



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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GOODBYE APRIL!



Happy May!

President's Message

I want to welcome all of the snowbirds back home; I am sure by now we are ready to get going with golf, gardening and enjoying our great Canadian summer.

We all are lucky that our volunteers have brought us great meeting programs and social events, but we have a major problem that I need to address. Like any organization it seems that the same few carry out most of the work to manage our meetings and events. There is a sad fact that we are all growing older and we all know how a visit to the doctor or a crisis can change everything. Before I leave my role, I want to set up a structure where we have ongoing support for our future planning. If you have been at the meetings, you have heard the speaker's committee asking for volunteers. For things to run efficiently we need a gradual changeover of committee members. With that in mind I am asking some of you to step up and help. The workload will not be onerous as you will be the one learning how the committee functions. I hope we can add a new person every year, so the more experienced members mentor the new members.

Lastly the big job; many of you ran your own companies and were leaders in the business world. I am asking someone to step forward to take on the role of Vice-President. Ideally it will be a male as we have tried alternating male/female Presidents. Claire Albright will be President next year and she will mentor you much as happened when I was Vice-President.

I am calling on you our members, please step up to the plate. Give me your name or a note at the next meeting if you are willing to help.

Gerry Ross
President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

April 2025 PROBUS Meeting



Happy Easter

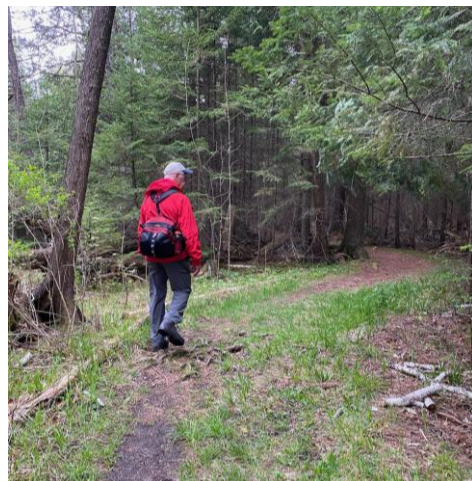


April 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Joan Fellows and Dave Twiner

Hiking with Joan & Dave

Joan Fellows and Dave Twiner provided a short presentation on their hiking experience. Their talk covered their shared history of hiking, tips on how to prepare for hiking, how to use a navigation tool, and how to stay safe on the trails. They concluded the presentation by taking the attendees on a virtual hike, showing pictures of their most favourite, and least favourite trails.



Main Speaker – David T. Chapman

Wild, Weird and Wacky Weather

David T Chapman visited our Probus Club April 8; it was a blizzard like cold April day, so his presentation was topical. We were so pleased that he was able to come after car troubles in February interfered with his arrival. The wait was certainly worth it!

David, self-taught in the areas of photography and natural weather phenomena, amazed us with his time lapse films and photographs of storms, lightning, rainbows, ice bridges, strange cloud formations and other weather-related phenomena. He captivated the audience and answered questions with great understanding of these natural wonders. What a delight to have him as our Keynote Speaker.



Lunch at Swiss Chalet



Click [here](#) for more photos

Taste of Freedom Luncheon



Click [here](#) for more photos

Upcoming **PROBUS** Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
at 10:00 AM in the Nottawasaga Inn.

Next Meeting May 13th

Lunch: Piper Arms

Main Speakers

May 13	Taivi Tayler	Estate Planning for Seniors
June 10	Michelle Redgwell	Hearing Health
July 8	Kathy Macfarlane	Arctic Photography
Sept 9	Tanya Shields	Downsizing & Is It Time to Move?
Oct 14	Kristy Cambell	Community Home Paramedics

Show & Tell Speakers

May 13	Allyn Willard	My Life
June 10	Karen Hill-Whitson	Tanzania
July 8	Joan Fellows	Pictures from the Paths
Oct 14	Alan Masters	Building YPRES WWI and WWII

Upcoming Events



DANNY'S FISH & CHIPS
411 Huron Rd @ Big Bay Point Rd, Barrie 705-721-8998
MONDAY, MAY 26th, 2025, 5:00 PM



