



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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President's Message

Happy Canada Day! Our great country of Canada is 157 years young on July 1st. So exactly what are we celebrating?

July 1, 1867, the British North American Act (Constitution Act, 1867) created Canada. July 1, 1879, a federal law made July 1st a statutory holiday to celebrate the anniversary of Confederation. It was originally called Dominion Day and in 1982 was officially changed to Canada Day.

Enough of the history lesson. We are so lucky to live in one of the best countries in the world. We can complain about politicians, high taxes, poor health care, crime on the rise, but all the complaints pale in comparison to the good stuff.

- The economy is growing so there are opportunities for our children and grandchildren.
- Healthcare is mostly free. It could improve (and I'm sure it will eventually). We can still get the care we need although we might have to wait longer than we would like.
- Canada is a safe country. Contrary to what we hear in the news, crime rates are low compared to other countries. We can still go for a walk without fearing for our lives.
- Canada has clean air and water, something that we often take for granted.
- Canada is a beautiful country with lots of unspoiled open spaces and wilderness to explore.
- We live in a democracy. We are free to express our opinions and live our life as we choose.
- Canadians are friendly, compassionate and caring.

I'm proud to be Canadian. I love the fact that we start every Probus meeting by singing the National Anthem. It reminds me of how lucky we are to live in this great country.

However you celebrate on July 1st, whether it's a beer on your balcony, a barbeque party, or attending one of the many celebrations in the community....remember why we are celebrating. Have a great Canada Day!

Ruby Thomas
President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

June 2024 PROBUS Meeting

New Members



Don & Shirley Irvine



Don Nelson

Lifetime Membership Presentation



Bev Hughes and Midge Facciol presented Brian Palmer with a Lifetime membership to the Probus Club of Alliston for Outstanding Service to the Club.

My thanks to those in the Club who decided to present me with a Lifetime Membership, particularly in the way it was presented by two of my favourite ladies, Bev and Midge.

I haven't been able to attend meetings lately and the kind thought came as a complete surprise.

Hope to see you all soon.

Brian Palmer

June 2024 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Norm Kennedy

Drums & Bugles

Norm took on a fascinating trip through the history of the development of drums & bugles from the Stone Age until now.



Main Speaker was Malcolm Kelly Women in Air Force Blue



Malcolm G. Kelly, a professional journalist for 37 years, the founder and coordinator of a renowned postgraduate sports journalism program at Centennial College in Toronto, spoke to our PROBUS group about "Women In Air Force Blue".

His presentation on "Women In Air Force Blue" followed a number of women and their amazing experiences, was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Lunch at Hot Stacks



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 – July 9 Lunch: Symposium

Jul 9	Tom Herstad	Towards a Kinder, More Compassionate and Empathetic World
Sep 10	Leah den Bok	Photographs of the Homeless
Oct 8	Lisa Taylor	Gut Health for Aging Gracefully
Nov 12	Ted Barris	Canadians in the Battle of Britain

Upcoming Events



Come out and have some fun at the PROBUS Club of Alliston Scavenger Hunt



Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm Scavenger Hunt
Start: Centre Ice, North Parking Lot
Look for above sign
After: 5:00 - dark BYO Picnic Social
Where: 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
- Click to register <https://www.probuscluballiston.com/blank-3> (Team Names), so we can plan prizes.

ABOVE ALL, DRIVE SAFELY

[Let's Go.. Register Please](#)



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Let's visit the Blue Jays
Wed, Sept 11th, 2024 - Jays & New York Mets



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 New York Mets, 200 Level seats (2:00pm – 6:30pm)
4. Depart for home (arriving at approx 8:00pm)

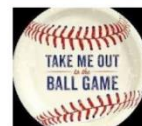
Lunch Menu: All meals include:

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)

Choose your lunch menu now. Click: <https://www.probuscluballiston.com/blank-3>

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

Spaces left. Register at above link. **Pay at July meeting. \$153/pp Chq, \$155/pp Cash.** (+ Driver gratuity.)
Deadline August 1st, 2024



[Let's Go Jays Go... Register Please](#)

[Pick your menu choice](#)

Special Events



2024 Probus Golf and Dinner

Tuesday August 13th

Bear Creek Golf Club

8545 Simcoe County 56, Utopia L0M 1T0

This is for Golfers and all PROBUS Club members.

