



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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President's Message

As I look out of my window, my driveway is being cleared of another 6 inches of snow; I think this has been done about 15 times this winter. I think we all would like to send a message that enough is enough. Even the snowbirds who thought they would escape winter got a reminder of what they were missing. With that in mind I think it is quite appropriate that our February speaker is speaking on Weird, Wacky & Wild Weather.

I know many of you will be going away to try to get a reprieve from winter; if you are one of them have a safe and enjoyable holiday and don't forget the travel insurance.

Lastly, I just want to wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

Gerry Ross

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

January 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Welcome New Members

Barb Curry, Corrine Flynn, Margot Malchuk, Karen Hill-Whitson



10 Year Pin Presentation Congratulations Mary Hamilton



January 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Catherine Robbin



My Path to a Career in Singing

Anyone who missed the January meeting missed an amazing, although brief presentation that ended with a short singing treat. Everyone enjoyed it immensely!

Main Speaker – Megan Rochford & Maria Borczyk



We welcomed Megan Rochford and Maria Borczyk from Matthews House Hospice to speak to our Probus group on January 14. Their presentation - **Navigating the Health Care System** - gave us current and relevant information about how we, as seniors, can best advocate for our own health care needs in an ever changing health care system.

Lunch at Piper Arms



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Upcoming **PROBUS** Meetings

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

Next Meeting – February 11th Lunch: Boston Pizza

Main Speakers

Feb 11	David T. Champman	Weird, Wacky & Wild Weather
Mar 11	Candace Gordon	S.H.I.F.T. A Community Working Together
Apr 8	Mark Rector	Canada: Our Home & Inventive Land
May 13	Taivi Tayler	Estate Planning for Seniors
June 10	Michelle Ragwell	Hearing Health
July 8	Kathy Macfarlane	Arctic Photography

Show & Tell Speakers

Feb 11	Doris & Harry Lehman	Child Advocates
Mar 11	Eugene McEleney	Life in Canadian Television
Apr 8	Jan Fellows Dave Twiner	Hiking with Dave & Jan

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, Max. 55. Total Cost: \$185.00/person. **\$50 non-refundable deposit due at February meeting.** (A deposit has to be made to the Jays.) Register on website & e-Transfer to probuscluballiston@gmail.com or at February meeting (bring \$50 cheque/ticket). **Final payment \$135.00 ea. will be required at the August 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



Each Guest

chooses one item from each course.

3 course meal \$48.00 ~ Appetizer, Main, Dessert

2 course meal \$37.00 ~ Appetizer/Main, Main/Dessert

\$20 CASH DEPOSIT at February or 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 thaved 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 Brule or Vegan/Gluten Free Chocolate Brownie

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:

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