



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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*Hello
May*

President's Message

Well, congratulations! We made it through this long, cold Canadian winter! Now we can look forward to warm, sunny days of spring and summer. Put away those boots, heavy coats, mittens and scarves. It will be so nice to go out without bundling up. Bring on shorts, shirts and sandals – and dust off those golf clubs!!!

May is named after the Greek goddess of fertility, Maia. May's birth flowers are the Hawthorn, meaning hope, and the lily-of-the-valley, symbolizing sweetness or the return of happiness. May's birthstone is the emerald, which represents love and success. Those born in May fall under either Taurus (until May 20) or Gemini (May 21-June 20). Taurus folk are steadfast companions, loyal colleagues and committed partners and humorous friends. Gemini, the celestial twins, are playful, smart, curious, and sharp-witted, who love to be the center of attention!!

May is a month of celebrations – from May 1st, May Day to May 5th, Cinco de Mayo, May 16th, Armed Forces Day, May 18th, Victoria Day, etc. BUT, the most important day in May, in my humble opinion, is Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May. On that day, we remember, respect, appreciate and cherish our mothers. Mother's Day began officially in 1908 by Anna Reeves Jarvis to honour her mother. These days it is a \$25 billion-dollar commercial holiday. Ms. Jarvis fought her whole life against the commercialization but died in 1984 at age 84, penniless, having used all money to fight against the commercial aspect.

As we move closer to Mother's Day, let us reflect on the wonderful memories we all have of our moms, her laughter, her delicious meals, her never-ending support of us as we grew up, her strength and her love for us. Spend some quiet time remembering, and if you are lucky enough to still have your mom, spend time with her. Surveys have shown THAT is the best gift you can give to her. For all us mothers, enjoy the day with your family.

Claire Albright

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

April 2026 PROBUS Meeting

New Member

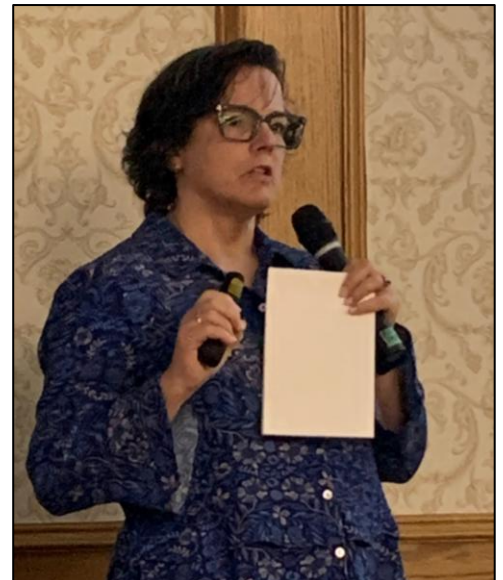


John Zirnhelt

Show & Tell Speaker - Karen Hill-Whitson

Pediatric Oncology Hospital CCH57357 in Cairo, Egypt

Karen shared her experience working at the newly built Pediatric Oncology Hospital CCH57357 in Cairo Egypt from July 2007 to March 2009. Her company was contracted to implement programs and train Frontline staff in Healthcare Support Services to Western Standards. She shared many of the challenges she faced along with the many accomplishments.

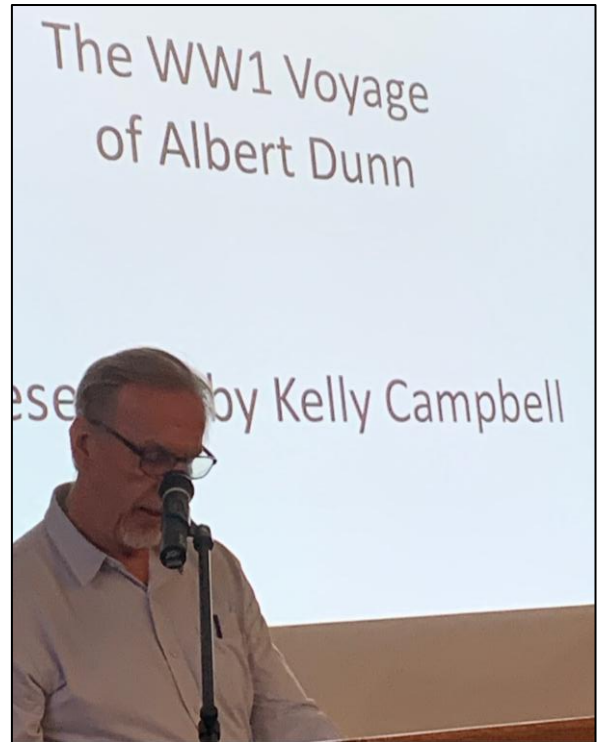


April 2026 PROBUS Meeting

Main Speaker – Kelly Campbell & Beverley Smith

The World War One Voyage of Albert Dunn

Kelly Campbell's presentation, The World War 1 Voyage of Albert Dunn was a full account of the activities of Canadian soldiers in the early days of that terrible war and the horrors that they encountered. We learned many details about the positioning of the troops for the battles of April 22-24, 1915 and details about Germany's use of chlorine gas that caused so many fatalities.

