



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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President's Message

August already! The summer is half over. Where does the time go? The older I get; the faster time passes!

The "Civic Holiday" is celebrated on the first Monday in August. Did you ever wonder what this holiday is all about? It is not an official statutory holiday. It is not federally mandated or legislated in Ontario. It is not included in the Ontario Employment Standards Act (which means your boss didn't have to pay you for the day off!) Technically it is not an official holiday at all. So, what's it all about?

In 1869 Toronto was the first to introduce the civic holiday, calling it a "midsummer day of recreation." In 1969 Toronto renamed the day "Simcoe Day" in honour of John Graves Simcoe, the first Governor General of Upper Canada.

In Ontario, depending on where you live, the name is different. There are at least ten or more names in other municipalities in Ontario. As far as I can tell, Simcoe County just calls it "Civic Holiday".

Most other provinces recognize the day off and give it their own name and reason for celebrating. It has become an unofficial national holiday.

Toronto got it right in 1869. Whatever you plan to do on your "midsummer day of recreation", enjoy the day and the rest of the summer.

Ruby Thomas

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

July 2024 PROBUS Meeting

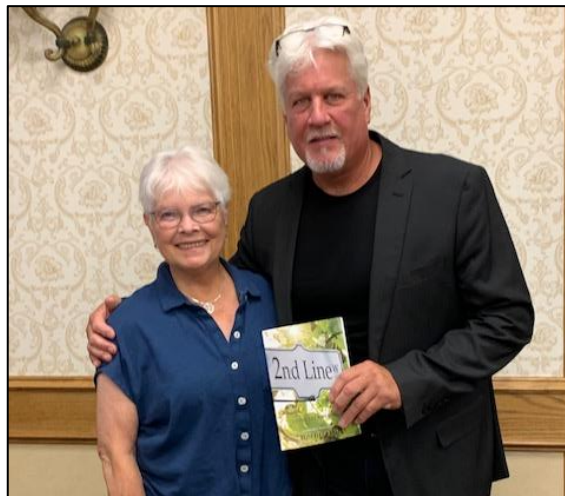
Show & Tell Speaker – Roger Setka

Our 91-year young financial wizard attempted to bring us into the 21st century of finance and the possibility of the “digital loonie” within our lifetime.

CBDC (central bank digital currency) is something that the Bank of Canada and banking insitiutions around the world are looking at. We may in our lifetime be faced with the emergence of a cashless society, our hand-held bills a thing of the past.



Main Speaker was Tom Herstad Towards a Kinder, more Compassionate and Empathetic World



Tom is the author of 2nd Line West, a memoir of a very special lady in his life, his mother. In a heartfelt presentation, Tom shared stories of her difficult life and how she looked beyond herself to help others. Our members were eager to learn more about the 18 people she helped so book sales were brisk. Tom joined us for lunch at Symposium and we learned more about his other life as a lighting designer.

Lunch at Symposium



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

No meeting in August
Golf & BBQ – August 13

Sep 10 Leah den Bok

Photographs of the Homeless

Oct 8 Lisa Taylor

Gut Health for Aging Gracefully

Nov 12 Ted Barris

Canadians in the Battle of Britain

Upcoming Events



PROBUS Club of Alliston Visit to the Blue Jays

Wed, Sept 11th, 2024 - Jays & New York Mets



Itinerary:

1. Depart from Centre Ice, North Parking Lot (arrive 10:15am)
2. Lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory,
54 The Esplanade, Toronto, ON (12:00pm – 1:30pm)
Click button below if you forgot what you ordered.
3. Blue Jays vs New York Mets, 200 Level seats (2:00pm – 6:30pm)
4. Drop off at Accessible Gate 7. Helpers for those who requested them.
5. Seats are in Section 234, 5 rows of 10 seats, Walkers/Canes on ends
6. Same person take/pick up Walkers at Fan Services, Section 236
7. I will have Fan Services # to text in case of Emergency
8. After game wait for masses to depart, Pick up Walkers
9. Depart stadium through Gate 9, go across crosswalk to bus
10. Depart for home (arriving at approx 8:30pm)
11. Please tip the bus driver as you depart. Thank you.



Should be no sun, dress for weather, be prepared. Dome may be open or closed.
Bring your own water, snacks if you want to carry them. Snacks can be purchased from your seats [popcorn, drinks, beer, ice cream, etc.] Hot food you need to go purchase.

