



# The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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# President's Message

As the calendar turns to March, I am hopeful that Spring and the Golf Season no longer seem so distant. It has been a tough winter, especially for anyone with mobility issues. One thing I have noticed is many neighbours helping those around them deal with these heavy snowstorms; it is nice to see.

I will not be at the March meeting as I will be half a world away boarding a cruise in Australia. Claire Albright, our Vice President, will chair the meeting and I know she will do a great job.

When I return in April hopefully Spring will be in the air.

Gerry Ross

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

# February 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Welcome New Member  
Donna Sanderson





# February 2025 PROBUS Meeting

## Show & Tell Speaker – Doris & Harry Lehman



### A Life Dedicated to Working with Children

Harry and Doris Lehman talked about how they have dedicated their life to working with children. They shared stories of the nursery school that they ran near Tottenham. Harry demonstrated his skill working with puppets and showed how they used puppets as a teaching tool. Puppets have played a large role in their life performing at community events, churches and Camp Quality.



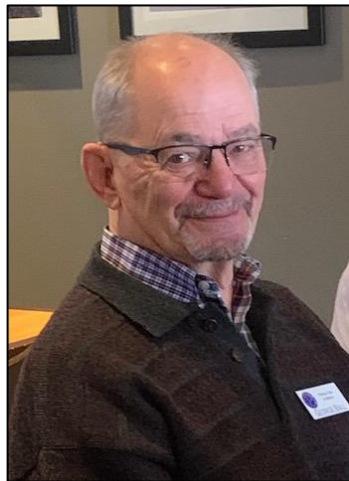
## Main Speaker – Eugene McEleney

### A Life in Television



We are very grateful to Eugene for stepping in at the last minute when inclement weather and vehicle problems caused our speaker to cancel at the last minute. Eugene gave us a fascinating look through many facets of the television industry during his 41-year career in the world of working in Television.

# Lunch at Boston Pizza



Click [here](#) for more photos

## 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 – February 11<sup>th</sup> Lunch: Halibut House

### **Main Speakers**

Mar 11	Candace Gordon	S.H.I.F.T. A Community Working Together
Apr 8	David T. Chapman	Wild, Weird, & Wacky Weather
May 13	Taivi Tayler	Estate Planning for Seniors
June 10	Michelle Redgwell	Hearing Health
July 8	Kathy Macfarlane	Arctic Photography
Sept 9	Tanya Shields	Downsizing & Is It Time to Move?

### **Show & Tell Speakers**

Mar 11	Roger Setka Pat Thompson	Trivial Pursuit Quiz on Canadian History
Apr 8	Jan Fellows Dave Twiner	Hiking with Dave & Jan



# Upcoming Events



**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  
**A FEW SPACES STILL LEFT**



Each Guest chooses one item from each course.  
**3 course meal \$48.00** ~ Appetizer, Main, Dessert  
**2 course meal \$37.00** ~ Appetizer/Main or Main/Dessert

## **\$20 CASH DEPOSIT at 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 shaved 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 Brûlée or Vegan/Gluten Free Chocolate Brownie



**DANNY'S FISH & CHIPS**  
411 Huronia Rd @ Big Bay Point Rd, Barrie 705-721-8998  
**MONDAY, MAY 26th, 2025, 5:00 PM**



**\$10 CASH DEPOSIT WILL BE COLLECTED**  
**AT THE APRIL OR MAY MEETING [if space 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**

# 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 has been met. Thank you. Max. 55. Total Cost: \$185.00/person. Register and bring **\$50 deposit/ticket to March meeting** or register on website and e-Transfer deposit to [probuscluballiston@gmail.com](mailto:probuscluballiston@gmail.com). **Final payment \$135.00 ea.** will be due at the July meeting. Menu selections will follow. **Go Jays Go!**



# Announcements



## PROBUS Speakers Committee



DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME, WANT TO HELP YOUR CLUB,  
ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE & LIKE TO LEARN NEW THINGS?

Join the PROBUS Speakers Committee. We have 2 members who have volunteered to join the Committee and are looking for 1 or 2 more members (to officially start in September 2025).

If you are interested and want to know more, please contact:

Pat Thompson at [tworzyt@rogers.com](mailto:tworzyt@rogers.com) or 705 435 6811  
Sharron Smith at [steds0809@gmail.com](mailto:steds0809@gmail.com) or 705 435 0809  
Judy Pretty at [judypretty@gmail.com](mailto:judypretty@gmail.com) or 905 806 0370

Committee arranges & introduces ten speakers a year. Speakers for 2025 and 2026 are already confirmed. There is a long list of interesting potential speakers and topics to choose from.

Your commitment would include:

- \* Attending a couple of planning meetings per year
- \* Contacting 3-4 potential speakers
- \* Arranging a presentation date and support (audio/visual setup, honorarium, book sales table) through our management team.
- \* Introducing and thanking the guest speaker

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Contact us now.

## 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](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:

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