30,000, a new gallery was finished and opened in May of 1993. Many innovative and interesting exhibits have graced the space both inside and outside the gallery walls. Funding such a venture has been a struggle on and off for decades and continues to be so. Over the years there have been artists in residence, exchange programs with artists in other countries, collaboration with colleges and universities, partnerships with surrounding communities and local service organizations and off-site exhibitions. The gallery has tried to involve seniors as well as school children in their programming. Local artists have also found a venue to display their work.

Through the work of Ms. Gassinger and her husband, Geoffrey Shea, Tony Massett, the curator until 2005, and a host of volunteers, the gallery has tried to bring bold and artistic shows inside and outside of the gallery space and this has triggered more visitors coming to the site.

The Durham Art Gallery has become one of the best small town galleries in southwestern Ontario.

The speaker was thanked by Donna Clark. Thanks to Al Morrow for writing this article.

Upcoming guest speakers: Leading off in May will be Jim De Zorzi , our Director of Ontario's District 5 of PROBUS Canada. For members of long standing, you will recall that Jim welcomed our club into the organization back in September 2014. Jim will be bringing us up to date on recent developments within PROBUS. He will clarify just what is the purpose of PROBUS and speak of the organization's growth. Over the years Jim has been actively involved in Boy Scouts of Canada, London's city council, the London Western Fair, London's Art Gallery, the Order of Alhambra, and the Grand Bend city council. We look forward to his return to Hanover. A surprise second guest speaker will also be on for Wednesday.



Guest speaker at our inaugural meeting in September 2014, Jim De Zorzi.



Dan Hobler, our busy coordinator of the Wine Tasting Group

The Wine Tasting group had a great session on Thursday March 30th at Connie Shafer's House tasting red wines for under \$10. To make things interesting, one of the wines was a home brew provided by the Karrigans (Thanks Sharon and Terry for sharing your wine with us.). The idea was to see if the group could pick the home brew out of the 6 wines being tasted. A total of 23 people attended the session and provided lots of feedback on the wines. As you would expect, opinions varied on the final order of the wines but surprisingly, the scores were very close. To score the wines we used a simple 5 point scale: 0 - Wouldn't Drink Again; 1 - Barely Drinkable Never Purchase; 2 - Drinkable Might Purchase; 3 - Very Drinkable Would Purchase; and finally 4 - Exceptional Always Purchase. The final results are as follows:

- 6th place with a score of 1.55 went to Frisky Zebras Seductive Shiraz (South Africa - \$9.15)
- 5th place with a score of 1.91 went to Beso De Vino Seleccion, Carinena (Spain - \$9.75)
- 4th place with a score of 2.05 went to Vieux Chateau Du Roi (Home Brew provided by the Karrigans)
- 3rd place with a score of 2.18 went to Spinelli Quartana Montepulciano d'Abruzzo (Italy \$13.70 for 1500ml)
- 2nd place with a score of 2.55 went to Deakin Estate Shiraz (Australia \$9.95)
- 1st place with a score of 3.32 went to Fuzion Alta Reserve Malbec (Argentina \$10.85 OK a bit of an oops on this one somehow it was over \$10)

So in the end the top wine was the most expensive and it was common for many of our tasters to give it a 4 out of 4. Clearly worth checking out. It was great to see that the home brew placed a respectable 4th. This shows that a home brew made with loving care and allowed to age appropriately can compete with more expensive LCBO wines. In all cases the wines were considered to be drinkable and the group might or would purchase any one of the wines again. In total, 10 bottles of wine were purchased for the tasting and the total cost came to only \$95

Future activities include:

- June 7th and 8th a trip to Niagara for our annual Wine Tasting Tour
- June, an over \$10 White Wine Tasting. This tasting will feature White Wines suitable for patio enjoyment on those hot summer days.

If you didn't join us this time, we hope you can join us for one or more of our upcoming events.



Did you know?

Pianist Brad Hall, accompanied by vocalist Laura Harp, will offer a concert , The First Ladies of Song on the occasion of their 100th birthday, on Friday May 12th at Grace United Church. Time – 7:30 p.m. Tickets @ \$15 are available through Willie Wilson or Stan Lytle.

