



# The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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*Happy  
New Year*

**2025**





# Christmas Luncheon at the Alliston Legion



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# President's Message

As I write this on Boxing Day; it has been a special time. There have been parties and gatherings but what has been most special has been the social part; spending time with families and friends. Over the holidays a strange thing happened; all my clothes shrunk as they sat in the closet.

Gifts were exchanged but unfortunately there are a growing number of people who are homeless or dependent on social services. It behooves those of us doing well to support the food bank and the social agencies trying to help. It was brought home to me during those very cold days just before Christmas when I went to my bank machine and there was a homeless person inside just trying to stay warm. Let's all try to help.

We have a number of new members, and I welcome you and want you to get as much benefit out your membership as possible. We will have some great speakers but there are also a number of great social events in the works; we also go out for lunch after our meetings. One of the strengths of your Probus membership is the social interaction so do come and participate.

Lastly, I just want to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2025 and hope to see you at our January meeting. For those down south I hope the weather is good and the US politics don't affect you too much.

Gerry Ross  
President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

## 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 – January 14<sup>th</sup>      Lunch: Piper Arms Pub  
(where East Side Marios was)

### **Main Speakers**

Jan 14	Megan Rochford Maria Borczyk	Matthews House Navigating the Healthcare System
Feb 11	David T. Champman	Weird, Wacky & Wild Weather
Mar 11	Jenifer Pergentile	SHIFT & Homelessness
Apr 8	Mark Rector	Canada: Our Home & Inventive Land
May 13	Taivi Tayler	Estate Planning for Seniors

### **Show & Tell Speakers**

Jan 14	Catherine Robbin	My Path to a Career in Singing
Feb 11	Doris & Harry Lehman	Child Advocates
Mar 11	Eugene McEleney	Life in Canadian Television
Apr 8	Joan Fellows Dave Twiner	Hiking with Dave & Joan

# Notices

## PROBUS Speakers Committee

**DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME?**

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUT YOUR CLUB?**

**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE?**

**DO YOU LIKE TO LEARN NEW THINGS?**

This is an opportunity for you. Join the **PROBUS Speakers Committee**.

We arrange ten speakers a year. And have a long list of interesting potential speakers and topics to choose from. Our speakers for 2025 are already confirmed. We are working on speakers for 2026.

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

If you can volunteer a few hours and want to be part of this great initiative, please contact a member of the current committee:

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