

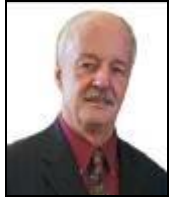


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Meeting Highlights :

- Due to the absence of President Ted, Vice 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 Boston Pizza Restaurant which is located on Kent Street West.
- Bruce called upon Sal Polito, Director of Programs, to come forward and introduce our guest speaker for the morning, Reg Learn, one of our own members.
- Reg informed the membership that his presentation would provide a general overview of the operations and the safety concerns of our Canadian railways.
- Here is a brief outline of his presentation :
 - Reg started his presentation reading an article that was issued recently in the Globe & Mail, about railway safety concerning our oil delivery system to the States, and how it is becoming the "ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM".
 - the Transportation Safety Board was put in place to help control and address the safety concerns regarding our railway systems;
 - There were 1870 reported rail car accidents in 2013;
 - This safety board reviews and makes recommendations to help prevent recurrences of railway mishaps.
 - He continued by presenting a slide show of the different types of trains and some scenes from a variety of rail car derail accidents that have taken place over the years;
 - Many of the tank cars that are travelling from the States are in bad need of safety items and repairs;
 - The National Resource Central Division receives damaged parts from the accident scenes to conduct testing procedures;
 - All railway rail construction is done automatically by dams vehicles and not by manual operations as is the past;
 - Concern over the lack of controls that dictate the speed that railway cars reach now a days, and he used the tunnel location at Sarnia as an example (use to be 15mph and now they reach the speed of 60mph instead);
 - Even the railway employees themselves are expressing concerns over the safety aspects of our railway system, but no one is listening to them;

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.....

Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, MAY 13th



Brandy Giannetta
Canadian Wind Energy Association
(CanWEA)

**Wind Energy in Ontario:
Join the Conversation.**



Past President Max Radiff (R) thanking Reg Learn for his presentation.



New member Alf West (L), and his sponsor Vice President Ron Taylor.



New member David Warren (L), and his sponsor Irwin Brown.



New member Bruce Petelka (R), and Club member Dave Robertson (filling in for sponsor Bob Barkwell who was absent).

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- o Damage testing reports concerning these derailments and recommendations to help eliminate these events/accidents are provided to the railway safety departments, and railway organizations, but again nothing is being done;
- o All throughout his presentation, Reg kept conveying his personal concerns about the safety of our railway delivery systems across our country at the present time;
- o He concluded his presentation by stating, that he become very frustrated in his position that he held within the government agency, because he had no luck changing the safety environment of our railway systems in our country. So he left his government agency and started working for the other side, a number of different legal agencies (lawyers) and aiding them in their quests/actions directed towards the large railway companies throughout the court systems.

- Bruce called upon Past President Max Radiff who thanked Reg for his very informative presentation and presented him with an honorarium.
- After a short break, Bruce informed the membership that Stan Hill, Membership Director, was away and that he would be conducting the induction process of a new members at that time.
- Bruce called upon new members Dave Warren (sponsor Irwin Brown), Peter Petelka (Dave Robertson filling in for sponsor Bob Barkwell) and Alf West (sponsor Bruce Taylor), all to come forward for their inductions (brings our total to 94 members at the present time).
- Vice President Bruce presented the topics that discussed at the March Management Committee :
 - the revised policy regarding guests that attend our monthly meetings was approved and will be sent out the membership;
 - the Club History and Roots of Probus had been edited, approved and will be a part of the package provided to all new members.
 - plans regarding the upcoming Wine Tasting at Pane Vino had been confirmed;
 - Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed and updates, which will require Club's approval and as such, will go through standard Notice of Motion in May and circulated by e-mail, for adoption at the June meeting.
- Next Bruce presented some additional information regarding the nomination process that is being conducted by the Nominating Committee.
- Sal Polito, Director of Programs, informed the membership that next month's speaker would be Brandy Giannetta from the Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) and the topic being Wind Energy in Ontario. He also provided some additional information regarding the wine tasting event at Pane Vino.
- Next Vice President Bruce called upon Past President Max Radiff to come forward and present information regarding the up-coming Founder's Award nominations, which are due to him by August 01st for consideration.
- Ron Morgan, Health and Welfare, informed the group that there were no health issues to mention concerning our membership at that time.
- Vice President Bruce then adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to the Boston Pizza Restaurant.



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“ WHO AM I ” - MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



My name is: Alf West

I was born in Lindsay, Ontario in 1932.

My wife Joan and I presently live at 20 Matchett Crescent in Lindsay. Over the years, we raised three children and presently have an extended family of three grandchildren.

I have taught school and was involved in the education systems in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for 32 years.

I have activity involved with various Lions Clubs for over 18 years and was the President of the Horticultural Society, in Cannington, Ontario.

I enjoy long distance running, curling, lawn bowling, photography and more recently wood craving.



My name is: Bruce Petelka

I was born in Toronto, Ontario.

My wife Joan and I presently live at 33 Adelaide Street, North in Lindsay. Over the years, we have raised two children.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the University of Waterloo and a Master of Arts in Psychology at the Wilfred Laurier University.

I have lived in Lindsay for close to 30 years and first moved to this area to work at Sir Sandford College in the mid 1980's. Later on, I was hired by the Ross Memorial Hospital as a therapist in their Mental Health Unit.

I retired in 2010 which allows me to enjoy travelling, camping, playing golf, and cross-country skiing. When the weather forces me inside, I enjoy playing poker, playing guitar and singing with the Kawartha Male Chorus.



My name is: David Warren

I was born and raised in North Toronto and Leaside, Ontario, and presently my wife Judy and I live in Coboconk, Ontario.

I graduated from the University of Toronto in Mechanical Engineering in 1960.

I have worked in Springfield, Illinois, Toronto, Montreal and Cleveland, Ohio in factory and overall business management. I retired as President and CEO of Tremco Inc. and as Group Vice President Sealants, Adhesives and Coatings Division of Goodrich Corp. which is the parent company of Tremco.

I returned to Canada to live on Shadow Lake above Coboconk, Ontario in 2004 and now also live in Lindsay.

I am Past Chair of the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation, and I am an active member of the Cambridge United Church in Lindsay at the present time.

I enjoy woodworking, reading, snowmobiling, curling and motorcycling as my hobbies.

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I am the sole practitioner of a professional law corporation that is located in Lindsay at 11 Adelaide Street which is just across the street from the west entrance of Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute. I grew up in the west part of Toronto, and graduated from the University of Western Ontario. After completing my Articling with a Toronto firm in 1976, I came to work in Lindsay for the late Donald Warner.

I practiced law with the firm of Warner, Cork and Siegel from 1977 until 1992, concentrating in the areas of civil litigation and real estate law.

Since 1992, I have carried on the practice as a sole practitioner concentrating in the areas of real estate law, business law, wills, estates and estate administration.

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Like many of you, Lindsay has been home to me and my family for over the past 37 years.



View of the law office location.



Reception area of the office.

During those years, I have been activity involved in the following organizations:

- Past President of Lindsay Boys and Girls Club;
- Past Director of the United Way;
- Past Director of Bethany Hills School;
- Current member and Director of Beth Israel Synagogue (Peterborough);
- Current Director of Rosseau Lake College.

I wish to commend the members of the Men’s Probus Club of Lindsay for their continued commitment to fellowship and contribution in this great community.

If I can provide legal advice to you or your families, please contact my office for assistance.