Author and **historian, Charlotte Gray**, will be speaking on Canadian history over the past 150 years on the occasion of the publication of her most recent book. She will be speaking in the Saugeen Room of the Hanover Library on Thursday May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets @ \$5.00 may be purchased at the Library.

Support the Grey Bruce Chapman House by participating in the Hike for Residential Hospice on Sunday May 7th. It begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Hanover Park's Pavilion. Get your pledge sheets from Karen Farrow or Garry MacGregor.

Activity Coordinators' Luncheon will take place after the General Meeting, May 10th. Thanks to our coordinators without whose volunteer time and interest, we would not have the wide selection of activities in our Club. The meeting will allow coordinators to exchange ideas on how we can improve our activities and introduce new ideas. Let Margaret Peckham know if you can attend.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church is pleased to announce a \$55 rain barrel fundraiser. Each rain barrel includes a leaf and mosquito filter basket, an overflow adaptor, a spigot and an overflow hose. Rain barrels are \$55 each and must be pre-ordered online at www.RainBarrel.ca/stmatthews/. Pre-ordered rain barrels will be available for pick up on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 01:00 PM at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church. See Bob Farrow if you have any questions or go to robertpaulfarrow@gmail.com.

Renew your membership at either the May or June General Meeting. Download the renewal form from our web site, www.hapc.ca or complete the form at the Meeting and submit your cheque for \$30. Beat the rush.



Keith and Marg Wettlauffer, coordinators of the Travel Group. “Would you like to join us for a trip to the Emerald Isles Dave?”

The Irish and the Scotsman: “Are you sure that’s the right change Dr. Clark?”

Activity Groups: The Travel Group will be holding a luncheon meeting at Cravings on Tuesday May 16th at 11:30 a.m. Many in this group are presently touring the Emerald Isles and will have some Irish stories and jokes to tell.

The Potluck Group will bring their creative cuisine ideas to the next luncheon to be held on Monday May 15th at the home of Wanita Halliday. Hoping for warmer weather, their theme will be cold dishes. Any questions, see Marybelle Schumacher.

Get involved on the Management Committee – This is your opportunity. As with any organization, members volunteer to be part of the management committee and then make way for others. Five of our members, most of whom have served 3 years on the committee, are resigning. Hence, there are openings if you’d like to get involved. Nominate a friend or volunteer yourself. Outlines of responsibilities are on the web site. We are also looking for two volunteers to move the two microphones during the question and answer slot as well as during

reports from activity groups and other matters. Make Betty Perkins or Margaret Peckham aware of your nomination or willingness to be involved in these areas.

The Knitting Group will resume their knitting sessions on Monday May 8th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Georgia Kreager, 395 2nd Street South, Hanover.



The ladies in the picture are from left to right.....Jeanne Kucan, Joanne Lindblad, Marion Badger, Nina McTeer, and Marilyn Forbes.

We mostly knit what we love along with some happy chat and a cup of tea. We share tips, tricks and expertise. We knit sweaters, shawls, scarves, socks and whatever peaks our interest. Last year we had a challenge to make toe-up socks and this Easter we knitted decorator bunnies; however, we mostly knit for ourselves, family, friends and occasionally, a charity. There are beginners to the more experienced in our group. I, myself have been knitting for 61 years as have others. Thanks to Georgia Kreager.

Strollers Group - 17 eager Strollers turned out for a conditioning hike (March 29) at a farm/forest/wetland near Neustadt. The unpredictable spring weather did not allow another outing for several weeks. On Apr. 19 we had a great stroll through the bush and around the ponds and found early blooming flowers and all the eggs for our Après-Easter hunt.

We are looking forward to some special guided outings soon:

May 3: We'll stroll along a charming riverside trail in Durham, led by Donna Clark and Donna Love.

Thursday, May 18: Strollers will join the Hiking Group for a guided hike at the Kinghurst Forest Nature Reserve, led by Jerry and Joan Asling .

May 24: Our guide, Al Morrow, will offer a historical tour of interesting places in Hanover.



Special thanks to Ed and Frances Agnew for their time researching the possible purchase of microphones for use during our General Meetings. They also looked into larger screen possibilities and the projection of images on the wall itself.

