



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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President's Message

First, let me wish everyone a Happy Easter. It is a time of renewal, growth, fresh beginnings, warmer days and opening of flowers. April is named after the Greek goddess Aphrodite, the goddess of love! April is from the Latin "Aprilis" meaning 'to open'.

As usual, there are many National days in April – April 1st – of course April Fools Day – April 4th – International Pillow Fight Day – April 6th – Sweet Potato Day – and my favourite April 7th - "National No Housework Day"!!

In Canada, April is heralded as National Cancer Month with sales of daffodils, their national symbol.

Those born in April, until the 19th of the month are Aries – after that the birth sign is Taurus. Aries born folks are unique – they are energetic, courageous, independent, impulsive, adventurous, exhibiting bravery, serenity, and leadership qualities! After April 19th, Taurus folks exhibit reliability, practicality and stubbornness. Guess which sign I was born under! LOL

Despite the sign you were born under, as April unfolds with blooming gardens, spring rains, and longer days, take the time to enjoy the season's simple pleasures. Explore the holidays, try a fresh spring recipe or dig into your garden as the soil warms. How ever you celebrate April, let it be your invitation to step outside, embrace the change of scenery, and make the most of our bright and hopeful days.

Claire Albright
President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

March 2026 PROBUS Meeting

New Members



Cynthia Chung, Anna Gormley, Nancy Goymour, Pat Langstaff, David Sadleir, Sharon Tomlinson, Edith Wilkinson, Yvonne Zirnhelt

Show & Tell Speaker - Alan Masters

His Autobiography – Full Throttle

Introduced by Roy Snipe, Alan told us about his interesting life, beginning in the UK and continuing here in Canada. He shared some of the highlights and stories from his book, "Full Throttle", with us.



March 2026 PROBUS Meeting

Main Speaker – Annemarie Hagan

The Unexpected Life of Mayor “Hurricane Hazel” McCallion

At our February 10th meeting, Annemarie Hagan was our keynote speaker, and her topic was “The Unexpected Life of Mayor Hurricane Hazel McCallion. The presentation was a definite hit from the feedback I received from the attendees.



Hazel was an amazing woman, one who we had all heard about many times. Annemarie was very passionate and with amazing inside knowledge as she had worked in Mississauga for many years and often interacted with Hazel. What was unique was not just her knowledge but the ability to make us really know just who Hazel was and why she was one of Canada’s most amazing politicians. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our March 10th meeting.

Gerry Ross, Speakers Committee

Lunch at Swiss Chalet



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 April 14

Lunch: Piper Arms

Main Speakers

Apr 14	Kelly Campbell & Beverley Smith	The World War I Voyage of Albert Dunn
May 12	Diana Trepkov	Empowering Change: How Forensic Art Solves Mysteries and Inspires Hope
Jun 9	Dr. Amy Barron	Agatha Christie & Archeology
July 14	Lianne Harris	Mongolia: The Earth Shakers

Show & Tell Speakers

Apr 14	Karen Hill-Whitson	Children's Cancer Hospital in Cairo
May 12	Joan Fellows	How a Newfoundland Cookbook has ties to Beeton
June 9	Gerry Ross	50 years of Dentistry
July 14	Joan Fellows	In Search of the Nottawasaga River

Wacky Walkers Hike for Hospice

Matthews House Hospice 16th annual HIKE FOR HOSPICE

Join your friends from PROBUS on Sunday May 3rd at:
Sheldon Creek Dairy, 4316 RR#2, 5th Concession, Loretto. LOG 1L0.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Festivities end at 2:00 p.m.



Hike as much or as little as you wish or just enjoy the entertainment,
exhibits and a great lunch. It's all included with your donation.
Bring the Grandkids, they'll have fun too.

