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Meeting Highlights :

- President Bruce Taylor called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at the Hobart's Steakhouse.
- Bruce continued by calling upon Vice President Mike Catling to come forward and introduce the morning's guest speaker, Leora Berman.
- Mike stated Leora Berman, is the corporate founder and CEO of the Land Between. First hired by a Collaborative in 2006 to lead 8 foundational research projects, Leora is the architect behind the organization and its vision and operations. She instilled an advanced vision to "tell the full bio-cultural story of The Land Between and its people; as it is our relationship with the patterns and resources of the landscape that shape our perspectives and behaviors, and so which influences our identity and culture." Leora developed and led the advancement and strategic operations, and cultivated partnerships facilitating the making of the most extensive not-for-profit corporation in central Ontario; an organization that is leading the way in the conservation of the unique ecological, social, cultural and economic features of the area.
- Leora's presentation was called "The Land Between", and here is a brief outline :
 - o She stated that it was a 10 year project that it was made by people, for the people;
 - o "The Land Between", is a place of natural splendor, diversity, and rich in cultural heritage;
 - o It is an ecotone, which is a region between the Canadian Shield and the lowlands that stretches across south-central Ontario from Georgian Bay to the Frontenac Arch.
 - o It runs parallel to, but just north of Highway #7, and starts at Ken Reid Park area in our district;
 - o It has an abundance of small lakes, rivers, and wetlands between open granite ridges and limestone plains, few roads, small dispersed communities, and scattered farm lands between shaded woods;
 - o It is diverse with numerous species and habitats;
 - o Rare alvars and savannahs, fens and meadow marshes are found within this structure;
 - o A meeting ground and at the northern limit for many species such as White Oak, woodchuck, chorus frog and the common crow;
 - o At the same time, at its southern limit, are species such as grey wolf, moose, river otters, American raven and the common loon;
 - o Unique species mainly associated with the Land Between include five-lined skink, Ontario's only lizard, golden winged warbler, whippoorwill, and majority populations of rare turtles, reptiles and amphibians;
 - o The resource and diversity of the region provide key services and shelter today that may be vital in the future.
 - o The limited soils, with abundant shores, and starker climate make this region extremely sensitive and disturbance here is far-reaching and long-lasting.

Health and Welfare Update

**Please notify RON MORGAN, Health and Welfare, if you have knowledge of any our members that are experiencing health issues at any time....
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Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, May 12th



Joe Dale

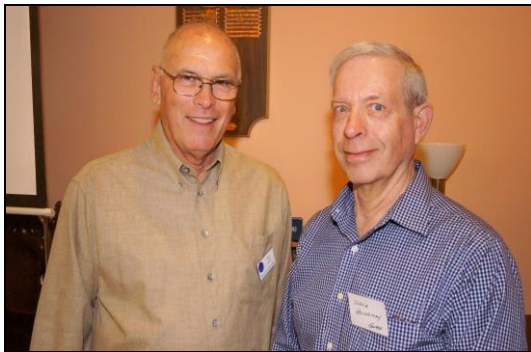
" Benefits of Hiring Handicapped Personnel "



Club member Dave Robertson (L) thanking Leora for her presentation.



New member Bert Blackwood (L), and his sponsor Past President Ted Abbot.



New member Dave Holloway (R), and his sponsor Max Radiff.

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- This region is also rich in culture and heritage as it is a meeting place of Great Nations of the Anishnaabeg, Wendatt, and Haudenashaunee;
- It includes part of a major historic and current navigation route; the Trent Severn Waterway;
- The Land Between organization :
 - Conducts pioneering research in partnership with post-secondary institutions and planning authorities to characterize features and prioritize features, providing efforts, providing invaluable information and support to municipalities, agencies, community groups and landowners.
 - Works with partners and agencies to develop and provide programs, products and resources that advance and enrich education, awareness, and tourism.
 - Works collaboratively with partners and at all levels from communities to National groups, in order to deliver solutions or conservation, stewardship or enhancement projects that impact and support the sustainable management of natural, cultural and socio-economic assets.
- She concluded her presentation by pointing out to the membership that they could take a guided tour by downloading "The Land Between" App for iPhones and iPads from the App Store and it is **FREE**. They also can visit the following internet site : www.thelandbetween.ca for more information regarding this region.

- Bruce called upon club member Dave Robertson to come forward and thank Leora on behalf of the Club members, for her very entertaining presentation and presented her with an honorarium.
- Following a short break, President Bruce proceeded with the "Club Business" part of the meeting.
- Bruce informed the membership that there were two members to join our Club at that time; he called upon Past Presidents, Ted Abbot to introduce Bert Blackwood and Max Radiff to introduce David Holloway.
- Following their inductions, they were officially inducted into our Club's membership by President Bruce.
- Next Bruce presented highlights of the Management Committee meeting that was held previously on April 7th :
 - Joint trip with the New Market Club had been confirmed and scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th. Tickets will be made available for sale at the May and June meetings and will be priced at \$50.00 per person.
 - A new Events Committee has been formed that will initiate various events and programs for our Club. As for now, the Committee will be headed up by Max Radiff and Past President Ted Abbot.
 - Past President Ted Abbot, Vice President Mike Catling and President Bruce met with owners of Konstantine's Restaurant to reserve their facility for our annual Christmas Luncheon. All the comments that were brought forward by the membership at a previous meeting, regarding last year's event, were passed on to them for their knowledge and implementation.
- Next Bruce conducted a further discussion regarding the topic of entertainment requirements at this year's Christmas Luncheon. After pros and cons were heard from the membership, Bruce requested a show of hands, and majority indicated that they were in favour of booking or arranging some type of entertainment to take place at this event.
- Before adjourning the meeting and the members making their way to Hobart's Steakhouse for the luncheon, Bruce read a little humorous story regarding a vacuum salesman's pitch to an elderly lady.