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if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time...

Next Guest Speaker **Tuesday April 11**



Dan Buchanan

"The Dr. King Story"

Meeting Highlights

Opening:

President Bob Doran called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. He surveyed the members about their attendance at the Grand for lunch. Bob then called upon Ken Pizer to introduce the guest speaker, Rick Williams.

Guest Speaker: Rick Williams

Rick Williams is the president of Carma Industries Inc., a Canadian manufacturer and provider of electronic submetering (smart metering) systems. Rick's career started in 1965 with Johnson Controls in Toronto, working as a field technician. He rose quickly through the company, becoming national business development manager. Subsequent positions included the development of a facilities management company now known as BLJC, Brookfield Lepage Johnson Controls and vice-president of business development for a company now known as SNC Lavalin. Rick purchased Carma Industries in 1997 and relocated the business from Peterborough to Lindsay in 2011.



The smart metres that the company manufactures in Lindsay, enable clients to measure electricity use in individual units within a building. This lets tenants pay for only what they use and benefit from their own conservation efforts. Rick noted that there is a 50% saving in electricity and water use when bulk metres are replaced by individual metres. Carma's main clients include commercial office buildings, rental apartments and condominiums. Carma not only monitors the control systems within a building but also notifies the clients immediately if something is not working properly. The business has 70 employees, spread out over 5 offices across Canada. The company has installed over 255,000 metres in Canada and business continues to grow each year.



Garry Kennedy (L) welcomed John Sale (R) to the club.



Ron Wallace (L) thanked Rick Williams (R) for his presentation.

Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Original Founding Members:

Bruce Faulkner, Ron Morgan, Bill Coe, Bill Olan, Ed Stephenson, Pat Dunn and Wil Gilbert

First President: Bruce Faulkner

Club Regalia:

Name Badge Boxes: Ed Stephenson and
Reid Watson

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Club Banner: Bruce Faulkner and
Stewart Kell

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Announcements:

Following a short break, Bruce Faulkner reported that Ron Morgan is recovering at home with a blood clot in his leg. President Bob Doran announced that he will be issuing a press release to the Kawartha This Week and the Promoter in celebration of National Probus Month. The national Probus president will be attending our monthly meeting in May. Bob reflected on the contributions of several members towards the establishment of the Lindsay Men's Probus Club. A list of the members and their contributions to the club's founding appears on the left side of this page.

Closing:

Bob told a humorous joke about how two Irish hunters shot 6 moose and hired a small floatplane to carry both the dead moose and hunters back home. When the pilot objected to such a heavy load, the hunters demanded that the pilot fly them out. The hunters also reminded the pilot that they had flown out last year with the same load. The plane crashed shortly after take-off due to the heavy load. When the hunters emerged from the crumpled airplane, they noted that it was the same location they crashed last year.