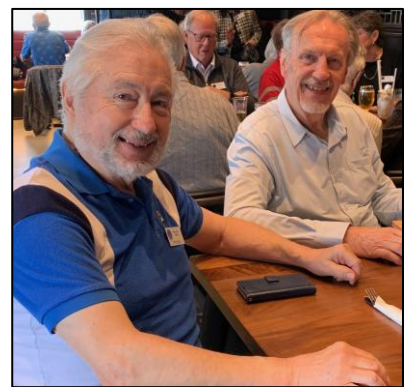


The readings from Albert Dunn's journal put the hardships of those brave young men into perspective. The photos and details provided by Kelly Campbell were vivid and horrific illustrations.

The personal diary of Albert Dunn, written at that terrible time, was a remarkable achievement and a truly historical document. How wonderful that it is now preserved in a Belgian museum! The Campbell and Dunn families have grandfathers who served Canada proudly in World War 1. Family history is so much a part of who we are and where we come from!

Catherine Robbin, Speakers Committee

Lunch at Piper Arms



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 May 12

Lunch: Boston Pizza

Main Speakers

May 12	Diana Trepkov	Empowering Change: How Forensic Art Solves Mysteries and Inspires Hope
Jun 9	Dr. Amy Barron	Agatha Christie & Archeology
July 14	Lianne Harris	Mongolia: The Earth Shakers
Sept 8	Steve Chapelle	An Overview on Artificial Intelligence

Show & Tell Speakers

May 12	Joan Fellows	How a Newfoundland Cookbook has ties to Beeton
June 9	Gerry Ross	50 years of Dentistry
July 14	Joan Fellows	In Search of the Nottawasaga River



Events

DANNY'S FISH & CHIPS

411 Huron Rd @ Big Bay Point Rd, Barrie 705-721-8998
JUNE 1st, 2026, 5:00 PM



**\$10 CASH DEPOSIT WILL BE COLLECTED
AT THE APR OR MAY MEETING (if space still 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**



Honda's Canadian Manufacturing Facilities

We take pride in building the Honda CR-V and the Honda Civic.

PROBUS Club of Alliston visit to Line 1, Honda Manufacturing Plant, Alliston

WHEN: June 11, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. (arrive 8:45)

WHAT: Two tours of 20 people each

SIGN UP: **FULL!** If you have signed up, here are the details you need.

WHERE: 4700 Industrial Parkway, Alliston, ON
Visitor Parking, Line 1, Go to Entrance under glass arch to sign-in

COST: FREE. Government Issued ID required to sign-in
Closed toe shoes must be worn

Events

[Click here](#) to check the status on any of our upcoming events.



Come aboard Mateys for the
Peterborough Lift Lock Boat Cruise
& **“Peterborough Musicfest”**
on July 15 & 16, 2026



Come for an overnight stay to the lovely town of Peterborough. Bring a picnic dinner and listen to “Music in the Park” on a beautiful summer’s eve. As Canada’s longest-running free outdoor concert series, Peterborough Musicfest offers diverse, family-friendly live music in a scenic waterfront setting, with performers ranging from pop to classic rock.

Stay overnight at the Holiday Inn, Peterborough, enjoy their breakfast the next morning, then discover the unbelievable beauty in this remote region of the Kawarthas.

Cruise departs from the Peterborough Marina, next to the Holiday Inn near Del Cray Park. You will be entertained by the Captain’s colourful commentary on the history of Peterborough and the Trent Severn Waterway. The tour takes us across Little Lake, past the Peterborough Centennial Fountain and into the City of Peterborough portion of the 118-year-old lock system, the first traditional flood lock raises us 12 feet, to the highlight of our trip. Where we go up and over the Peterborough Liftlock, the world’s highest hydraulic Liftlock which lifts 65 feet or 19.8 metres above the city!

MUSIC: Del Cray Park, 100 George St. N., Peterborough
8:00 pm, bring a chair, a blanket, a picnic or eat first.

CRUISE: Arrive 10:00 am, Return at 12:30 pm
92 George St. Peterborough (7 min. walk from hotel)

COST: \$30/person

DRIVE: On your own (make a day of it!)

HOTEL: Holiday Inn, Peterborough, book on own (or other hotel)

SIGN UP: Please sign-up intent at April meeting. **Payment deadline June 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**

Golf Tournament & Dinner



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

COST

Dinner only \$60
9 holes + dinner \$130
18 holes + dinner \$160

Deadline for registering is the July 14th PROBUS meeting

**Please bring completed cheque and form to PROBUS meeting
or register online & e-transfer**

Click [here](#) for more information and registration form

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: allynwillard@rogers.com