

# “The Banner” ~ Newsletter #204 ~ February 2026



## Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On February 10th, we held our monthly meeting, with 40+ members attending. Following a 30-minute social time, Club President, Max Radiff, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. We then rose for O'Canada.

We welcomed three guests at this month's meeting: Derek Warren, Dan Kapp, and Mark Knoester, all guests of John Bennett.

Max then called on Bruce Cameron to introduce our speaker, Brian Kerr, CEO & GM of Kawartha Dairy, founded in 1937 and headquartered in Bobcaygeon. Brian recounted his early days growing up in Bobcaygeon and getting a job aged 11 at Kawartha Dairy. Brian used to deliver the local papers in Bobcaygeon and had to take the paper to Mr. Crowe, the owner of the dairy, who was always in the kitchen of the Crowe's family home adjacent to the dairy. This led to several years of work in many different capacities, until Brian left Bobcaygeon to go to university, where he earned a business degree and went to work for Craft Foods, eventually rising to lead the company's marketing teams with more than 200 brands.

With more than 20 years of senior leadership experience, Brian was the perfect candidate to take on the role of building Kawartha Dairy into a national brand beginning eight years ago. While the Crowe family is still active in the company, Brian has transformed the company from a local dairy into one with national reach and presence. The factory has been modernized, new logistics systems and distribution set up, and their products are carried by many national retailers, while at the same time, they have opened more of their own stores across the country. Milk and ice cream are still made the “old” way with processes originally developed in the 1950s, and the first two ingredients listed on their labels are milk and cream.

Brian painted a very positive picture of the future for the company, which bodes well for local employment, dairy farmers, and all those involved in the supply chain.

After question time, Pat Dunn thanked Brian for his talk, following which he drew the winning 50/50 ticket, and it was won by one of today's guests, Dan Kapp.

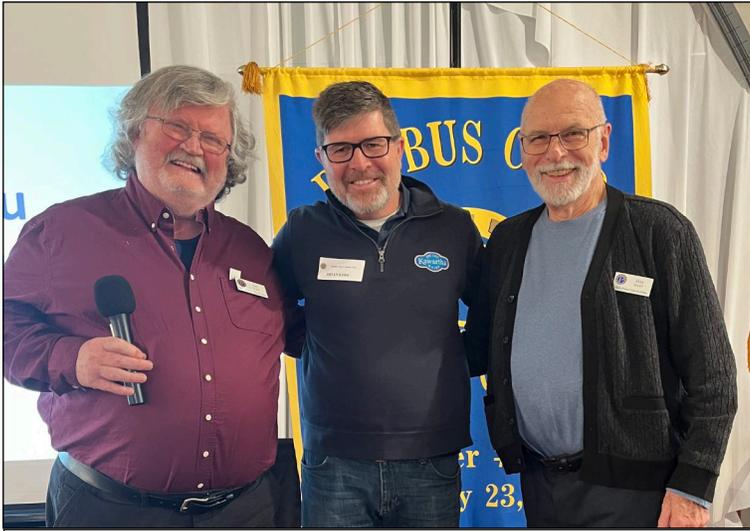
Our “Who Am I?” Member this month was John Wylie...see page three for a summary.

Two new members were inducted into the club: Mike Puffer sponsored by John Bennett and Alan Clarke sponsored by Bob Whitfield. Welcome Mike & Alan.

John Sale talked about the opportunity for our members to attend the brotherhood dinner later in the month and was available to answer questions and sell tickets.

Max closed the meeting just before noon with 20 members going to lunch at Castle John's.

## PHOTO's



Guest Speaker Brian Kerr was thanked by Pat Dunn with Max Radiff



Who Am I? Member, John Wylie with Max Radiff



New Member Mike Puffer with his sponsor John Bennett and Bob Whitfield & Max Radiff



New Member Alan Clark sponsored by Bob Whitfield with Max Radiff



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Our “Who Am I?” member this month was John Wylie, who joined our club in January 2023, sponsored by George Arnold. At 92 years old, John is one of our most senior members and has maintained a low profile since joining. John gave us a very interesting insight into his upbringing and education, leading to a lifetime career in the field of metallurgy. John is currently a resident of Adelaide Place and remains very active, taking part in many of the activities and travel opportunities offered to residents. John has a significant family, including four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Thank you for your talk, John.

## CLUB NOTICES

**Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday March 10th**  
**The Guest Speaker is Jamie Steel**  
***“Ampere and the Kawartha Lakes Makerspace”***

### 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](mailto:cam48retired@gmail.com)



**GO CANADA GO!**



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