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Lindsay Men's Probus Club



Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

On June 10th, we held our monthly meeting, with \sim 45 members attending. Following a 30-minute social time, Club President, Bill Mackasey, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. We then rose for O'Canada.

We welcomed back returning guest, Doug Hendren; there were no new members at this meeting.

Our guest speaker, Joanne Arbour, was then introduced by Bob Barkwell.

Joanne's talk was titled "Wrongful Convictions". Joanne is a recently retired professor at Durham College who, in her 20-year career there, taught in various programs surrounding law and criminology. While completing her degree in Criminology, Joanne attended a lecture by Romeo Phillion, the longest-serving innocent Canadian to have a murder conviction overturned. From there, Joanne attended seminars at Innocence Canada and ended up developing a General Education course surrounding Wrongful Convictions in Canada.

Joanne asked those in the audience to name reasons why Wrong Convictions might happen and then, using an on-screen presentation, she discussed several cases of wrongful convictions, highlighting the individuals involved and their fight(s) to clear their names. Her detailed studies have included more than 20 cases, and there are a number of cases still under review by the organization *Innocence Canada*. www.innocencecanada.com/.

Joanne was thanked by Irwin Brown, following which she drew the winning 50/50 ticket, which was won by Al Goard.

Paul McPherson, Club Treasurer, will have completed his 4-year term, per the club's bylaws, in the fall and asked the membership for anyone interested in becoming Treasurer to put their name forward for Management Committee consideration, ASAP.

John Sale requested that anyone interested in organizing the Car Tour in the fall contact him.

Sal Polito asked for volunteers to fill the "Who Am I?" segment of future meetings to contact him.

Bill closed the meeting at 11:45am, with 15 members heading to the Olympia for lunch.

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David Milgaard

Exonerated: July 18, 1997

Thomas Sophonow

Exonerated: June 8, 2000

Clayton Johnson

Exonerated: February 18, 2002

James Driskell

Exonerated: March 3, 2005

Steven Truscott

Exonerated: August 28, 2007

William Mullins-Johnson

Exonerated: October 15, 2007

Erin Walsh

Exonerated: March 14, 2008

Robert Baltovich

Exonerated: April 22, 2008

Anthony Hanemaayer

Exonerated: June 25, 2008

Kyle Unger

Exonerated: October 23, 2009

Sherry Sherrett Robinson

Exonerated: December 7, 2009

Romeo Phillion

Exonerated: April 29, 2010

Jack White

Exonerated: November 26, 2010

Dinesh Kumar

Exonerated: January 20, 2011

Richard Brant

Exonerated: May 4, 2011

Tammy Marquardt

Exonerated: June 7, 2011

Leighton Hay

Exonerated: November 28, 2014

John (Jack) Salmon

Exonerated: June 22 2015

Maria Shepherd

Exonerated: February 29, 2016

O'Neil Blackett

Exonerated: October 3, 2018

Frank Ostrowski

Exonerated: November 27, 2018

Glen Assoun

Exonerated: March 1, 2019

Joyce Hayman

Exonerated: April 12, 2021

Bernie Doyle

Exonerated: June 12, 2023

Brian Anderson

Exonerated: July 18, 2023

Allan Woodhouse

Exonerated: July 18, 2023

Robert Mailman

Exonerated: January 4, 2024

Walter Gillespie

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Clarence Woodhouse

Exonerated: October 3, 2024



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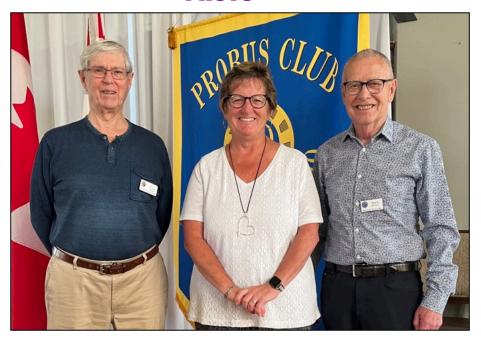
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Guest Speaker Joanne Arbour, with Bill Mackasey and Irwin Brown

CLUB NOTICES

Next Club Meeting ~ Tuesday July 8th 2025 at 10am Speaker: Peter Jennings "Artificial Intelligence - Thinking Machines"

We need more members...

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

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

Health & Welfare

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

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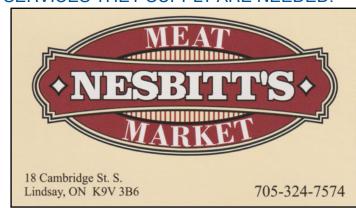


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