



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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President's Message

Hello August! August is the seventh month of the year, named after Augustus Caesar, the Roman Emperor in 8 BC.

August is a unique month for many reasons. Every day has several celebrations, highlighting aspects of life from times of sadness to those of fun.

Those born from August 1-22 fall under the sign of Leo, the Lion. They are bold, confident, and natural leaders. From August 23-September 22, those born in this period, are Virgos. They are characterized as logical, practical, detail-oriented, analytical, hard working, kind and loyal.

Two flowers are symbolic of August- the gladiolus, a vibrant multicoloured flower, representing generosity, strength of character and deep sincerity. In contrast, the poppy symbolizes imagination, eternal sleep and oblivion!!

Interesting in August 1762, the sandwich as we know it, was created when the Earl of Sandwich requested meat between 2 slices of bread. At the time he was in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it. Hence - the sandwich was born!!

Sadly, two world events occurred in August. On August 24, 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted burying its residents in 7 feet of ash and lava. Another disastrous event happened in 1945. It was the dropping of the Atomic Bombs on August 6 on Hiroshima and on August 9th on Nagasaki, bringing an end to WW 2.

As I write this month's message, I'm sitting on the dock at the cottage on Lake Temagami, one hour north of North Bay! It's so beautiful here, surrounded by vast forests, huge rock formations and a massive lake, it's hard to contemplate that August is the last full month of summer! Until we see you at the golf event in August, it's a time to celebrate life, a good harvest, and of course, friends and family! Enjoy August!!

Claire Albright

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

July 2026 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker - Joan Fellows In Search of the Nottawasaga River

Joan Fellows provided an educational and informative overview of the Nottawasaga River. Through maps and pictures, she showed the River's journey, from the two source branches located south of Shelburne, and north of Orangeville, to its final destination of Georgian Bay. Joan and Dave Twiner spent several months following the river, from start to finish; some 120 km, as it flowed North, downhill, from wetlands on the Niagara Escarpment, through the Nottawasaga Valley, to its mouth at Wasaga Beach.



Main Speaker – Lianne Harris Mongolia, The Earth Shakers

At our July 14th meeting, our members were fascinated by Lianne Harris' presentation on the unusual topic, Mongolia: The Earth Shakers. We had heard Lianne speak in March '24 on The Luck of the Irish. She always presents in period, authentic costume appropriate to her theme. Mongolia was no exception.

I think it's fair to say that few, if any of us knew much about the history, culture and peoples of Mongolia, or its present structure. Supported by a gripping slide show, we learned about its geography, customs ancient and modern, the importance of women in the social structure and its warfare and domination of Asia and Europe.

Ghengis Khan and eventually Kubla Khan left their mark on world history and even, very possibly our own DNA! Lianne Harris is a sociologist and history teacher with a flare for the dramatic and captivating story-telling. Check out her website, historybyharris.ca and see the many topics she regularly presents. It will be difficult to choose one, but I'm certain we will invite her again.



Submitted by Catherine Robbin

Having really appreciated your kind feedback about the Mongolia presentation, I was able to carve a little time out and create this handout highlighting some of the points of the presentation (and a few little extras I didn't mention) as a little take away gift/bonus. I call this an 'infographic'. Lianne"

This is an exclusive for our Club. [Click here](#) if you would like it.

Lunch at Swiss Chalet



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

Peterborough Lift Lock Boat Cruise



Photos submitted by Joan Fellows & Mary Willard. 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: September 8 Lunch: TBD

Golf & Dinner: August 11 Bear Creek Golf Club

Main Speakers

Sept 8	Steve Chapelle	An Overview on Artificial Intelligence
Oct 13	Mark Rector	OH CANADA: Our Home & Inventive Land
Nov 10	Peter Monahan	Good Chaps: Men of New Tecumseth who died in WWII

Show & Tell Speakers

Oct 13	Joan Fellows	TBD
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Events



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



The PROBUS Club of Alliston
will be attending
RETURN TO GRACE

DATE: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

TIME: 2:00 PM – Matinee

TICKETS: Will be distributed at the July meeting.
1 person/party to collect.

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

Thanks for Registering
It will be a great trip!



King's Wharf Theatre



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.

Events



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Holland Marsh Private Winery Tour & Wine Tasting
18270 Keele St, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9
Tuesday, September 29, 2026
2:30 pm



Sip, swirl, and stroll your way through our boutique winery! Go behind the scenes with a guided vineyard and cellar tour, then settle in for a curated tasting of our handcrafted wines. It's relaxed, flavourful, and just the right amount of fancy. Cheers to that!

Follow one of our Wine Professionals through our beautiful grounds, vineyard and production to fully understand the soil and growing conditions, wine-making process and our approach to fine wine. Following the tour, guests will be hosted in our Private Tasting Room for a guided tasting of 5 curated wines based on your group's preferences. In addition to savouring our hand-crafted wines, guests will be served premium charcuterie boards which include meats, cheeses and our famous wine-jellies which are all locally sourced. Cheers!

INCLUDES:

- "Private Tour"
- Tasting - Flight of 5 hand crafted wines, curated to your group's preference. (2 Red, 2 White, 1 Rose)
- Charcuterie boards with 3 artisanal cheeses, 3 cured meats, wine jellies, Belgian dark chocolate, olives and crackers (1 board for every 3 guests).
- 1 Hour private rental of our Tasting Room after your tour.

Please Register (& e-transfer) on the [Web](#) or bring cheque for \$57 ea. To The September Meeting



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Fall Leaves Drive & Lunch at Mono Cliffs Inn
367006 Mono Centre Rd, Mono, ON L9W 5W9
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Meet/Mingle 12:00 pm, Lunch 12:30 pm
[Scenic route will be provided]



Welcome to the historic Mono Cliffs Inn, a charming destination located in the picturesque hamlet of Mono Centre. We are a welcoming community-focused restaurant, with a lively and authentic pub, a versatile space for intimate celebrations, and a charming wine cellar, that serves as a small private dining room.

Our dedicated team is passionate about delivering exceptional service and creating a warm, inviting atmosphere, ensuring every visit is a memorable experience.

\$74/person, including tax, tip, 3 Course served Luncheon and Coffee and Tea self-serve set-up. Soft drinks or alcoholic drinks extra.

Menu:

Choice of Appetizer:

Butternut Squash & Apple Soup

Garnished with Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

or

Classic Caesar Salad

Romaine Hearts, Garlic-Lemon Dressing, Toasted Croutons, Grated Parmesan Reggiano

Choice of Entrée:

Lemon-Pepper Cod

Panko Crusted Cod Filet, Fingerling Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

or

House Made Gnocchi

Roasted Wild Mushrooms, Grape Tomatoes, Leeks, Tomato Sauce

or

Oven Roasted Chicken Supreme

Chicken Jus, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

Choice of Dessert:

Bread & Butter Pudding

Warm Butterscotch Sauce

or

Vanilla Ice Cream



Please sign up & provide menu choices (& e-transfer) on the [Web](#) or cheque for \$74 ea. At the September Meeting

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 Faccioli, 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