



LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Chapter #185 Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

It is now more than nine months, since we, as members of the Men's Probus Club of Lindsay were last able to get together, in person, at our meeting on March 10, our first and only meeting at Celebrations. Since then, we have had to cancel all of our scheduled club meetings, including our annual Christmas Luncheon. One of the few items of good news over the last year is that all of our eight cancelled speakers have agreed to make themselves available to speak at our club, once the pandemic is over. The most important thing to be thankful for, however, as we enter the Christmas season is that none of our members has contracted Covid-19, and that with several vaccines, approved, or waiting to be approved, there is now light at the end of the tunnel, meaning that, sometime in 2021, life will begin to get back to normal, and that sometime during the year ahead, we will be able to get together in person, once again. All going well with vaccine distribution, I believe that this could happen as early as June, but certainly by early autumn.

Until then, and starting in January, we will begin meeting virtually. Shortly after our AGM in October, the Management Committee decided to form a Zoom Committee. Its members, Eric Lansdell, Dennis Eaton, John Saunders, John Sale, and Bill Legere have worked very hard, since then, to master the technology, and to reach out to, to assist, and to train, members of our club who are not familiar with this form of communication. Meeting by Zoom, using a computer or tablet, is not the same as being able to get together in person, but many Probus Clubs have been meeting this way for some time, and many members of these clubs have found it to be both helpful and enjoyable. Our new Program Director, Bill Thompson, has lined up a great selection of speakers, able to use Zoom. I want to encourage all of you, even those who suffer from technophobia, to give it a try.

Christmas for most of us this year will be very different from normal. Many of us will not be able to gather together to celebrate with family and friends. There are some people, hopefully none of you, for whom Christmas can be the loneliest time of the year. If you are feeling lonely or down this Christmas, reach out, call a friend, even a Probus friend. You will be glad that you did.

In closing, I want to wish all of our members a very merry Christmas, and a very happy and much better New Year, in 2021.

Ron Wallace,
President,
Men's Probus Club of Lindsay.





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Upcoming Club Activities & Events

Meetings using Zoom will begin in January 2021 and based on a recent survey we will expect up to 40 attendees at the first one. Training is available to any member who would like to participate but is unsure of how to use Zoom or what is required in terms of equipment, software ect. Eric Lansdell, in addition to chairing the Zoom Committee, is also the trainer for members with Windows computers, while Dennis Eaton is the trainer for Apple (Mac) computers and tablets.

Ahead of the January 12th meeting, the Zoom Committee will be hosting an open Zoom session on January 5th, for members to test their connections, video and audio. The Zoom team will also answer any questions from members concerning Zoom. Detail of how to join will be sent to all members a few days beforehand.

For those members not able to attend Zoom meetings we will continue to post audio of the speaker's presentation on the club's website, and we are also looking into posting video from the meeting on You Tube. Details once finalized will be sent to all members.

Our 2021 speaker line up for the first few months is:
 January 12th ~ Amy Terrill, Lindsay Boys & Girls Club
 February 9th ~ Heather Candler, Alpaca Farming and Alpaca Products
 March 9th ~ Tim Burrows, Electric Cars
 April 13th ~ Dan Buchanan, The Wreck of HMS Speedy



Management Committee 2020/2021

President ~ Ron Wallace	Technical ~ Bill Legere
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