



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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President's Message

As I write this we have just gone through our first heatwave of the summer. We might complain but we must remember how much we pay in the winter to experience this heat. So far it has been a great golf season; I am definitely talking about the weather and not my golf game.

Speaking of golf, I just want to remind everyone that our July meeting is the last chance to sign up for the August golf tournament at Bear Creek. You can sign up as a foursome or as a single and we will organize teams of the singles. You can play either 9 or 18 holes. It does not matter your skill level; it is designed to be a fun day.

For non golfers this date Tuesday August 12th is our August meeting so come join us for the social and dinner. There will be draws for door prizes and the meal was delicious last year. There will be a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00 and the meal at 6:00. There is a great outdoor patio, and I have been promised a sunny day so come join the fun.

The form to register is on the PROBUS web site; you can bring it and a cheque to the next meeting, or you can register through the web site and E-transfer your registration fee.

Lastly, I want to thank Allyn and Mary Willard for hosting our get together after the Scavenger Hunt. It was a lot of fun, and our members must know Alliston well as about 90% of us got all 20 items.

Gerry Ross

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

June 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Welcome New Members



**Florence Binns, Rachelle Conlin, Doug Cowan, Margaret Dailey,
Fredina Elliott, Wendy Ground, Linda Hook, Colleen Langley,
Carolyn Millsop, Karen & Murray Walsh, Johan & Jim Wilkinson**

June 2025 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Karen Hill-Whitson

Tanzania

In 2012, Karen joined a group of goodwill volunteers on a 10-day trip to a Tanzanian orphanage. There were 3 small classrooms doubling for sleeping quarters on the ground at night. In daytime, attendance was between 40 to 160 children. They assisted with:

- providing funding for electricity and running water

- purchasing food and other necessities as well as soccer balls and skipping ropes etc.

Karen returned in 2014 and was greeted with open arms.

Today there are 3 schools built, and one has been awarded Government assistance.

The other 2 still depend on donations (209 children and 50 women currently attending).



Main Speaker – Michelle Redgewell

Hearing Health

Michelle Redgewell has been in the hearing industry for over 35 years.

During that time, she has worked in manufacturing and in customer service.

She has a very personal view of hearing loss as she has hearing loss herself.

Michelle is very passionate about helping people to hear and in educating them in how to maintain hearing health. Michelle shared information about hearing loss risks, impacts on relationships and how to approach the challenges and regain hearing. She is currently with Hear Well Be Well.



Lunch at Boston Pizza



Click [here](#) for more photos

Scavenger Hunt



Click [here](#) for more photos

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 8th

Lunch: Halibut House

Main Speakers

July 8	Kathy Macfarlane	Journey to the Floe Edge
Sept 9	Tanya Shields	Downsizing & Is It Time to Move?
Oct 14	Kristy Cambell	Community Home Paramedics

Show & Tell Speakers

July 8	Joan Fellows	Pictures from the Paths
Oct 14	Alan Masters	Building YPRES WWI and WWII

Upcoming Events

Reminder of the **Boat Cruise** on July 15. Registration is open until the July meeting.

[Click here to see the flyer.](#) Tickets will be handed out on the dock.

Reminder to download the **Golf Tournament** form, complete it and bring along with your payment to the July meeting.

[Click here for form.](#)

Reminder that **Grease** will be on August 16. Registration is closed.

[Click here to see the flyer.](#) Tickets will be handed out at the July meeting.

There are still a few spaces available on the **Toronto Blue Jays** trip August 30. [Click here to Register.](#) You can also choose your meal for The Old Spaghetti Factory and you can check to see that you have done so.

You can register at the July meeting for **Rogers & Hammerstein's "A Grand Night for Singing"** at the Aurora Theatre. You can pay at the July meeting if you wish. Deadline for payment will be the September meeting. Cost is \$20.70 ea if you pay by cheque and \$21 by cash. We cannot do change. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

In Memoriam



Doug Drysdale

October 5, 1932 – June 11, 2025

It is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that we announce the peaceful passing of Douglas Paul Drysdale on June 11, 2025. Devoted husband and partner to Joan, his loving wife of 67 years who predeceased him in 2020. Beloved father to their three children, Doug, Donna (late Pat Crowley), and Diane (Dave Anderson).

As a loving husband and father, loyal and generous friend, and accomplished forester, farmer, entrepreneur and philanthropist, Doug leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, success and inspiration that continues to enrich the lives of all those who knew him. Doug was a PROBUS Club of Alliston Member from 2002. Doug was a loyal member and friend to the members of the PROBUS Club of Alliston and was granted a Lifetime membership for his donations of time and event properties. We had many an enjoyable August meeting at the tree farm, country hoe downs, BBQs and dances as well as sleigh rides at Christmas time and Hallowe'en scare rides . A celebration of life in honour of Doug and Joan (Doug's late wife) will be held on Wednesday, July 9th at 2 pm at Drysdale's Tree Farm. All are welcome.



Ron Fearon

March 23, 1938 – June 15, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ronald Gordon Fearon, in his 87th year, on June 15th, 2025, in his new home at Palermo Village Retirement Residence, Oakville. He was a PROBUS Club of Alliston Member from 2002 and was honoured by the Club as a Lifetime member for his contributions to the Club including being President and historian. Condolences to the family. He is now at peace with his wife Lynda, also a past member of the PROBUS Club of Alliston until her death in 2020.

Important Links



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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
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Communications/Webmaster	Mary Willard
Events & Excursions	Linda Hostrawser-Ball, Joan Fellows, Wendy Masters, Judy Temple, Mary Willard
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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: allynwillard@rogers.com