



The PROBUS Reporter

April 2025 Issue

The PROBUS Club of Alliston

www.probuscluballiston.com



President's Message

April is upon us and the weather gods are playing an April Fool's joke as March goes out like a lion. It is good to see the winter and snow fading away and I will be happy to put away my snowshoes and bring my golf clubs out of storage. April is also when we welcome back many of our snowbirds; I just hope that Trump has not had the border patrol swoop down on any of your condos.

Our committees have been hard at work, and we have a great list of speakers coming up and also have a lot of great outings planned.

My success as a President depends upon the work of all of our committee members so I just want to conclude by giving a big thank you to all of them.

Gerry Ross

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

March 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Roger Setka



Main Speaker – Candace Gordon

S.H.I.F.T. – A Community Working Together

Candace Gordon, Donor Relations and Stewardship Officer with Alliston's S.H.I.F.T. program, was our Speaker on March 2, 2025.



Her presentation helped us learn about the support SHIFT offers not only with overnight accommodation and meals to those experiencing homelessness, but also to those in our community experiencing food insecurity and mental health challenges. It was good to learn that SHIFT helps their clients find other community supports and resources so that they can make the shift to a better life. The many questions that our members asked indicated their interest in learning about SHIFT and hopefully reaching out to help this community resource in the future.

Submitted by *Sharron Smith*

Lunch at Halibut House



Click [here](#) for more photos

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 8th

Lunch: Swiss Chalet

Main Speakers

Apr 8	David T. Chapman	Wild, Weird, & Wacky Weather
May 13	Taivi Tayler	Estate Planning for Seniors
June 10	Michelle Redgwell	Hearing Health
July 8	Kathy Macfarlane	Arctic Photography
Sept 9	Tanya Shields	Downsizing & Is It Time to Move?
Oct 14	Kristy Cambell	Community Home Paramedics

Show & Tell Speakers

Apr 8	Jan Fellows Dave Twiner	Hiking with Dave & Jan
May 13	Allyn Willard	My Life

Upcoming Events

Urgent! If you haven't submitted your menu choices, please bring to the April meeting



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Spring Lunch at Taste of Freedom
24 Mill St. W. Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0
Thursday, April 24, 2025
Meet/Mingle 12:30 pm, Lunch 1:00 pm
A FEW SPACES STILL LEFT



Each Guest chooses one item from each course.
3 course meal \$48.00 ~ Appetizer, Main, Dessert
2 course meal \$37.00 ~ Appetizer/Main or Main/Dessert

\$20 CASH DEPOSIT at March Meeting

REMEMBER WHAT YOU CHOOSE:

Your \$20 will be returned to you at Lunch.

Includes: Coffee and Tea for both 3 & 2 course meals options.

Menu:

Choice of Appetizer:

Fried Calamari ~ Seasoned & spiced flour, Shishito peppers, lemon aioli

Arancini ~ Spinach and Ricotta filled Risotto balls, on Marinara sauce topped with freshly shaved Grana-Padano

Truffle Frites ~ Parmesano Reggiano, truffle oil, fresh herb, truffle aioli

Caesar Salad ~ Romaine, house made garlic dressing, bacon bits, croutons

Panzanella Salad ~ Heirloom tomatoes, marinated red onions, Bocconcini, toasted Focaccia, balsamic reductions

Choice of Main:

Grilled Bacon Benedict ~ A twist on the classic, featuring thick-cut, smoky bacon grilled to perfection. It's layered on a toasted English muffin, topped with perfectly poached eggs and a creamy hollandaise sauce infused with a blend of fresh chives, tarragon, and parsley. Served with hash browns.

Spinach, Chive and Cheddar Quiche ~ Choice of side, hash browns, french fries, side salad

Prime Rib Panini Sandwich ~ Shaved Prime Rib, caramelized onions, mixed cheese on a toasted Panini, beef jus, with french fries.

Penne alla Vodka ~ Red peppers, mushrooms, bacon, in a Vodka rose sauce

Freedoms Burger ~ 6oz Bison & Chuck patty, sweet & spicy bacon jam, arugula, tomato, red onion, Brie on a Brioche bun. Served with fries or a side salad.

Crab Cake BLT ~ Two dishes come together inside a buttery Croissant bun. Fried Crab Cake is topped with grilled tomato, a pile of bacon, fresh romaine and dressed in Tarragon mayo.

Choice of Dessert:

Carrot Cake, Crème Brûlée or Vegan/Gluten Free Chocolate Brownie



DANNY'S FISH & CHIPS
411 Huronia Rd @ Big Bay Point Rd, Barrie 705-721-8998
MONDAY, MAY 26th, 2025, 5:00 PM



**\$10 CASH DEPOSIT WILL BE COLLECTED
AT THE APRIL OR MAY MEETING [if space 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



Come out and
have some fun
at the

PROBUS Club of Alliston Scavenger Hunt



Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Time: Start: 3:00 - 5:00 pm Scavenger Hunt
Centre Ice, North Parking Lot

Look for above sign

After: Where: 5:00 - dark BYO Picnic Social
at Willard's patio & deck
58 Via Amici in Briar Hill
Prizes: For winners

Dinner & Social Only??

If you don't want to participate in the Scavenger Hunt but would like to socialize, bring your own picnic and meet the Scavengers at 5:00 pm to socialize and see who the winners are.
Hoping for a nice, warm summer day!