Attendees & Menu Choices

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

10:30 am or 2:30 pm

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection
10365 Islington Ave, Kleinburg, ON L0J 1C0



The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is one of the only art museums whose permanent collection contains works exclusively by Canadian artists.

The permanent collection originates from the personal collection started by Robert and Signe McMichael in 1955; who later donated it to the province of Ontario in 1965. At the time the McMichaels donated their collection, it contained 187 works. The museum has since expanded this collection to include 6,500 works as of December 2017. The museum's permanent collection is organized into four collection areas, contemporary art, First Nations art, the Group of Seven, and Inuit art.

[Information](#)

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Upcoming Events



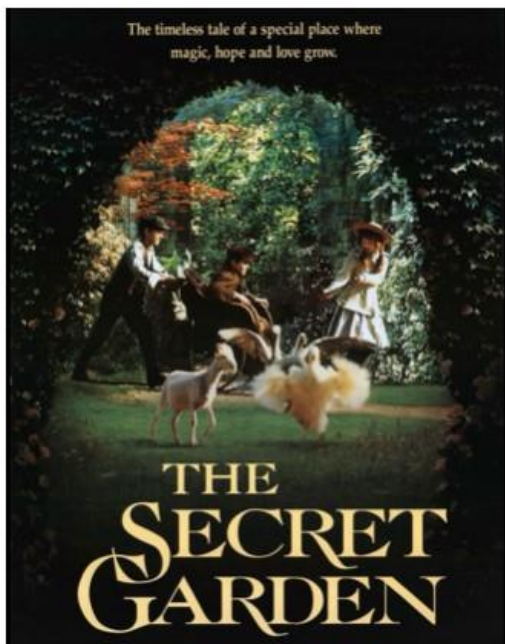
DANNY'S FISH & CHIPS MONDAY LATE OCTOBER, 2024



**\$10 CASH DEPOSIT WILL BE COLLECTED
AT THE SEPT OR OCT MEETING**

**32 PEOPLE (MAXIMUM) REQUIRED FOR THEM TO CLOSE TO
OTHER CUSTOMERS FOR PRIVATE PARTY**

**The South Simcoe Theatre
November 1-17, 2024**



A Musical!

Mary, a young recently-orphaned girl is sent to England to live with her uncle. Once there, she begins to explore her seemingly isolated surroundings and discovers the secrets of his estate. She must bring a garden back to life in order to gain her own happiness and save the life of her cousin.

It is a story for all ages and sure to be enjoyed by all of them, too. If you liked, Anne of Green Gables & Little Women, you are sure to enjoy The Secret Garden.



Special Events



2024 Probus Golf and Dinner

Tuesday August 13th

Bear Creek Golf Club

8545 Simcoe County 56, Utopia L0M 1T0

This is for Golfers and all PROBUS Club members.

Golf

Golfers: Play 9 or 18 holes

Format will be a Scramble – designed to be a fun time!

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before tee time.

Dinner

Meal: Chicken or Salmon

Schedule

1:00 PM	18-hole golfers tee off
2:30 PM	9-hole golfers tee off
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Social time all attendees
6:00 PM	Dinner

[Click here for tee times and details](#)

Circle of Life

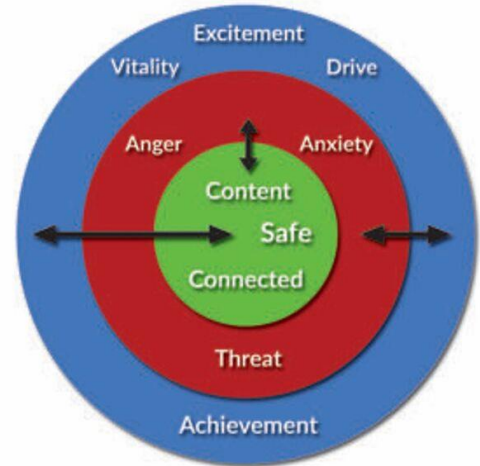
*The Circle of Life is certainly true
And of course The Lion King also knew it too.
For as each decade leaves us
The next one brings different challenges anew.*

*We question which path to follow, whether to come or to go
A learned approach that each one of us knows.
To recognize the time for “flight or fight”
Should we turn to the left or the right?
For fight enhances strength and confidence for sure
And can lead to opportunities and much, much more.
To be real our search is always there
To gather together with those who strive and thrive
On Honesty, Loyalty, Creativity, and Drive.
For this includes Love and Caring which is needed to survive.*