**\$10 CASH DEPOSIT WILL BE COLLECTED
AT THE APRIL OR MAY MEETING [if space available]
IT WILL BE RETURNED AT THE RESTAURANT, NO REFUNDS**

**32 PEOPLE REQUIRED FOR DANNY'S TO CLOSE TO OTHER
CUSTOMERS FOR PRIVATE PARTY - 50 MAXIMUM SPACES**



Come out and have some fun at the PROBUS Club of Alliston Scavenger Hunt



Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Time: Start: 3:00 - 5:00 pm Scavenger Hunt
Centre Ice, North Parking Lot

Look for above sign

After: Where: 5:00 - dark BYO Picnic Social
at Willard's patio & deck
58 Via Amici in Briar Hill
Prizes: For winners

Dinner & Social Only??

*If you don't want to participate in the Scavenger Hunt
but would like to socialize, bring your own picnic and
meet the Scavengers at 5:00 pm to socialize and see
who the winners are.
Hoping for a nice, warm summer day!*

Bring a cell phone with a working camera

- You will receive a list of 20 items to find
- All items can be found in Alliston
- Two participating team members to a vehicle male or female, driver & navigator (ride alongs don't cheat!)
- Take a picture of the item, with one team member as well as the item (ride alongs can be photographer)
- Meet at 3:00 pm at Centre Ice, north parking lot
- Two (2) hours to hunt and photo items and arrive at Willards by 5:00 pm with your list and your photos
- Collect in any order
- Collect as many as you can in two (2) hours
- Leave time to travel back and retrieve your picnic
- If you don't arrive before the tally is done...sorry!
- Total points wins. 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
- Bring-your-own picnic to Willard's patio & deck
- Register on website, so we can plan prizes.

ABOVE ALL, DRIVE SAFELY

Upcoming Events



Come aboard Mateys for the
Millionaire's Row Lunch Cruise
on Wenonah II, July 15, 2025 out of Gravenhurst Wharf
Departing 12:00 noon, Returning to the Wharf at 4pm



Replicate the experience of traveling by steamship from the Gravenhurst Wharf to the original turn-of-the-century cottages of Millionaire's Row in Beaumaris. Destination Canada, our National Tourism Marketing Agency, has designated the Muskoka Steamship's Millionaire's Row sailing a CANADIAN SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE.

Step back in time with a historic Lake Muskoka cruise showcasing grand cottages, stunning natural beauty, incredible boats, and with an entertaining and educational commentary punctuating your experience.

This outing aboard the Wenonah II is the longest public cruise available in the 2025 sailing season.

COST: \$120/person **DRIVE:** On your own

INCLUDED: 1:30 pm - Two Course Lunch Choice of Traditional Turkey dinner or vegan/gluten free alternative & dessert, tea, coffee.



Visit Muskoka Discovery Centre on Cruise day (included with your ticket), Permanent Exhibits: Muskoka Story, Misko-Aki (Red Earth), Confluence of Cultures, Evolving Muskoka, Wenda III, Water Gallery.

SIGN UP: Please bring cheque or exact cash to April or May meeting.



The PROBUS Club of Alliston will be attending
GREASE



King's Wharf Theatre



DATE: Saturday, August 16, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM – Matinee

TICKETS: Reserve Now! on web or at meeting.
\$55/ticket \$110/couple
cheque or e-Transfer to
probuscluballiston@gmail.com

LUNCH: Lunch is optional - on own.

IDEAS: **Captain Ken's Diner**
705-549-869, 70 Main Street
Pier 21
705-355-1957, 106 Main Street
Flynn's Public House
705-355-4782, 96 Main Street
...and many others

COST: PAY for own lunch, tax & tip

Grease is the word!

Over the summer, popular tough guy Danny Zuko has a secret romance with sweet new girl Sandy Dumbrowski. But now that they are back to school and confronted with cliques and peer pressure, will their summer dreams be ripped at the seams?

