



LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Chapter #185 Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

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On January 14th, we held our monthly meeting, with 50+ members attending. Following a 30-minute social time, Club President, Bill Mackasey, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone with best wishes for the new year. We then rose for O'Canada.

Bill then introduced and thanked Max Radiff, who is the incoming Vice-President.

We welcomed two guests at this meeting: Mark Doble was a guest of Doug Scott, and Manley Lavender was a guest of John Sale. One new member was inducted into the club: Larry Stevens, sponsored by John Bennett. Larry was introduced by his sponsor and presented with his club information and badge by Registrar Bob Whitfield.

The Motion to amend bylaw 2.3 was read to the members by the President and was subsequently voted on. The motion passed by a show of hands.

Sal Polito advised members that we wish to include a “Who am I” segment at future meetings, whereby members reintroduce themselves to the club in a 5-10 minute talk about their life history, accomplishments, family, interests, and hobbies. We would like to begin with some members that have been with the club for a while, and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Sal, who is keeping the list.

Our guest speaker, Dave O'Malley, was introduced by Ted Abbott, and the topic was “Brooklin Concrete Products - Company History & Lindsay Operations.”

Dave's talk was accompanied by an extensive PowerPoint presentation with many photos showing the range of products that Brooklin Concrete manufacturers. Since moving to Lindsay a few years ago, the firm has made substantial investments in what was the former Fleetwood facility. They employ ~100 people with 90% in the Lindsay plant. Their most important product category is septic tanks and systems, but they maintain products across multiple sectors such as: Fire Water Storage, Vaults, Bollards, EV Charging Pads, Storage Sheds, Boat Ramps, Catch Basins & Grade Adjustment Rings, Parking Curbs, Pedestrian Barriers, Traffic Barriers, Landmark Walls.

In the Lindsay plant, they use dry cement and custom mix in other materials based on the product being manufactured. Many of their moulds are custom engineered for specific use cases and are generally made from steel, although for one-off projects, wooden moulds can be more cost-effective. As many of the finished items weigh several tons, they often use cranes to unload and install their products at the customer's site, and have just purchased a custom-built truck with an attached crane that can handle 20,000+ LB loads. Although their products are made in Lindsay, Brooklin maintains several yards to serve customers across Ontario.

Dave's talk prompted a variety of questions and several observations from members. Dave was thanked by Bruce Cameron, who noted the importance of firms such as Brooklin to the economy of the City. (Dave's talk is available on the Probus website)

Dave drew the Share-the-Wealth ticket, with the winner being John Rose. Bill thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 11:45, with 20+ members going to the Olympia for lunch.

~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~



PHOTO's

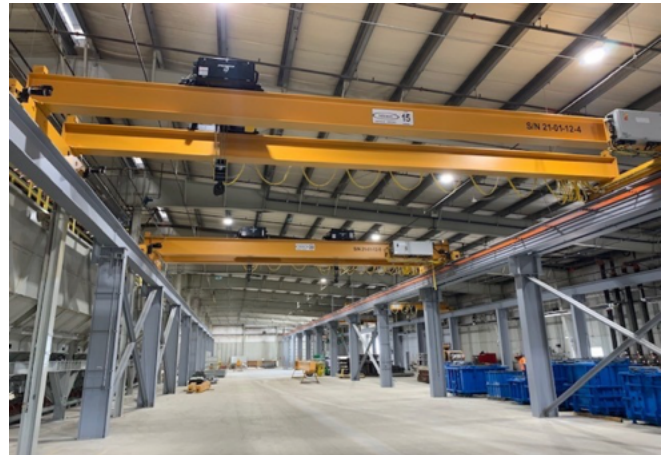


New Member Larry Stevens with his sponsor John Bennett & President Bill Mackasey + Registrar Bob Whitfield.



Guest Speaker Dave O'Malley(L) was thanked by Bruce Cameron

Brooklin Concrete





Club Notices

Next Club Meeting - Tuesday, February 11th at 10^{am}

Speaker: Terry Guiel

Executive Director of the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce

“Secrets of the Chamber Revealed”

Motion passed at the General Meeting on January 14th 2025.

Amend Bylaw 2.3 as follows

2.3 Life Memberships

Life Membership may be conferred upon a member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club by a majority of members voting at a general meeting. A Life Member shall not be required to pay the annual membership dues and shall enjoy all the privileges of membership. No more than 5% of the members shall be Life Members at any given time.

Moved by: Ron Wallace and Seconded by: Ted Abbot

Passed by a show of hands.

Be a friend, bring a friend to a PROBUS meeting!

We need more members...

so please consider inviting guests to attend a Club meeting to allow them the opportunity to share the experience and advantages of joining our Club.

Names of guests should be notified to Bob Whitfield (Registrar) at least 48 hours before the meeting, who will ensure the guest is welcomed at the beginning of the meeting. There is no charge for this first visit, but if your guest wishes to attend a second meeting, and hasn't already completed a request to join the club, then a fee of \$10 may be payable.

Health & Welfare

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