

PROBUS BANNER

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Meeting Highlights

- President Stewart called the meeting to order with total of 42 club members in attendance.
- He then outlined the agenda that was to take place as the meeting proceeded.
- First on the agenda, guests Bill Moores and Calvin Yake were introduced to our membership by their sponsors.
- Milton Battersby, Health and Welfare Coordinator, informed the membership of the health issues concerning our fellow club members Dennis Pitts and John Crosgrey.
- Ron Morgan, Chair Club Services, informed the membership that today's luncheon would be held at the Hobart's on Kent Street West and then canvassed the group to obtain the number of members that would be attending.
- President Stewart put forth a suggestion about the purchase of golf hats for our membership.
 - approximate price \$15 to \$16;
 - minimum of 24 hats to place first order;
 - embroidered Probus club's insignia;
 - magnetic spot on peak to hold a golf ball maker.
- President Stewart informed the membership about a future trip to Sir Sandford College for an outdoor drilling demonstration.
- He informed the membership for safety reasons each member is required to wear a hard hat to this demonstration. The group was questioned to see if any of them had hard hats at home to take to the college on that day.
- Milt Battersby volunteered to contact a local supplier regarding the cost price of hard hats and report back with his findings at a future meeting.
- President Stewart reminded the membership that their fees were due at the present time.
- Bruce Faulkner conducted a discussion about the results from the workshop survey. He also handed out surveys to the members that were absent and did not have the opportunity to put forth their views. He instructed this group to fill the survey and hand them back to him when completed for processing.
- Bruce also informed the membership about the change of locations for next month's (May 19th) meeting which will be a joint venture held with the Probus Club of Newmarket. A bus will be departing from the parking lot in front of the lodge earlier that morning to travel to their location in Newmarket. He also stated that the membership would be contacted with further information about this venture before that date.
- He also had a short discussion about the trip to Newmarket for the picnic at the Sharon Temple location on June 25th.

What's New ?

-  May's meeting will be a joint venture with the Newmarket Probus Club at their club location on **May 19th**.
- **Membership fees are due.**
- **Probus golf hats for sale.**

Next Month's Guest Speaker ?

- **No scheduled speaker (meeting held in Newmarket)**

**Linden Mackey
Owner &
Funeral Director
Mackey
Funeral Home**



Meeting Highlights Cont'd

- President Stewart introduced guest speaker Linden Mackey, who is the owner / funeral director of the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street in Lindsay.
- A condensed version of Linden's personal background information :
 - born and raised in the Town of Lindsay;
 - graduate of Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute and also Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology;
 - licensed funeral director since 1987;
 - married (Stephanie) with four children;
 - actively involved with Academy Theatre for Performing Arts and BIA;
 - Past Chair of the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation, Past Master of Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay and Past President of the Bay Quinte Funeral Services.
- The highlights of Linden's presentation :
 - Grandfather established funeral business on the main street (Kent Street) in Lindsay over a 100 years ago;
 - Moved to Peel Street (present location) and constructed a new chapel in 1938;
 - Now a days, **Celebration of Life theme** has been put into practice and replaces the old tradition services of the past;
 - funeral facilities are quite flexible in regards to these themes that are requested by the family of the de cease;
 - at the present time, there are approximately 300 registered cemeteries within the City of the Kawartha Lakes;
 - furthest documented burial services conducted by the Mackey Funeral Home was a distance of 715 kms (cemetery located in the province of Quebec);
 - cremation remains maybe transported across international borders if enclosed within a container but must not be permanently sealed thus allowing inspections by border authorities in required;
 - funeral organizations recommend that each individual pre-book personal funeral arrangements thus allowing for personal preferences to be conducted at time of death;
 - all appointed executives have full control or hold power of attorney in regards to each burial procedure;
 - in today's society, more and more burials are conducted using the "Green" methods and materials;
 - Northern Casket (a local company) presently manufacture caskets using materials that are environment friendly;
 - no winter in ground burials; the caskets are placed in vaults that are located at certain cemeteries within our area;
 - average cost of a cremation procedure is \$1890 which is added to actual cost of funerals arrangements provided by each individual funeral home at the time of a death;
 - today, 64% of burials are conducted by using the cremation procedure;
 - the new HST tax will shortly be in effect; which will added 8% to the total cost of your funeral expense;
 - pre-book funeral arrangements to eliminate this added cost.
- President Stewart thanked our guest speaker and presented him with a small gift of appreciation.
- The last item of business, President Stewart adjourning the meeting.



**Linden and
Uncle Jim
Mackey
(Probus club)
member**

Boston Pizza – Luncheon



Probus Club – Archive Pictures

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