



## LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Chapter #185 Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

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On August 8th we held our monthly meeting at Celebrations, with more than 30 members attending. Following a 30 minute social time, Club President, Sal Polito opened the meeting at 10:30am and welcomed everyone. After we stood for O'Canada, Sal began the business meeting.

There were no guests at this meeting, but three new members were inducted into the club; Pat O'Reilly, sponsored by Ted Abbot; Bill McGhie, sponsored by Bob Whitfield; and Al Penny, sponsored by Richard Poersch. Our new members were introduced and received their membership packages from Sal Polito (in Bob Whitfield's absence), then everyone welcomed them with a round of applause.

Our featured member this month was John Hunter; more on John's story on page 3.

Bob Barkwell then introduced our guest speaker Alan Wotherspoon. Alan's extensive background was covered in the Notice of Meeting and his talk today summarized the history and development of the legislation concerning MAID. In addition, Alan discussed the ethics, morals, values and choices that are associated with the debate inside governments and other communities with a direct interest in how the laws have been and are being developed. A common theme related to the subject, is the need to proceed cautiously ensuring research and study is completed at each stage.

Alan's extensive slide presentation covered his topic in great detail and he very kindly left copies for members to take away for further reading. The audio from Alan's talk is posted on the club's website.

Following his talk, Alan was thanked by Max Radiff who remarked on the difficulty many people have with the subject matter. He also noted that everyone in the room today is now far more knowledgeable about the topic, along with the considerations and choices that are available.

Alan then drew the winning ticket for the Share the Wealth draw and the winner was Jack Fisher. Three additional tickets were drawn with those winners receiving a topical book, Stephanie Green MD, that Alan had kindly donated.

Sal thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 12noon, with 15 members, heading to the Olympia Restaurant for lunch.



### Photo Gallery



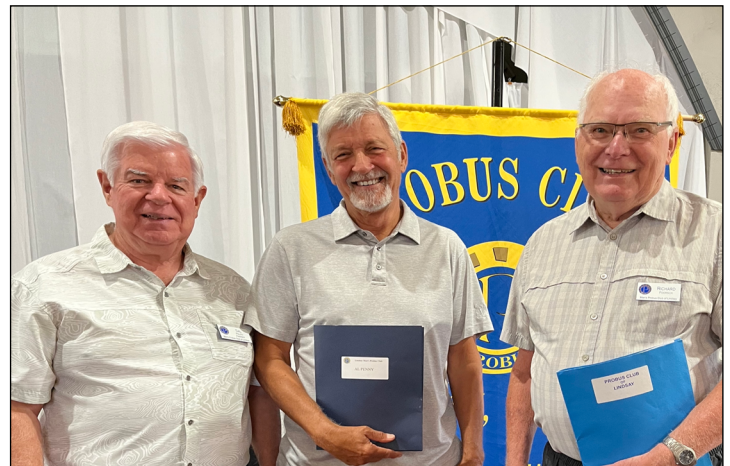
Sal Polito welcomes new member Bill McGhie



New member Pat O'Reilly (C) with his sponsor Ted Abbot & Sal Polito

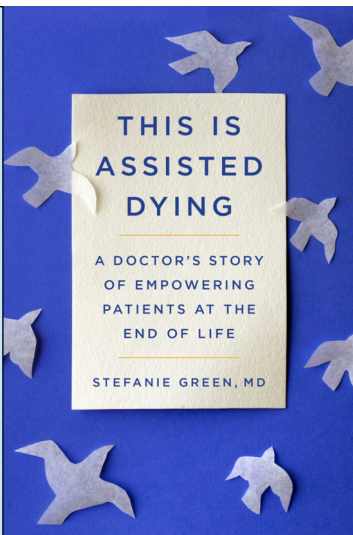


Sal Polito thanked featured member John Hunter



New member Al Penny (C) with his sponsor Richard Poersch & Sal Polito

This book, by Staphanie Green, was referenced by Alan in his talk and he donated 3 copies, which were additional prizes in the 50/50 draw.



Guest speaker Alan Wotherspoon (C), thanked by Max Radiff, with Sal Polito



## Featured Member - John Hunter



John was born in Glasgow in 1933 and his first claim to fame was weighing in at 12lbs 4ozs. During his early years he developed a skill for pencil drawing but was not so good with pen and ink, being a lefty he would tend to smudge his artwork.

At age 11, John passed the entry exam for an excellent high school with an impressive 148/160 (93%) where apart from the academic pursuits he was active in sports such as soccer and tennis, and also joined the choir, chess club and debating society.

After leaving school he worked in an office for a year and decided that it was not for him, so he went to continue his education at Glasgow University and after 4 years graduated with honours in Physiotherapy.

After graduation he worked at Stoke Mandeville hospital, which was the world’s leading spinal cord injury institution and subsequently he was offered several high profile posts including; joining the staff of the British Paralympic Team, becoming a physiotherapist for Glasgow Rangers Football Club, and joining the Ford Motor Co. to set up a physiotherapy program. He did none of these however, and decided to come to Canada.

In order to work in Canada he first had to retake some physiotherapy exams to earn his Provincial accreditation and then he worked at the hospital in Mississauga, before coming to Lindsay a year later. He was asked to set up a physiotherapy program at the Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH) which he did, working on his own for the first 3 years. John was department head at RMH for 31 years and on his retirement the department had 7 physiotherapists and was one of the most highly rated physiotherapy departments in the Province.

John also served as President of the Peterborough Physiotherapy Association and held senior roles in both the Provincial and Federal associations over the years.

Locally, he was a Mason, a Rotarian, and member of the Lindsay Golf Club being President twice. John joined Probus in 2011 and his sponsor was founding member Bruce Faulkner.

He and his wife have been married for 63 years and he has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

## Club Notices

**Next Club Meeting - Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10<sup>am</sup>**

**Speaker: Jarret Merriam**

**Superintendent, Central East Correctional Centre**

**“Rank Restructure and Current Issues”**

## Health & Welfare

If you know of any member who is experiencing health issues at this time, please contact Bruce Cameron ~ [cam48retired@gmail.com](mailto:cam48retired@gmail.com)



## Club Notices continued

### Upcoming Events - Update from John Sale

**Golf with Newmarket Men's Probus Club** on Monday 25th September - We currently have 13 of our members committed to play on the 'Highlands' (executive) 18 hole par 59 course. We could always welcome more; please let John Sale know if you are interested. Cost is \$42.50 including cart. The golf will be followed by a lunch and prize giving at a local Swiss Chalet.

**The boat cruise on 'Wenonah II** with partners on Friday 22nd, departs Gravenhurst Wharf at 11.45am for a cruise round Lake Muskoka; lunch on board with choice of menu; return to the wharf at 2.00pm for optional (recommended) visit to the Discovery Centre which includes several beautiful classic boats on display. We currently have 21 committed "cruisers" at a cost of \$89 per person including tax and gratuity., and would welcome more. Let John Sale know as he needs to confirm our final numbers before the end of August. It is suggested that you might like to share transport and cost of gas. John can give you names of others going if you wish.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The annual renewal fee for the 2023-2024 fiscal year (October 1st, 2023 to September 30th, 2024) is **\$85.00**.

### PROCEDURE

A completed membership renewal form plus cash or a cheque for \$85.00, may be submitted to the Registrar at the September club meeting or mailed to Bob Whitfield, at the address on the form.



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