



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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Merry Christmas



President's Message

Today is the start of a wonderful time of the year - a time I love – the season of Christmas – with all the various customs, traditions and religious celebrations that we, as Canadians, enjoy.

As young children, I'm sure we all have similar memories – the anticipation of choosing a tree, decorating it with both family treasures and new ornaments, icicles, cranberry and popcorn garlands, twinkling lights or even real candles! Then, on Christmas Eve, attending church or religious services at midnight, hanging a “big” stocking and putting out treats for Santa and his reindeer. Finally, time for bed and hopefully to sleep before Santa arrived! Christmas Day was filled with family, friends, opening gifts and, of course, delicious meals.

Our generation is privileged to have these memories and to be able to continue to build on them with family, friends and neighbours.

Sadly, not everyone is as fortunate. But we are so lucky to live in a country where many, many people and various organizations volunteer days, weeks, and even months gathering, organizing and then distributing Christmas gift boxes for those less fortunate. These boxes are filled with food, clothing, toys and especially love, to ensure everyone enjoys a memorable Christmas. Many of these giving, generous people live right here in our community. It makes me proud to be a Canadian living in New Tecumseth!

Have a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year.

Claire Albright
President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

2025-26 Executive



Ruby Thomas, Mary Willard, Gerry Ross, Allyn Willard,
Jo-Anne Hunt, Claire Albright

2025-26 Management Committee



For the list of names, see the last page

November 2025 PROBUS Meeting

New Members



Holly Adediji, Deborah Barbisan, Glenda Cassidy, Joan Kerr,
Paul Kerr, Miles Langstaff, Munni Sadekar

10 Year Service Pins



Dora Dolinar, Sharron Smith, Ted Smith, Gillian Winter

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15 Year Service Pins



Briane Standeaven, Sandra Standeaven

20 Year Service Pin



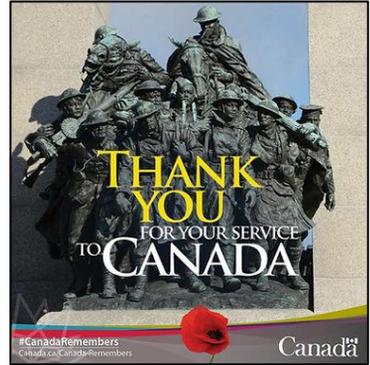
Harvey Hart

November 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Allyn Willard

Allyn showed a video of their trip to Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day

Click here for the [D-Day video](#)



Main Speaker - Frank Cerisano

Our speaker was **Frank Cerisano**, CEO of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. He joined the Foundation just over 1 year ago. He brings over 30 years of senior executive experience to his role. His leadership and fundraising expertise are a tremendous asset to the Hospital Foundation. Previously as CEO of the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation, he led a campaign that raised over 80% of a \$110 million goal.

With a career total of over \$4 billion raised for charities and organizations across Canada, Frank is well-positioned to help complete the **Because of YOU** campaign for Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

His presentation covered the **Because of YOU** campaign, an ambitious effort to raise **\$80 million** through community support to help build the future of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

For more information or to support the **Because of YOU** campaign, visit StevensonFoundation.ca



Lunch at Piper Arms



Photos submitted by Bev Hughes. For more click [here](#)

Upcoming **PROBUS** Meetings

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

Next Meeting – Dec 9

Christmas Party (Legion)

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 Whitson

Children’s Cancer Hospital in Cairo

May 12 Joan Fellows

TBD

2025/2026 Management Committee

President	Claire Albright
Vice President	Allyn Willard
Past President	Gerry Ross
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	Wendy Masters, Mary Willard, Joan Fellows, Jill Winter
Special Events (Golf)	Eugene McEleney
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	Roy Snipe
Speakers Committee	Shirley Irvine, Catherine Robbin, Gerry Ross
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.

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