



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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Summer's Here!

President's Message

First, let me wish all our Probian Dads. Granddads, Great Granddads, Husbands, etc. a belated Happy Father's Day! I hope you had an enjoyable day, however you spent it.

Now we are embracing July, a wonderful summer month, and very important to Canadians. In July 1867, the first four provinces, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario formed the Dominion of Canada under the British North America Act, with the remaining provinces and territories joining over the ensuing years, with Newfoundland & Labrador the last province to join in 1949.

As a Canadian, I am very proud. I'm not ashamed to admit that I tear up whenever I see our beautiful flag and hear our national anthem. This is especially true today, with much of the rest of the world in various stages of instability.

Canada is NOT perfect, but we should appreciate everything we enjoy as Canadians. We are respected around the world as polite, caring individuals, even though sometimes others tease us about it.

As we celebrate Canada Day in our own way, we should reflect on the importance of being Canadian and all that it entails. While we enjoy warmer weather, golfing, boating, cottaging or just barbequing with family, friends or neighbours, remember how fortunate we are to live in this country. Happy Canada Day everyone!!!

Claire Albright

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

June 2026 PROBUS Meeting

New Members



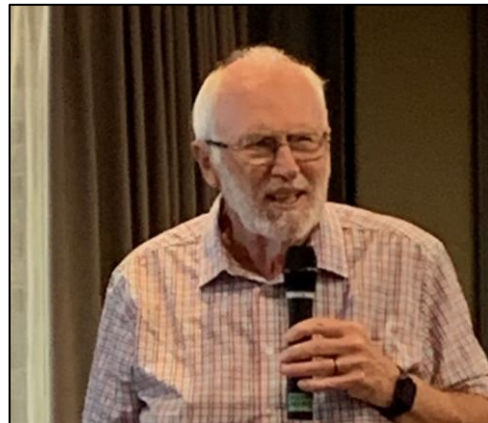
Lisa Keenan-Lindsay, John Lindsay, Janice Robson, Michael Robson

June 2026 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker - Gerry Ross

50 Years of Dentistry

Roy Snipe introduced Gerry Ross who took us on a journey from the first days of dentistry in Tottenham, through to the end of his days in practice.



Main Speaker – Dr. Amy Barron

Agatha Christie & Archaeology

Dr. Amy Barron delivered a presentation on "Agatha Christie & Archeology" which was applauded by our members as being one of the most enjoyed, humorous and knowledgeable talks we've had. Members are familiar with Agatha Christie's books but not with her love of Middle East adventure and the life she lived with her famous archaeologist second husband. Agatha led a remarkable life without having had the formal education we might expect to be required to raise to a famous author. Her first book was written on a dare of her sister, and she was astonished to find that her mystery fiction succeeded and paid well. Her adventures included assisting at archaeological digs in Ur and Ziggurat as well as aiding as a nurse during both wars. While nursing she learned useful information about poisons that served her well in her fiction!



by Shirley Irvine

Danny's Fish & Chips, June 1, 2026



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 14

Lunch: Swiss Chalet

Main Speakers

July 14	Lianne Harris	Mongolia: The Earth Shakers
Sept 8	Steve Chapelle	An Overview on Artificial Intelligence
Oct 13	Mark Rector	OH CANADA: Our Home & Inventive Land
Nov 10	Peter Monahan	Good Chaps: Men of New Tecumseth who died in WWII

Show & Tell Speakers

July 14	Joan Fellows	In Search of the Nottawasaga River
Oct 13	Joan Fellows	TBD

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

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: Leave at 10:00 am, Return at 12:30 pm, Tickets on arrival at Dock
 92 George St. Peterborough (7 min. walk from hotel)

COST: \$30/person - Boat Cruise Only (lunch after on own)

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

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

SIGN UP: Deadline e-transfer or completed cheque \$30/person by June meeting.



The PROBUS Club of Alliston
 will be attending
RETURN TO GRACE

DATE: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

TIME: 2:00 PM – Matinee

TICKETS: Will be distributed at the July meeting.
 1 person/party to collect.

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

Thanks for Registering
It will be a great trip!



King's Wharf Theatre



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.

Events



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Holland Marsh Private Winery Tour & Wine Tasting
18270 Keele St, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9
Tuesday, September 29, 2026
2:30 pm

Sip, swirl, and stroll your way through our boutique winery! Go behind the scenes with a guided vineyard and cellar tour, then settle in for a curated tasting of our handcrafted wines. It's relaxed, flavourful, and just the right amount of fancy. Cheers to that!

Follow one of our Wine Professionals through our beautiful grounds, vineyard and production to fully understand the soil and growing conditions, wine-making process and our approach to fine wine. Following the tour, guests will be hosted in our Private Tasting Room for a guided tasting of 5 curated wines based on your group's preferences. In addition to savouring our hand-crafted wines, guests will be served premium charcuterie boards which include meats, cheeses and our famous wine-jellies which are all locally sourced. Cheers!

INCLUDES:

- "Private Tour"
- Tasting - Flight of 5 hand crafted wines, curated to your group's preference. (2 Red, 2 White, 1 Rose)
- Charcuterie boards with 3 artisanal cheeses, 3 cured meats, wine jellies, Belgian dark chocolate, olives and crackers (1 board for every 3 guests).
- 1 Hour private rental of our Tasting Room after your tour.

Please Register at July Meeting or on the Web (& e-transfer).

\$57 ea. due by September Meeting.



PROBUS Club of Alliston
Fall Leaves Drive & Lunch at Mono Cliffs Inn
367006 Mono Centre Rd, Mono, ON L9W 5W9
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Meet/Mingle 12:00 pm, Lunch 12:30 pm
[Scenic route will be provided]



Welcome to the historic Mono Cliffs Inn, a charming destination located in the picturesque hamlet of Mono Centre. We are a welcoming community-focused restaurant, with a lively and authentic pub, a versatile space for intimate celebrations, and a charming wine cellar, that serves as a small private dining room.

Our dedicated team is passionate about delivering exceptional service and creating a warm, inviting atmosphere, ensuring every visit is a memorable experience.

\$74/person, including tax, tip, 3 Course served Luncheon and Coffee and Tea self-serve set-up. Soft drinks or alcoholic drinks extra.

Menu:

Choice of Appetizer:

Butternut Squash & Apple Soup

Garnished with Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

or

Classic Caesar Salad

Romaine Hearts, Garlic-Lemon Dressing, Toasted Croutons,
Grated Parmesan Reggiano

Choice of Entrée:

Lemon-Pepper Cod

Panko Crusted Cod Filet, Fingerling Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

or

House Made Gnocchi

Roasted Wild Mushrooms, Grape Tomatoes, Leeks, Tomato Sauce

or

Oven Roasted Chicken Supreme

Chicken Jus, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

Choice of Dessert:

Bread & Butter Pudding
Warm Butterscotch Sauce

or

Vanilla Ice Cream



Please sign up at the July Meeting or on the Web (& e-transfer).

\$74 & menu choices due by September Meeting.

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 Faccioli, 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