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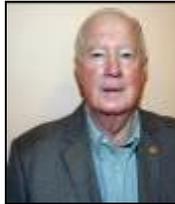
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## Meeting Highlights :

- 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 Boston Pizza Restaurant on Kent Street.
- Bruce continued by calling upon our Past President, Ted Abbot, to come forward and introduce the morning's guest speaker, Roderick Bennis,
- Roderick is an award-winning journalist and entrepreneur, and has a varied career spanning 24 years. He was raised in Lindsay during which he attended Queen Victoria Public School, Central Senior and I.E. Weldon. He is the author of The Mystery of the Moonlight Murder, An Early Adventure of John Diefenbaker, The Legends of Lake on the Mountain and An Early Adventure of John A. MacDonald. He is the owner of Fireside Publishing House, and is the creator of the young prime ministers book series that has captured national media attention for increasing youth's historical literacy. Nearly two years ago he founded Leaders and Legacies, a social purpose news site where he has interviewed many former prime ministers.
- His presentation was called, "Citizenship, Leadership, and Canada's Prime Ministers" and here is a brief outline of it.
- He commenced by presenting his own personal memories as a child growing up in the town of Lindsay.
- He continued by providing a brief history lesson, that allow us to brush up on some of our past Canadian prime ministers' achievements :
  - **Sir John Alexander Macdonald :**  
Canada's first Prime Minister and held the office for two terms, serving from July 1, 1867, to November 5, 1873, and again from October 17, 1878, to June 6, 1891. Key accomplishments of his political career include being a Father of Confederation and seeing the provinces of Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island join Confederation. He was an important figure in the creation of the Canadian Pacific Railway from 1871 to 1885 and in the creation of the Northwest Mounted Police in 1873. He was also behind the development of Canada's first national park in Banff, Alberta, in 1885. He served as Canada's Minister of Justice and Attorney General from 1867 to 1873 and was Leader of the Opposition from 1873 to 1878. John Macdonald was a lawyer by profession and first sat as a Member of Parliament in 1867. He was born on January 11, 1815, in Glasgow (Scotland), and died on June 6, 1891, in Ottawa, Ontario.
  - **Wilfrid Laurier :**  
Prime Minister of Canada from July 11, 1896, to October 6, 1911. While in office, he welcomed the Yukon, Alberta and Saskatchewan into Confederation; expanded the Canadian National Railway and led Canadian participation in the South African War from 1899 to 1902. Mr. Laurier served as Leader of the Opposition from 1887 to 1896 and again from 1911 to 1919. He led Canada during a period of rapid growth, industrialization and immigration. His long career straddled a period of major political and economic changes.

## \*\* Important Reminder

Next meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> is our  
Annual General Meeting.

\*\* Please be aware of the change in  
the time table for that meeting :

- **Social time :** 9:30 to 10:00am
- **Meeting starts at :** 10:00am

## Next Guest Speaker

**TUESDAY, October 13th**



**Nancy Payne**  
Editor, Kayak Magazine.

**"Canada's National Symbols"**

## Health and Welfare Update

**Please notify RON MORGAN,  
Health and Welfare, if you have  
knowledge of a member that is  
experiencing health issues at any  
time....  
( 705 ) 324 - 2318**



**Vice President Mike Catling ( R ) thanking  
guest speaker Roderick Benns for  
presentation.**



**STUDY** while others are sleeping  
**DECIDE** while others are delaying  
**PREPARE** while others are daydreaming  
**BEGIN** while others are procrastinating  
**WORK** while others are wishing  
**SAVE** while others are wasting  
**LISTEN** while others are talking  
**SMILE** when others are frowning  
**PERISIST** while others are quitting

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### o William Lyon Mackenzie King :

Canada's longest serving Prime Minister in Canadian history having served three terms in office from December 29, 1921, to June 28, 1926, from September 25, 1926, to August 7, 1930, and from October 23, 1935, to November 15, 1948. Some key accomplishments of his terms include the creation of old age pensions in 1926, unemployment insurance in 1940, family allowances in 1944, and his leadership of Canada through World War II from 1939 to 1945. He also appointed the first woman to the Senate in 1930.

### o John Diefenbaker (1957 – 63):

Canada's 13<sup>th</sup> prime minister from 1957 to 1963. He championed the Canadian Bill of Rights and was responsible for extending the vote to the First Nations. John was well known as charismatic and a popular speaker. He also was criticized for his indecision concerning nuclear missiles on Canadian soil (as well as strained relations with American President John F. Kennedy) and for his cancellation of the Avro Arrow project.

- Roderick concluded his presentation by stating : "One problem we have as Canadians, is teaching students our country's history. We need to do a better job of informing these young people and also make it ready available to all new citizens that are coming into our country to live at the present time and in the future".
- Bruce called upon Vice President Mike Catling to come forward and thank Roderick on behalf of the Club members, for his very informative presentation.
- Following a short break, President Bruce proceeded with the "Club Business" part of the meeting.
- Bruce informed the membership about the death of Club member Tom Crowe, and asked the membership to stand for a moment of silence to remember our departed friend and fellow member. Ron Morgan informed the membership that in lieu of sending flowers, and a cheque was issued in the amount of \$75 to the "St Mary's Building Fund" in memory of Tom.
- Next Bruce informed the membership that he introduced a Notice of Motion that was recommended by the Management Committee that all future applications for membership to the Club are to be accompanied by membership dues and also initiation fee. Also at that time, he directed them to view the big screen where a copy of the actual motion was displayed. Following that, he conducted a voting process, and the motion was carried/approved by the membership for implementation.
- Bruce then called upon Vice President Mike Catling, who is also the Chair of the Nominating Committee, to come forward and report to the membership the status of the proposed slate of nominations.
- Mike informed the membership that they had successfully, with a large effort put forward by President Ted Abbot and Max Radiff, to fill the slate of nominees for new Management Committee.
- The list of nominees for next year's committee and the positions they volunteering to fulfill are as follows :
  - o Vice President : Bob Doran
  - o Treasurer : Irwin Brown
  - o Secretary : Harry Newton
  - o Director of Membership : Brian Devan
- Before adjourning the meeting and the members making their way to the Boston Pizza Restaurant for the luncheon, Bruce read a little humorous story regarding a man's visit to dental surgeon's office.