



# The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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**Apologies for being a few days late this month.  
We were enjoying an Alaska cruise.**

**Allyn Willard  
Editor, PROBUS Reporter**

# President's Message

Hello September! As we move into September, I am reminded of how lucky we are to live in this wonderful country, Canada. We are often teased about how polite and kind we are, but I, for one, am very proud to be a Canadian. As crazy as the world seems to be these days, Canadians live and work in a relatively safe and secure environment. In a few weeks, we will be surrounded by beautiful colours, vibrant reds, glorious yellows and all shades of brilliant colour! Of course, the days will become shorter, cooler and eventually ... snow again! Winter, my least favourite season, even though I grew up in northern Ontario, Kirkland Lake to be exact. I love the four seasons, but winter always seems too long.

But the best part of living here is the wonderful caring people. Our members are some of the best that Canada has, hands down. As I decided to serve as President this past year, it was with hesitancy and uncertainty. I was fortunate to have the best management committee who quietly, but very efficiently, did the work of planning, organizing, and implementing our meetings, our social activities and events. It made my job easy and made me look GOOD!!

Now, as my year draws to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you, the members of the management committee, and the members of the PROBUS Club of Alliston, for your support, your kind words, your advice, and your patience in tolerating my antics and costumes! It has truly been a wonderful experience to serve as your President.

Claire Albright  
President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

# Golf and Dinner – Bear Creek Golf Club



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

# King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene



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## Upcoming **PROBUS** Meetings

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

Next Meeting: September 8   Lunch: Piper Arms

### **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**

|        |              |                            |
|--------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Sept 8 | Roy Snipe    | My Musical Life            |
| Oct 13 | Joan Fellows | Did You Know- Local Trivia |

# 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

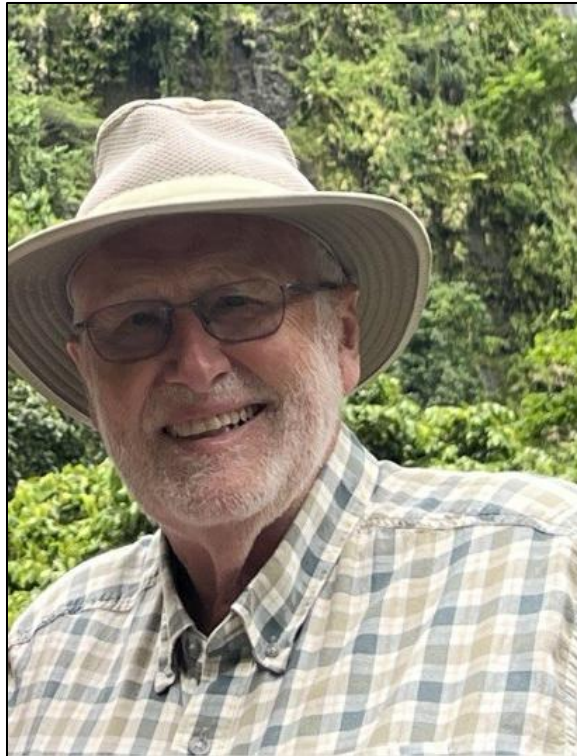


**Please sign up & provide menu choices (& e-transfer) [on the Web](#) or cheque for \$74 ea. At the September Meeting**

# In Memoriam

**Gerry Robert Ross**

**July 25, 1947 - August 15, 2026**



Gerry passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and love, at Matthews Hospice on August 15, 2026, after a brief and courageous battle with brain cancer. He is survived by his wife Gillian Winter (Jill), daughters Sara and Alana, grandchildren Sam, Juliette, and Livvy, and sister Katie.

For nearly 50 years, Gerry practiced dentistry in Tottenham, Ontario, building a thriving practice alongside his partners and friends, Tony and Elvis, and with the support of his exceptional staff.

Gerry served as Vice-President, President, and Past President in the PROBUS Club of Alliston.

# 2025/2026 Management Committee

|                                 |                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                | <b>Claire Albright</b>                                            |
| <b>Vice President</b>           | <b>Allyn Willard</b>                                              |
| <b>Past President</b>           | <b>Gerry Ross</b>                                                 |
| <b>Secretary</b>                | <b>Jo-Anne Hunt</b>                                               |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | <b>Ruby Thomas</b>                                                |
| <b>Membership Coordinator</b>   | <b>Mary Willard</b>                                               |
| <b>AV Team</b>                  | <b>Allyn Willard, Peter Krol, Ron Wise</b>                        |
| <b>Communications/Webmaster</b> | <b>Mary Willard</b>                                               |
| <b>Events &amp; Excursions</b>  | <b>Wendy Masters, Mary Willard,<br/>Joan Fellows, Jill Winter</b> |
| <b>Special Events (Golf)</b>    | <b>Eugene McEleney</b>                                            |
| <b>Luncheons</b>                | <b>Midge Faccioli, Bev Hughes</b>                                 |
| <b>Meeting Coordinator</b>      | <b>Dave Randell</b>                                               |
| <b>Membership</b>               | <b>Mary Willard, Sheila Garriock</b>                              |
| <b>Photographer</b>             | <b>Bev Hughes</b>                                                 |
| <b>PROBUS Reporter</b>          | <b>Allyn Willard</b>                                              |
| <b>Share the Wealth</b>         | <b>Diane Haynes, Barb Murney</b>                                  |
| <b>Show &amp; Tell</b>          | <b>Roy Snipe</b>                                                  |
| <b>Speakers Committee</b>       | <b>Shirley Irvine, Catherine Robbin,<br/>Gerry Ross</b>           |
| <b>Sunshine and Clouds</b>      | <b>Sue Waterman</b>                                               |

If you have moved or changed your email or phone number, please notify Mary Willard at [probuscluballiston@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:allynwillard@rogers.com)