



The PROBUS Reporter

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The PROBUS Club of Alliston

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Merry Christmas



President's Message

As we are approaching the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. For at least half of you I will get to do this at our upcoming Christmas Lunch on December 10th. It is always a fun time, and I want to thank Ruby Thomas and her committee who work hard to make this event a success. I know a number of you have already travelled south for the winter and hope the weather will be kind to you. This is a special time for all of us to spend time with our families. It really makes me feel so lucky to be around an extended family as I just recently remarried and have gained two families and 3 grandchildren to share this time with.

Again, all the best of the holidays to everyone.

Gerry Ross

President, PROBUS Club of Alliston

November 2024 PROBUS Meeting

15 Year Service Pin



Roy Snipe

10 Year Service Pins

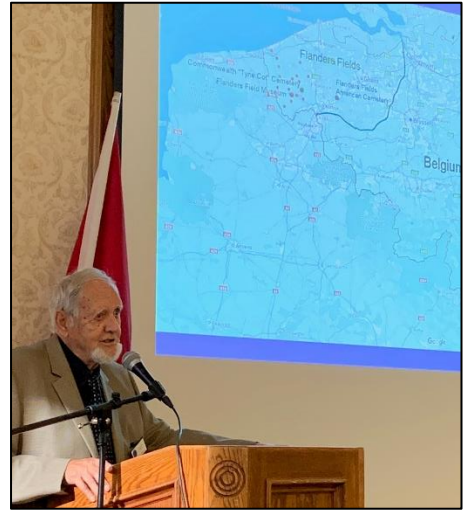


Mary Hookey, Judy Temple, Terry Temple, Jan Tweedy

November 2024 PROBUS Meeting

Show & Tell Speaker – Roger Setka Flanders Fields

Roger gave us a history of Flanders Fields and the many military cemeteries. He told us about the poppy and why it is a symbol of remembrance. He talked about Major John McCrae which led into the reading of “In Flanders Fields” followed by the Last Post and a moment of silence.



Main Speaker - Ted Barris

Battle of Britain: Canadian Airmen in Their Finest Hour

Ted Barris is a Canadian writer, journalist, professor and broadcaster.

He writes a weekly column, "The Barris Beat", and is a regular contributor to The Globe and Mail, the National Post, CBC Radio programs and the CTV News Channel. He taught journalism at Centennial College in Toronto.

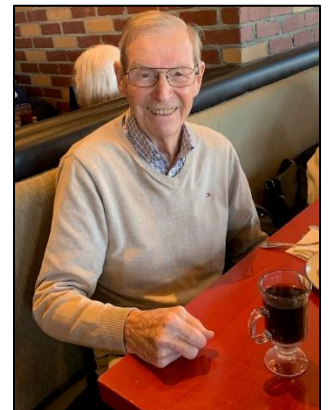
Many of you are familiar with his animated, energetic and entertaining stories about Canadian war heroes. He again delivered.

He spoke about his most recent book, which has made the top 10 Canadian Non-Fiction Best Sellers list this year.

“Battle of Britain – Canadian Airmen in Their Finest Hour” is an assembly of unknown stories of Canadian airmen, ground crew, engineers, aeronautical designers, medical officers and civilians in the Battle of Britain in 1940. It is an amazing story about our courageous and valiant men and women who fought for freedom. Their sacrifice is not forgotten.



Lunch at Swiss Chalet



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 – Dec 10

Christmas Party (Legion)

Main Speakers

Jan 14	Megan Rochford Maria Borczyk	Matthews House Navigating the Healthcare System
Feb 11	David T. Chapman	Weird, Wacky & Wild Weather
Mar 11	Jennifer Pergentile	SHIFT & Homelessness
Apr 8	Mark Rector	Canada: Our Home & Inventive Land

Show & Tell Speakers

Jan 14	Catherine Robbin	Classic Voice
Feb 11	Doris & Harry Lehman	Child Advocates
Mar 11	Eugen McEleny	Life in Canadian Television
Apr 8	Jan Fellows Dave Twiner	Hiking with Dave & Jan

Secret Garden at South Simcoe Theatre, Nov 17th



Bev Hughes won the 50/50 Draw

New Town Hall Tour, Nov 19th



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Upcoming Events



PROBUS Christmas Party

PROBUS Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 171 Alliston
111 Dufferin Street Alliston, ON

Social 12 noon Lunch 1:00 p.m

CASH BAR

Lunch includes buffet turkey meal, dessert, tea & coffee



2024/2025 Management Committee

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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:

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