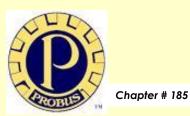
# PROBUS BANNER

#### **EDITION 24**



#### MARCH, 2010



Mat's New ?

Rodger Smith appointed as Membership Director.

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Jim Torrie appointed as Club Secretary

Bruce Faulkner appointed as Director, Special Projects

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Spring Fling held in Belleville, Ontario on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Any corrections, comments or additions you would like to see in this bulletin can be forwarded to my attention at : gerald.brown@xplornet.com

## **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 :
  - o a 20 year resident of the City of Lindsay;
  - o married with a family of three children;
  - o former business owner (textile company) for a period of 13 years;
  - $\circ$  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



### 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 where 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 :
  - o connection to the Trans Canada Trail system;
  - docking facilities on river front location adjacent to the fairgrounds;
  - o 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.

( Glb/mar/2010 )

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