Featuring unforgettable mega-hit songs like "You're The One That I Want," "Hopelessly Devoted To You," "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'," "Beauty School Dropout," "Sandy," "We Go Together," and many more, Grease is an 'electrifyin' musical extravaganza that will make you want to stand up and shout, "A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop A-wop-bam-boom!"

Reserve your tickets now. Max. 56.
Pay for your tickets at the June meeting.

Upcoming Events



2025 Probus Golf Tournament and Dinner

Tuesday August 12th

Bear Creek Golf Club

8545 Simcoe County 56, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Golf

Play 9 holes or 18 holes

Sign up as single or couple (we will organize foursomes) or as a Foursome

Format - Scramble - designed to be a fun time

Dinner

This is for Golfers and all Probus Club members

Schedule

12:30 pm	18 hole golfers tee off
2:30 pm	9 hole golfers tee off
5:00-6:00 pm	Social time all, both golfers and those coming for just dinner
6:00 pm	Dinner

Cost

9 holes, golf and dinner \$130, 9 holes, golf only \$70

18 holes, golf and dinner \$160, 18 holes, golf only \$100

Dinner Only \$60 (includes taxes and gratuities) Social 5:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM

Please bring cheque and form to Probus meeting **Deadline July Meeting**

Meal Chicken or Salmon Please indicate on registration form

Golfers 9 or 18 holes.

Download Registration Form [HERE](#) and include with your payment to the PROBUS Club of Alliston

Upcoming Events



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Let's visit the Blue Jays - Still Space
Sat, Aug 30th, 2025 - Blue Jays & Milwaukee Brewers



Itinerary:

1. Depart from Centre Ice, North Parking Lot (10:30am)
2. Lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory,
54 The Esplanade, Toronto, ON (12:00pm – 1:30pm)
3. Blue Jays vs Milwaukee Brewers, 200 Level seats (2:00 pm (3:07pm) – 6:30pm)
4. Depart for home (arriving at approx 8:00pm)



There will be time upon arrival at Stadium to look around, visit gift shop, etc. before the game.

Lunch Menu: All meals include:

Classic Fresh Bread with Whipped Garlic Butter
Crisp Green Salad with House Italian dressing
Spumoni Ice Cream and a Beverage (Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink)



Choice of:

- Spaghetti with choice of sauce: Marinara, Meat, Spicy Meat, Mushroom Tarragon, Browned Butter & Mizithra
- Spaghetti with Meatballs
- Impossible™ Spaghetti with Meatballs (vegan)
- Lasagna
- Manicotti

Min. 35 participants, Max. 55. Total Cost: \$185.00/person. **\$50 deposit due at next meeting.** (A deposit has been made to the Jays.) Register on website & e-Transfer to probuscluballiston@gmail.com or at next meeting (bring \$50 cheque or exact cash per ticket). **Meal choices & Final payment \$135.00 ea. will be due at the July meeting.**

Important Links



PROBUS Canada Newsletter



PROBUS Canada Website

Announcements



PROBUS Speakers Committee



**DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME, WANT TO HELP YOUR CLUB,
ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE & LIKE TO LEARN NEW THINGS?**

Join the PROBUS Speakers Committee. We now have 3 members who have volunteered to join the Committee and are looking for 1 more member (to officially start in September 2025).

Support from existing Committee will also be offered after September to help with the learning and development of the new members. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact:

Pat Thompson at tworzyt@rogers.com or 705 435 6811
Sharron Smith at steds0809@gmail.com or 705 435 0809
Judy Pretty at judypretty@gmail.com or 905 806 0370

Committee arranges & introduces ten speakers a year. Speakers for 2025 and 2026 are already confirmed. There is a long list of interesting potential speakers and topics to choose from. The Club is often approached by available speakers.

Your commitment would include:

- * Attending a couple of planning meetings per year
- * Contacting 3-4 potential speakers
- * Arranging a presentation date and support (audio/visual setup, honorarium, book sales table) through our management team.
- * Introducing and thanking the guest speaker

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Contact us now.

