



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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*Happy
New Year*

2026





Christmas Luncheon at the Alliston Legion



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President's Message

Welcome to 2026! As you read this issue of our Reporter, I'm sure you've had your fill of turkey with all the trimmings, putting your house back in order and resting up after celebrating New Year's Eve. Of course, January is sending us a message – it's probably going to be a long, cold and snowy Canadian winter – as usual – at least that's what my aching bones tell me. But never fear, summer is only a mere 6 months away!

January, according to the Gregorian calendar, is named after the Roman god Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions. Janus is depicted with 2 faces – one facing backwards and the other forwards – hence the new year and its beginnings. January is a month known as “International Self-Love” month and here in Canada, recognized as Alzheimer's Awareness Month. If you were born in January, you were born with strong powers of resilience, ambition, determination and leadership qualities! Wow!

As I sit here writing this missive, I look forward to every day as a gift. I know our committees are working on planning many fun events, fascinating speakers, and dining options. To help you get to those warm summer days, try these tips: Get more sleep; Say yes more; Stop putting things off; Treat yourself; Do something you loved when you were a child; Be kinder; Make time for friends; and always try to stay positive.

And if these suggestions don't work, crack open a bottle of wine, open a good book, sit by the fire and RELAX!!

Enjoy 2026!

Claire Albright

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

Upcoming **PROBUS** Meetings

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

Next Meeting – Jan 13

Lunch: Boston Pizza

Main Speakers

Jan 13	Eve Smeltzer	Do Animals Have Empathy?
Feb 10	John Jenkins	Orphans of the Living: British Home Children in Canada
Mar 10	Annemarie Hagan	The Unexpected life of Mayor “Hurricane Hazel” McCallion
Apr 14	Kelly Campbell & Beverley Smith	The World War I Voyage of Albert Dunn

Show & Tell Speakers

Jan 13	Barb Ramm	Some Hiking Adventures
Feb 10	Ted Larson	Artist : Georgian Bay
Mar 10	Alan Masters	His Autobiography
Apr 14	Karen Hill-Whitson	Children’s Cancer Hospital in Cairo
May 12	Joan Fellows	TBD

Your Events
Committee wishes you
all the best for 2026.



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our sleeve for next year.

2025/2026 Management Committee

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Sunshine and Clouds	Sue Waterman

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.

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