Bring a cell phone with a working camera

- You will receive a list of 20 items to find
- All items can be found in Alliston
- Two participating team members to a vehicle male or female, driver & navigator (ride alongs don't cheat!)
- Take a picture of the item, with one team member as well as the item (ride alongs can be photographer)
- Meet at 3:00 pm at Centre Ice, north parking lot
- Two (2) hours to hunt and photo items and arrive at Willards by 5:00 pm with your list and your photos
- Collect in any order
- Collect as many as you can in two (2) hours
- Leave time to travel back and retrieve your picnic
- If you don't arrive before the tally is done...sorry!
- Total points wins. 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
- Bring-your-own picnic to Willard's patio & deck
- Register on website, so we can plan prizes.

ABOVE ALL, DRIVE SAFELY



Come aboard Mateys for the
Millionaire's Row Lunch Cruise
on Wenonah II, July 15, 2025 out of Gravenhurst Wharf
Departing 12:00 noon, Returning to the Wharf at 4pm



Replicate the experience of traveling by steamship from the Gravenhurst Wharf to the original turn-of-the-century cottages of Millionaire's Row in Beaumaris. Destination Canada, our National Tourism Marketing Agency, has designated the Muskoka Steamship's Millionaire's Row sailing a **CANADIAN SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE**.

Step back in time with a historic Lake Muskoka cruise showcasing grand cottages, stunning natural beauty, incredible boats, and with an entertaining and educational commentary punctuating your experience.

This outing aboard the Wenonah II is the longest public cruise available in the 2024 sailing season.

COST: \$120/person **DRIVE:** On your own

INCLUDED: 1:30 pm - Two Course Lunch Choice of Traditional Turkey dinner or vegan/gluten free alternative & dessert, tea, coffee.



Visit Muskoka Discovery Centre on Cruise day, Permanent Exhibits: Muskoka Story, Misko-Aki (Red Earth), Confluence of Cultures, Evolving Muskoka, Wenda III, Water Gallery.

SIGN UP: Please bring cheque or exact cash to April or May meeting.

Upcoming Events



PROBUS Club of Alliston Let's visit the Blue Jays

Sat, Aug 30th, 2025 - Blue Jays & Milwaukee Brewers



Itinerary:

1. Depart from Centre Ice, North Parking Lot (10:30am)
2. Lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory,
54 The Esplanade, Toronto, ON (12:00pm – 1:30pm)
3. Blue Jays vs Milwaukee Brewers, 200 Level seats (2:00 pm (3:07pm) – 6:30pm)
4. Depart for home (arriving at approx 8:00pm)



There will be time upon arrival at Stadium to look around, visit gift shop, etc. before the game.

Lunch Menu: All meals include:

Classic Fresh Bread with Whipped Garlic Butter
Crisp Green Salad with House Italian dressing
Spumoni Ice Cream and a Beverage (Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink)



Choice of:

- Spaghetti with choice of sauce: Marinara, Meat, Spicy Meat, Mushroom Tarragon, Browned Butter & Mizithra
- Spaghetti with Meatballs
- Impossible™ Spaghetti with Meatballs (vegan)
- Lasagna
- Manicotti

Min. 35 participants has been met. Thank you. Max. 55. Total Cost: \$185.00/person. Register and bring **\$50 deposit/ticket to March meeting** or register on website and e-Transfer deposit to probuscluballiston@gmail.com. **Final payment \$135.00 ea.** will be due at the July meeting. Menu selections will follow. **Go Jays Go!**

Announcements



PROBUS Speakers Committee



DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME, WANT TO HELP YOUR CLUB,
ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE & LIKE TO LEARN NEW THINGS?

Join the PROBUS Speakers Committee. We have 2 members who have volunteered to join the Committee and are looking for 1 or 2 more members (to officially start in September 2025).

If you are interested and want to know more, please contact:

Pat Thompson at tworzyt@rogers.com or 705 435 6811
Sharron Smith at steds0809@gmail.com or 705 435 0809
Judy Pretty at judypretty@gmail.com or 905 806 0370

Committee arranges & introduces ten speakers a year. Speakers for 2025 and 2026 are already confirmed. There is a long list of interesting potential speakers and topics to choose from.

Your commitment would include:

- * Attending a couple of planning meetings per year
- * Contacting 3-4 potential speakers
- * Arranging a presentation date and support (audio/visual setup, honorarium, book sales table) through our management team.
- * Introducing and thanking the guest speaker

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Contact us now.

Announcements



May 4, 2005

Mardon Stables 2996 Concession Road 7, Loretto ON L0G 1L0

**Join your fellow PROBUS Club members and friends
in support of this worthy cause.**

*We remember our members who benefitted from Matthews House's kindness and support:
Paul Facciol, Bruce Mogridge and Donovan Roberts.*

9:00 Check-in and Opening Ceremonies

9:30 Hike (optional) 1km, 2.5km or 5km, your choice

**9:45 Activities Virtual Horse Racing, Animals, Fire Dept, Arts & Crafts,
fun for the kids and much more...**

10:45 – 12:00 Lunch (free with your registration)

To register:

- **Go to the Matthews House website: www.matthews.house**
- **Click on Hike for Hospice**
- **Click Register today**
- **Click Join a team**
- **Enter PROBUS Wacky Walkers**
- **Complete registration form**

If you need help registering call Crystal Groves 705 435 7218 Ex 229



2024/2025 Management Committee

President	Gerry Ross
Vice President	Claire Albright
Past President	Ruby Thomas
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	Linda Hostrawser-Ball, Joan Fellows, Wendy Masters, Judy Temple, Mary Willard
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	Roger Setka, Roy Snipe
Speakers Committee	Pat Thompson, Judy Pretty, Sharron Smith
Sunshine and Clouds	Sue Waterman
Zoom Master	Allyn Willard

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