Please bring cheque and form to Probus meeting. **Deadline July meeting.**

Registration Forms will be available at the May, June & July meetings.

Golf

Golfers Play 9 holes or 18 holes

Sign up as single or couple (we will organize foursomes) or as a foursome

Format will be a Scramble - designed to be a fun time!

Dinner

Meal Chicken or Salmon

[Please indicate on registration form & bring with cheque.]

Schedule

1:00 pm 18 hole golfers tee off

3:00 pm 9 hole golfers tee off

5:00-6:00 pm Social time all attendees, golfers and those coming for just dinner

6:00 pm Dinner

Cost

9 holes golf and dinner, \$125

18 holes golf and dinner, \$155

Dinner only, \$60

[Click here for the Registration Form](#)

New Town Hall Tours – June 14th & June 21st



Council Chambers



Board Room



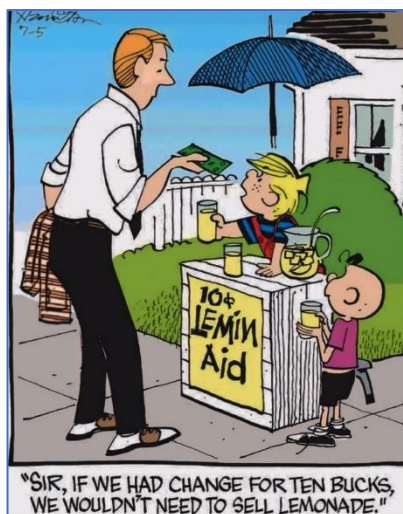
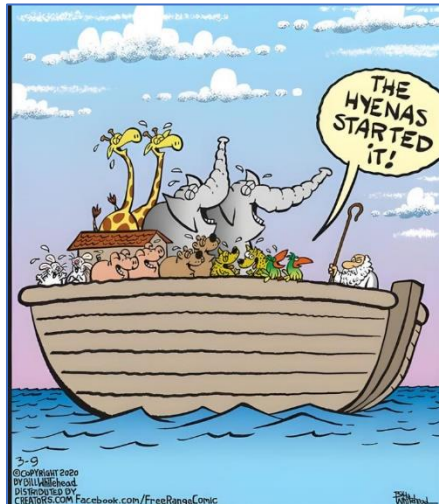
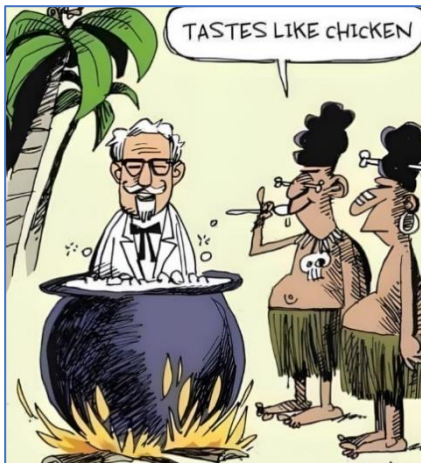
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King's Wharf Theatre Trip



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

Humour...



PROBUS Club of Alliston

2023/2024 Management Committee

President	Ruby Thomas
Vice President	Gerry Ross
Past President	Chuck Waterman
Secretary	Jo-Anne Hunt
Treasurer	Claire Albright
Membership Coordinator	Mary Willard
AV Team / Zoom Master	Allyn Willard, Peter Krol, Ron Wise
Communications	Mary Willard
Events/Excursions	Linda Ball, Wendy Masters, Judy Temple, Mary Willard, Joan Fellows
Luncheons	Midge Faccioli, Bev Hughes
Meeting Coordinator	Dave Randell
Membership	Mary Willard, Sheila Garriock
Photographer	Bev Hughes
PROBUS Reporter	Allyn Willard
Share the Wealth	June Seago, Carol Borg
Show & Tell	Roger Setka, Roy Snipe
Speakers Committee	Pat Thompson, Sharron Smith, Judy Pretty
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