Announcements



May 4, 2005

Mardon Stables 2996 Concession Road 7, Loretto ON L0G 1L0

**Join your fellow PROBUS Club members and friends
in support of this worthy cause.**

*We remember our members who benefitted from Matthews House's kindness and support:
Paul Facciol, Bruce Mogridge and Donovan Roberts.*

9:00 Check-in and Opening Ceremonies

9:30 Hike (optional) 1km, 2.5km or 5km, your choice

**9:45 Activities Virtual Horse Racing, Animals, Fire Dept, Arts & Crafts,
fun for the kids and much more...**

10:45 – 12:00 Lunch (free with your registration)

To register:

- **Go to the Matthews House website: www.matthews.house**
- **Click on Hike for Hospice**
- **Click Register today**
- **Click Join a team**
- **Enter PROBUS Wacky Walkers**
- **Complete registration form**

If you need help registering call Crystal Groves 705 435 7218 Ex 229



In Memoriam

Jack Conway

August 5, 1944 – April 8, 2025

Jack Passed away peacefully at Matthews House Hospice on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Loving husband of 58 years to Linda. Cherished father of David (Silvana) and Michael (Hayley). Loved papa of Isabelle, Edward, Benjamin, Rileigh and Teagan. Jack will be fondly remembered by his extended family and many friends.

Jack, a man of passion, dedication and few words, poured his heart into both the precision of his golf swing and the camaraderie of the hockey rink. He was not only a skilled player and coach, earning the respect of many, but also a man whose love for these sports shaped his life and touched all who knew him.



Brian Palmer

September 29, 1938 – April 23, 2025

Brian passed away peacefully, with his family at his side, at Matthews Hospice on April 23, 2025. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth (Liz), daughters Carole (Paul) and Fiona (Paul), five grandchildren Andrew (Victoria), Oliva (Kevin), Jonathan (Sidney), Hilary and Lindsay; and his brother Douglas (Rosemary) and nieces and nephews in Scotland. Predeceased by parents he will be fondly remembered by friends around the world.

Brian was born, raised and educated in Scotland. After graduating with a Mining Engineering degree, he had a successful career in three countries: Scotland, Zambia and Canada (Elliot Lake and Saskatoon). Brian and Liz retired to the Briar Hill community in Alliston, ON.



For many years Brian was a dedicated Rotarian in Elliot Lake (Paul Harris, fellow), Saskatoon and Alliston, and member of the PROBIS club in Alliston. He had a sharp sense of humour, quick wit and enjoyed reading history, playing Sudoku, and tracing his genealogy. Living on a golf course in Alliston was the perfect place for him to play the game and enjoy life.

A celebration of his life will be held at Drury Funeral Centre 519 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. with sharing of remembrances at 2 p.m.

2024/2025 Management Committee

President	Gerry Ross
Vice President	Claire Albright
Past President	Ruby Thomas
Secretary	Jo-Anne Hunt
Treasurer	Ruby Thomas
Membership Coordinator	Mary Willard
AV Team	Allyn Willard, Peter Krol, Ron Wise
Communications/Webmaster	Mary Willard
Events & Excursions	Linda Hostrawser-Ball, Joan Fellows, Wendy Masters, Judy Temple, Mary Willard
Luncheons	Midge Facciol, Bev Hughes
Meeting Coordinator	Dave Randell
Membership	Mary Willard, Sheila Garriock
Photographer	Bev Hughes
PROBUS Reporter	Allyn Willard
Share the Wealth	Diane Haynes, Barb Murney
Show & Tell	Roger Setka, Roy Snipe
Speakers Committee	Pat Thompson, Judy Pretty, Sharron Smith
Sunshine and Clouds	Sue Waterman
Zoom Master	Allyn Willard

If you have moved or changed your email or phone number, please notify Mary Willard at probuscluballiston@gmail.com so that we can keep our records up to date.

If you have pictures or stories you would like to share with your friends at PROBUS, please email to Allyn Willard at:

allynwillard@rogers.com