

PROBUS BANNER

EDITION 24

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Chapter # 185

What's New ?

**Rodger Smith appointed as
Membership Director.**

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**Jim Torrie appointed as Club
Secretary**

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**Bruce Faulkner appointed as
Director, Special Projects**

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**Spring Fling held in Belleville,
Ontario on May 26th.**

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**Membership dues for 2010 are
due at April's meeting.**

New Contact Information !

**Milton Battersby our Health
and Welfare Coordinator
can be reached at 324-
4335.**

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**Any corrections, comments
or additions you would like to
see in this bulletin can be
forwarded to my attention at :
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Meeting Highlights

- President Stewart called the meeting to order with total of 39 club members in attendance.
- He then outlined the agenda that was to take place as the meeting proceeded (guest speaker, workshop, etc.).
- First on the agenda, club member Bill Coe was called upon to introduce his guest Paul Terrill to our membership.
- Rodger Smith, Membership Director, called upon club member Bryan Olson to introduce the club's newest member Wayne Brumwell to the membership.
- Next, President Stewart welcomed Wayne to the club and presented him with his official Probus Club name badge.
- Milton Battersby, Health and Welfare Coordinator, informed the membership of the health issues concerning our fellow club member Dennis Pitts.
- Ron Morgan, Chair Club Services, informed the membership that today's luncheon would be held at the Cat and Fiddle Restaurant on William Street North.
- President Stewart introduced guest speaker **Andy Letham**, who is presently the Manager of the Lindsay Agricultural Society.
- A condensed version of Andy's personal background information :
 - a 20 year resident of the City of Lindsay;
 - married with a family of three children;
 - former business owner (textile company) for a period of 13 years;
 - member of the town council from 2003 – 2006 term;
 - appointed manager of the Lindsay Agricultural Society - 2008;
 - a Mayoral candidate for the up-coming election in 2010.
- The highlights of Andy's presentation (Lindsay's new agriculture fair grounds) :
 - located at the south end of Angeline Street, adjacent to Highway #7;
 - facility officially opened in September, 2007;
 - a total of 120 acres at new location; compared to 20 acres at old location;
 - a total of 30 of this 120 acres utilized at the present time at the facility;
 - with its' new expanded location, and by utilizing a variety of new large structures, it allows the society to schedule/book a large diversity of functions all year along at this facility :
 - annual fall agriculture fair (September);
 - Red Cross blood clinics;
 - carnival for the kids (March break);
 - Life and Life style Show;
 - dog shows – 4 times a year;
 - Horsemen Association shows – 4 times a year;
 - Yearly rodeo;
 - annually Relay for Life;
 - weekend music festival ;
 - car shows.



Andy Letham and Ron Wysynski

**"Muskoka Cruise"
Summer - 2009**



Probus Club - Archive Pictures

Meeting Highlights Cont'd

- Funded by a Federal grant, a study was conducted during the first year's fair at the new facility and here are some of those results :
 - 84% of the people that attend the fair were from the local area;
 - a total of 44,000 paid attendance from this group;
 - other 16% of attendance was outside visitors to the Lindsay area;
 - there was approximately 7000 paid attendance from this group and of this, 132 of those were international visitors;
 - approximately \$219,000 was the operating cost for the first annual agriculture fair at its' new location in 2007;
 - 1.6 million dollars was the approximate funds raised during the week within the fairgrounds;
 - a grand total of 3.0 million dollars (estimated funds) was dispersed at the agriculture fair and surrounding area businesses during the fair week time frame.

- Presently, approximately 6 million dollars is raised over the course of the year from all the scheduled functions that take place at this new facility (some listed above).

- Future additions to the facility :
 - connection to the Trans Canada Trail system;
 - docking facilities on river front location adjacent to the fairgrounds;
 - promotion of a hotel complex on the facility's vacant area near river front location.

- Club member Ron Wysynski thanked out guest speaker and presented him with a small gift of appreciation.

- After coffee break, President Stewart presented a folder to the membership which held/supplied copies of the following :
 - Probus Club of Lindsay - Standard Constitution and Bylaws;
 - application form for new membership and a draft of the Probus Club's specifics;
 - a copy of the membership listing (names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses).

- Next order of business, past President, Bruce Faulkner conducted a group workshop for the second half of the meeting.
 - Topics covered/discussed during workshop function :
 - volunteer requirements for all the committee positions;
 - club travel interests (locations, duration, time frame and costs);
 - club luncheons (locations, costs, etc.).

- The last item of business was President Stewart adjourning the meeting until the next meeting in April.

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