To register visit: www.matthews.house
Hit Register Today on the Hike for hospice page
then Team Member Registration
Your team is PROBUS Wacky Walkers

If you have problems, just call Crystal at 705 435 7218 extension 229

Events

ONE SPOT LEFT - [Register here](#)



**PROBUS Club of
Alliston
Stratford Festival
Wednesday, May 6th, 2026
Guys & Dolls**



Itinerary:

1. Depart from Centre Ice, North Parking Lot (8:30 am)
2. Lunch at the Stratford Country Club, 53 Romeo Street North, Stratford (11:30 – 1:00 pm)
3. Guys & Dolls Festival Theatre, 55 Queen Street, Stratford(1:30 pm – 5:00 pm)
4. Depart for home (arriving at approx 7:30pm)



Can love beat the odds?

In the bustling streets of New York, a smooth-talking gambler wagers he can charm a pious missionary, while another high roller desperately fights to keep his game alive and his fiancée from walking away. In a city ruled by chance, love takes unexpected turns and both men soon discover they are risking far more than money.

Lunch Menu: Advance Selection Required:

Choice of:

Roasted Veggie Penne -

Roasted veggies with penne noodles served with a white wine cream sauce with Caesar salad and garlic bread.

Chicken -

Pan seared chicken breast topped with hunter sauce served with creamy mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and made in-house focaccia bread.

Roast Beef -

Slow roasted beef with a red wine jus served with creamy mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and made in-house focaccia bread.

Dessert -

One in-house made square and chocolate chip cookie. Lunch includes coffee and tea.

Min. 35 participants, Max. 55. Total Cost: \$180.00/person. (A deposit must be made to book tickets, so register interest at February or March meeting or on website.) Payment by cheque, exact cash or e-Transfer to probuscluballiston@gmail.com before or at March meeting.

Meal choices & payment \$180.00 ea. will be due at the March meeting.

Events



DANNY'S FISH & CHIPS

411 Huron Rd @ Big Bay Point Rd, Barrie 705-721-8998

JUNE 1st, 2026, 5:00 PM



**\$10 CASH DEPOSIT WILL BE COLLECTED
AT THE APR OR MAY MEETING (if space still 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**

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

June 11 Honda Plant Tour – Register at April Meeting
(space limited to 40 people, two tours of 20 people each)

Georgian Downs Race Night & Buffet Dinner
July 7, 2026 (Tentative Date)

Golf Tournament & Dinner



2026 PROBUS Golf Tournament and Dinner

Tuesday August 11th 2026

Bear Creek Golf Club

8545 Simcoe County 56, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

GOLF

Play 9 or 18 holes

You can sign up as a single or a couple (we will organize foursomes)

Or sign up as a team of 4

FORMAT

Scramble – designed to be a fun outing

DINNER

For Golfers and all PROBUS club members

SCHEDULE

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

COST

Dinner only	\$60
9 holes + dinner	\$130
18 holes + dinner	\$160

Deadline for registering is the July 14th PROBUS meeting

**Please bring completed cheque and form to PROBUS meeting
or register online & e-transfer**

Click [here](#) for more information and registration form

Events



The PROBUS Club of
Alliston will be attending
**RETURN TO
GRACE**



King's Wharf Theatre

DATE: Tuesday, August 18, 2025

TIME: 2:00 PM – Matinee

TICKETS: Reserve Now! on web or
at meeting.

\$57/ticket \$114/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 St
Pier 21
705-355-1957, 106 Main St
Flynn's Public House
705-355-4782, 96 Main St
...and many others

COST: PAY own lunch, tax & tip

Whether you're a lifelong fan or new to the legacy of the King of Rock 'n Roll, Return to Grace is an exhilarating theatrical experience that celebrates the enduring spirit of one of the greatest icons of our time.

From humble beginnings in Memphis to Las Vegas triumphs, Elvis Presley revolutionized popular music, and embodied the freedom, turbulence, and excitement of his era. Join us as internationally renowned, award-winning tribute performer Matt Cage, along with a stage full of incredibly accomplished musicians and breathtaking dancers, embrace these iconic songs that remain as relevant today as when they first hit the top of the charts.

Featuring a jukebox of standards including "Love Me Tender," "Hound Dog," "Suspicious Minds," "Heartbreak Hotel," and many more, you won't want to miss this high-energy musical revue that salutes one of the most adored entertainers of all time.

**Deadline to pay for tickets
June 9th meeting.**

**Tickets handed out at July meeting
1 person per party to collect**

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