

“The Banner” ~ Newsletter #205 ~ March 2026



Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On March 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 one guest at this month's meeting: Eric Smeaton a guest of John Bennett.

As previously reported, **the** club's founding member, Bruce Faulkner, passed away on February 20th, and his obituary is reproduced later in this newsletter. The members observed moments of reflection accompanied by a slideshow with some of Bruce's life highlights. Thanks go to Wayne Brumwell for creating the slideshow.

Max then called on Bob Barkwell to introduce our speakers, Jamie Steel, speaking on behalf of Ampere Canada. Jamie was accompanied by her colleague, Warren Frank, who joined her for question time.

Jamie's talk was accompanied by an extensive slideshow, and she outlined how Ampere is sparking an education revolution in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. In a world powered by STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math – they are partnering with communities, businesses, and technology creators to ensure that everyone has equitable, sustainable access to STEAM education, opportunities, and resources. Jamie described the main goals for Ampere, including: Creating Pathways to Jobs, Making Digital & AI Literacy open to everyone, and Bringing STEAM to the Classroom.

After her talk, there was an extensive Q&A, following which Jamie and Warren were thanked by Sal Polito, who noted the skill needs that Ampere is addressing and the job creation impact that they have had locally, with more than 100 employees.

Jamie then drew the winning 50/50 ticket, and it was won by new member Doug Hatcher.

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

Two new members were inducted into the club: Doug Hatcher sponsored by Wes Lane and Bill Preston sponsored by Bob Barkwell. Welcome Doug & Bill.

Ron Posner talked about the Newmarket Probus Golf tournament for 2026, which has been expanded and named in memory of Dick Furlong. Ron is the point person for signing up for the tournament, and details had been sent to members in a separate email.

John Bennett addressed the members looking to set up a committee to help organize the 2026 Christmas lunch. Anyone interested should contact John.

Max closed the meeting just before noon with 20 members going to lunch at Teriyaki Town.

PHOTO's



Guest speakers Jamie Steel & Warren Frank were thanked by Sal Polito with Max Radiff.



The Who Am I? member was John Saunders... Cheers!



New Member Doug Hatcher with his sponsor Wes Lane and Max Radiff.



New Member Bill Preston with his sponsor Bob Barkwell and Wes Lane (Deputy Registrar) & Max Radiff.

Leadership Update

President Max Radiff resigned from his position as President on Wednesday, March 11th, citing age and health concerns. We wish him well and hope that he will continue to be an active club member, bringing his insightful views and abundant humour to our meetings.

We thank Max for his two terms as President, and most recently stepping into a leadership vacuum last fall. His work on the 2025 Christmas lunch has raised the bar for that event, and his stewardship over the past six months has seen a resurgence in membership activity.

As VP, John Bennett will be assuming the duties as President, and permanent arrangements will be confirmed following the next Management Committee meeting.

FOUNDING MEMBER ~ BRUCE FAULKNER



(1937–2026) Bruce Edward George Faulkner (BSc.Pharm.), a distinguished pharmacist, community builder, and dedicated family man, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2026. He was predeceased in 2022 by his beloved wife of 60 years, Lynne Aileen Faulkner (née Griffiths). Together, they built a life defined by service, family, and a deep commitment to their community. A 1960 graduate of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Pharmacy, Bruce's professional life was defined by both his entrepreneurial spirit and his commitment to advancing his profession.

For decades, he was a pillar of the Lindsay, Ontario, business community as the proprietor of Quinn's Pharmacy. His influence extended across the province through his active involvement with the Ontario Pharmacists Association (OPA) and his service as a Director of Drug Trading. Following the sale of his business to Shoppers Drug Mart, Bruce continued to lead, serving as an elected member of the Peers Committee. In this role, he served as a vital bridge between associate owners and senior management, ensuring his colleagues' interests were represented with the same integrity he brought to his own practice.

Bruce's commitment to Lindsay was tireless. A 41-year member of the Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, he was honoured as the Lindsay Citizen of the Year. His passion for youth athletics led him to found the Lindsay Lightning Bolts Swim Club, a legacy recognized by his 2024 induction into the Lindsay Sports Hall of Fame. Bruce's spirit lives on through his children: Vicky Webster (Dave) of Lindsay, and Brian Faulkner (Heather) of Vancouver, BC. He was a proud and devoted grandfather to his four grandsons: Tyler and Josh Webster, and Nick and Owen Faulkner, whose lives he enriched with his wisdom and stories.

A pillar of his community, Bruce will be remembered for his sharp professional mind, his dedication to the success of others, and the deep, enduring value he placed on the company of his family and friends. Memorial donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church (Lindsay, ON) or to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. Condolences may be made through Mackey Funeral Home or online at www.mackeys.ca. To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

Our “Who Am I?” member this month was John Saunders, who joined the club in November 2016, sponsored by Max Radiff. John’s talk was illustrated with several slides, and he covered growing up in post-war England, attending one of the UK’s Public Schools, and emigrating to Canada in 1976. Following a 26-year career with CRAYOLA, he had a consulting management role with three companies and retired in 2013.

Since returning to Lindsay in 2013, he has continued his volunteer activities with Community Care Village Housing, Riverside Cemetery, and as Communication Director of Men’s Probus since 2018.

John has been married to Carole for 54 years and they have two children and two grandchildren.

CLUB NOTICES

**Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday April 14th
The Guest Speaker is Dr. Vi Tu Banh
“12 Elephants & A Dragon”**

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



THE POWER TO....

Everyone has potential, but not everyone has the power to realize that potential in a STEAM-powered world. They're hampered by a lack of access to knowledge, tools, and opportunities.

Ampere works to remove these barriers in rural, remote and Indigenous communities. In every place, at every stage of life, Ampere partners with communities to co-design culturally-relevant, timely STEAM education and educator resources to support people as they realize their potential, and embrace their power.

Learning is a life-long journey, education must be too. Learning doesn't "stop" – we're all continuously learning, either passively or intentionally. A new job, a new technology, a new passion or interest – they're all moments of discovery and education that allow us to create, communicate, collaborate and prosper, and to leverage all the power that STEAM creates.

Ampere's Lifecycle illustrates our commitment to supporting learners in rural, remote and Indigenous communities, at all of these stages of learning and life. It isn't a linear process – people are free to choose how and when they use our services, resources and opportunities. What's important is that we're there, to support with relevant, useful STEAM education, whenever they need it.

Why STEAM, not STEM?

STEM education has always been about preparing people for careers in technical fields, from engineering to medicine to technology. It focused on specific hard skills for specific (hard) jobs. Along the way, people began to realize that this hard focus was creating a barrier for learners that were more artistically inclined, and multiple studies found that the STEM movement was less approachable for people from many cultures, and of different genders.

At the same time, the world began to change – technology and science created new jobs, new capabilities, new industries, and new ways to communicate and express ourselves.

What is STEAM?

STEAM is an experiential learning approach that delivers a foundational education in science, technology, engineering, art and math, but focuses on developing critical thought, collaboration, problem solving and innovation skills – the tools we need for an ambiguous future. Art is key here – it's an equal outcome, it shapes the way we consider the other disciplines, and it makes education more accessible to all.

STEAM is founded in the knowledge that while the how of problem solving and innovation may change, the need for problem solving and innovation never will. It aims to nurture well-rounded people, able to meet that need. And it's a perfect fit for an organization that aims to ensure learners from rural, remote and Indigenous communities can embrace the power that STEAM creates.

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