



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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Daylight Saving Time 2026



Sunday, March 8, 2026

2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to

3:00:00 am local daylight time instead.

**Spring
Forward!**



President's Message

Well, will the weather in March come in like a lion or a lamb? It has surely been a truly Canadian winter over the past 4 months so let's hope we are on the downlow!!

First, let me thank you all for wearing red at last month's meeting! You looked great!! Now --- it's time for the wearing of the GREEN!

Why is March 17 celebrated as St. Patrick's Day? Tradition holds that St. Patrick died on March 17, 461 and was buried at Downpatrick. He was renowned for bringing Christianity to Ireland in the 5th Century and became Ireland's foremost saint.

This "**wearing of the green**" tradition is tied to the folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, who like to **pinch** anyone they can see who isn't wearing green.

But legend also says if you catch a leprechaun, you'll be granted three wishes – or their famous pot of gold hidden at the end of the rainbow! So please wear something **green** at our March meeting – so a leprechaun doesn't **pinch** you!!

Those born in March are generous, affectionate, outspoken, passionate and emotionally attuned and creative. What wonderful qualities!

However, despite their outward strength, they are extremely sensitive. These bold and courageous kids however are more likely to become CEOs as they are believed to be born leaders.

Living in Kirkland Lake for my first 16 years, I hated March – it was still very cold and snow was piled high along the roads. Winter started in late September or early October, and I could still play road hockey with the Duffs and Plagers in April!! So happy when my mother's company transferred her south – to the banana belt of Toronto!!

Now, perhaps like you, I can only tolerate one month of winter. Here's to an early spring!

Claire Albright

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

February 2026 PROBUS Meeting

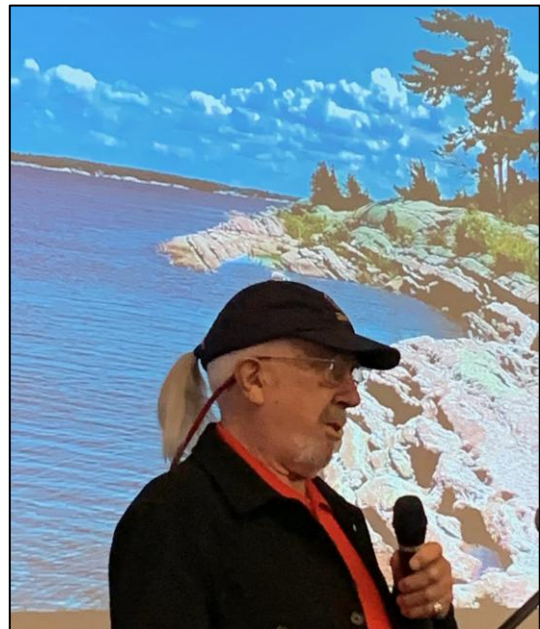
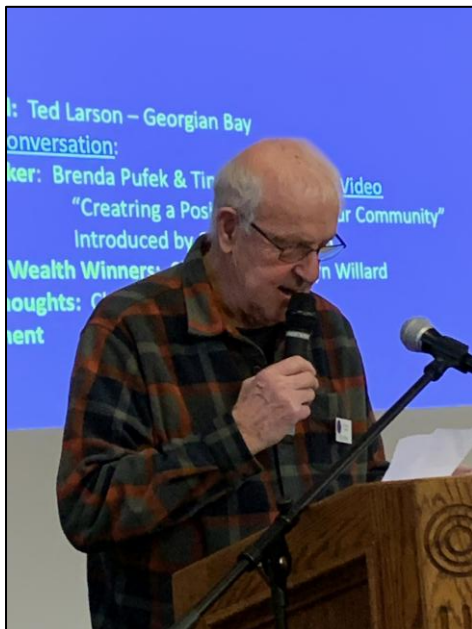
New Members



Carole Steer, Doug Steer, Pat Tucker

Show & Tell Speaker - Ted Larson

My Artist's Journey & Discovery of Georgian Bay



February 2026 PROBUS Meeting

Main Speaker - Tina de los Santos & Brenda Pufek

Creating a Positive Impact in our Community

Contact Community Services

We were very pleased to welcome these two dynamic women representing Contact Community Services. Their presentation illustrated the work that is being done in South Simcoe and Collingwood by their team of dedicated individuals.



These people are helping to improve the lives of those on the margins who have run into blocks in their road to security for themselves and their families. Their network of helpers consists of 28 paid employees and 80 volunteers who are doing this important and never-ending work. The Clothes Line stores in Alliston and Bradford are the most visible faces of their work, but they are also the gateways to all kinds of help that they are equipped to offer. They offer it with good humour and joy, “keeping the social in social services.’

Catherine Robbin, Speakers Committee

Lunch at Halibut House



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 – March 10 Lunch: Swiss Chalet

Main Speakers

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| Mar 10 | Annemarie Hagan | The Unexpected life of Mayor
“Hurricane Hazel” McCallion |
| 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 |

Show & Tell Speakers

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| Mar 10 | Alan Masters | His Autobiography |
| Apr 14 | Karen Hill-Whitson | Children’s Cancer Hospital in Cairo |
| May 12 | Joan Fellows | In Search of the Nottawasaga River |
| June 9 | Gerry Ross | 50 years of Dentistry |

Events



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



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**

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

June 1 Danny's Fish & Chips – Register at April Meeting (\$10 deposit)

June 11 Honda Plant Tour – Register at April 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 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:
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