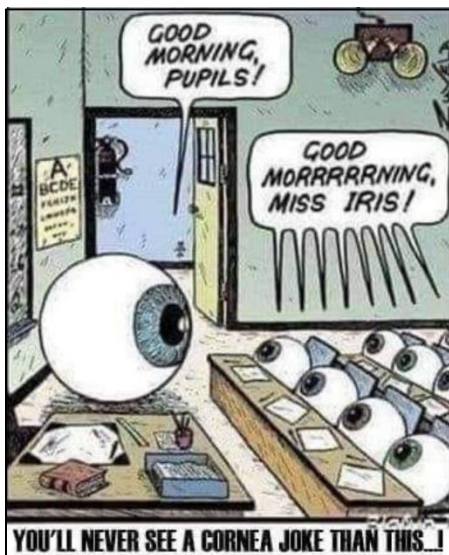
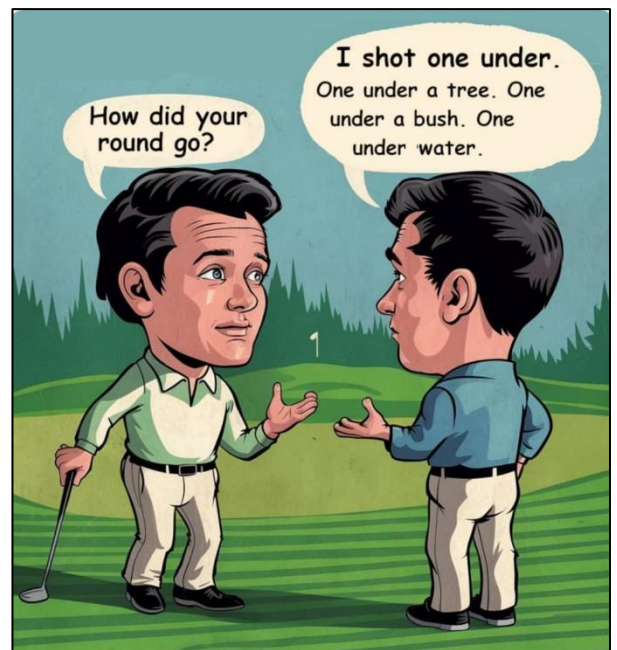
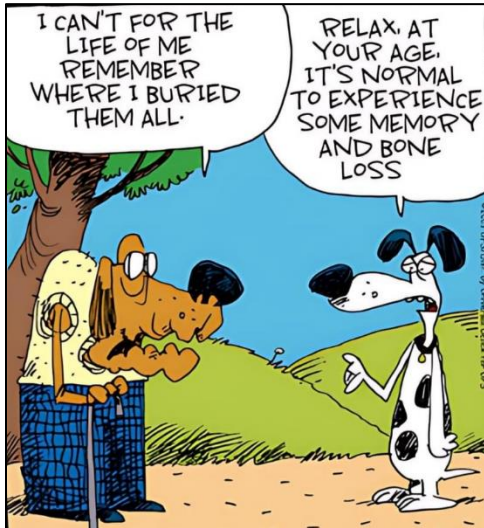
*Your memory list grows as your lifestyle and adventures change
While events of the past fill all memory’s range.
Whether family, friends, or others are stored.
The scope of your life, the tread of your footsteps is gathered forever to hold.
But what a treasury of experiences lie within
Each one different from friends and kin.
Lessons learned, successes and failures to share*

*For friendship involves “to listen and care”.
Through “thick and thin” we step forward and have “our say”
Then look forward to yet another day.
Looking ahead it is our family and close friends that we love
Who share our precious treasury of life’s experiences we hold dear
Up to and whenever life’s end is near.*

Christine Korhonen



Humour...



PROBUS Club of Alliston

2023/2024 Management Committee

President	Ruby Thomas
Vice President	Gerry Ross
Past President	Chuck Waterman
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Treasurer	Claire Albright
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Meeting Coordinator	Dave Randell
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PROBUS Reporter	Allyn Willard
Share the Wealth	June Seago, Carol Borg
Show & Tell	Roger Setka, Roy Snipe
Speakers Committee	Pat Thompson, Sharron Smith, Judy Pretty
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