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## Meeting Highlights :

- President Max Radiff called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at Boston Pizza which is located on Kent Street West (23 attended).
- Next Max called upon Vice President Ted Abbot to come forward and introduce our guest speaker Brock Godfrey :
  - retired from the Ministry of Education 1993 after 30 years in education;
  - joined Phonebusters, now called The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, North Bay, Ontario, in 1997 as a volunteer SeniorBuster;
  - celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Unit on December 06, 2012;
  - instrumental in educating the public and raising awareness of illegal mass marketing fraud and theft;
  - gives presentation to Service Clubs, Seniors and Professional Groups all across Southern Ontario and Maui to Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia;
  - Awarded the Superintendent's Award of Distinction from the RCMP for his work in making Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre presentations across the province.
- His Presentation was titled : **"Fraud Awareness – Mass Marketing Fraud, Identity Theft, Other Scams and How to Avoid Them"** and find below a brief outline of it :
  - He started his presentation by stating that approximately 1 million victims have fallen prey to some kind of particular scam or another and the dollar value of losses to individuals amounts to around 10 Billion dollars.
  - The fraud unit was formed 20 years ago and at that time consisted of 20 full time and 50 volunteers, which he was one.
  - The fraud unit changed its name and became The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre is which is located in North Bay, Ontario.
  - The unit is associated with three different agencies, the RCMP, OPP and Competition Bureau of Canada.
  - He went on to explain what the Competition Bureau represents; it is the agency that deals strictly with big business organizations. For example, he informed the group that this particular bureau played a major role in the three major charges that were laid against Bell Canada for their part in fraud operations.
  - 85% of the frauds that take place are directed at seniors; why ?? **because seniors are far too trusting**;
  - only 1 to 5 percent of all frauds are reported each year;
  - the top 3 scams at the present are :
    - services scams (Anti-Virus computer software and credit card interest rate reduction scans);
    - Prizes, and lotteries scams.
    - Emergency scam – call from a supposedly family member requesting emergency financial aid for some reason or another and usually Grandparents are the main the target for this particular one.
  - In Canada, 10 million dollars is the largest legal judgment or fine that can be levied against a company if they convicted of conducting or operating a scam operation.



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## Next Guest Speaker

**TUESDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Sandra Joyce**  
Author

**"The Street Arab – The Story of  
a British Home Child"**



Club member (R) Sal Polito thanking Brock Godfrey (L) for his presentation.



President Max and club member Don Ruthford (R) officially welcoming new member Brian Kirby (M) into of our club.

### Health and Welfare

*Please notify Mill Battersby, Health and Welfare and Public Relations, if you have knowledge of any our members that are experiencing health issues at any time.....*

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at our monthly meetings.**

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- o **Suggested Tips To Follow :**
  - o TAKE YOUR TIME AND THINK ABOUT THE OFFER;
  - o YOU INITIATE THE CONTACT NOT THEM;
  - o DON'T PAY UP FRONT;
  - o JUST HANG UP.
- o There were just over 17000 identity frauds reported last year which amounted to approximately 2.5 million dollars in losses.
- o How these identity frauds occur :
  - o Stolen wallets, dumpster or garbage sorting, phishing, double swiping, and credit card information, etc.
- o **Tips to Protect Against Identity Theft :**
  - o NEVER share passwords,
  - o NEVER share personal information;
  - o BE computer wise and only utilize secure web sites;
  - o MONITOR bank and credit card statements on a regular bases;
  - o PURCHASE or use a particular style of shredder (one that shreds in small fragments and not in long strips).
- o **WHO TO CALL TO REPORT A SCAM OPERATION :**
  - If you are victim, call CAFC (PhoneBusters) 1-888-495-8501 and Brock also suggested that you make the call at night because of staff reduction at the present time.
  - Also contact local police, your bank, and your credit card companies.
  - If your identity has been stolen, you should also contact Equifax and TransUnion to protect your credit rating, by working through your own bank location.
  - **His final statement : "IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT USUALLY IS".**
- Club member Sal Polito thanked Brock for his presentation and presented him with an honorarium.
- Next Max informed the membership that there were three new members to be inducted but only one was in attendance and he called upon Membership Director, Rodger Smith, to conduct the ceremony.
- Rodger asked Brian Kirby and his (sponsor Don Rutherford to come forward for his induction and to receive his official name badge, blue folder and Probus pin which were presented by President Max.
- Next Max presented highlights from April 2<sup>nd</sup> Management Committee meeting :
  - o **Tickets for the September 17<sup>th</sup> BBQ are on sale at the cost of \$15 per person and must be purchased before September 10<sup>th</sup>.**
  - o Plans for Christmas Lunch Panto are confirmed at the Lakeview Arts Barn and will be on sale at the October meeting and AGM at cost of \$60 per person. **Please note the date and book TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> for this function.**
  - o Our present membership is 85 members.
- Next Max called upon Vice President Ted to come forward to present items of interest from the Program Committee :
  - o Ted talked about the recent trip to the Maryland Farm and how it was very much enjoyed by those who attended and whether we should consider arranging a similar event next summer.
  - o He provided information about the up-coming golf day affiliated with the Newmarket Club - Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mill Ron Golf Club costing \$62 per person and anyone interested should contact Wayne Brumwell for more information ([wbrumwell@yahoo.ca](mailto:wbrumwell@yahoo.ca) or 705 - 786 -7805).
  - o An up-coming Interclub curling bonspiel on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lindsay Curling Club. Cost is \$35 per person and includes 2 - 6 end games, dinner and prizes. Individuals or teams are welcome, and anyone interested should contact club member Jerry Ford as soon as possible.
  - o As part of our October's AGM, the speaker will be Elaine Charel who is a certified handwriting analyst and a humorous entertainer.
- President Max then adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to the Boston Pizza.



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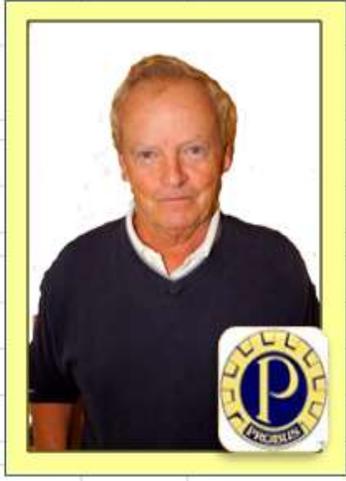
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**“ WHO AM I MEMBERS OF THE MONTH ”**



My name is : **Brian Kirby.**

I was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1942.

My wife Katherine and I presently live at 107 Stinson's Bay Road in Fenelon Falls.

Over the years, we have raised 5 children and presently have 9 grandchildren.

In 1965, I graduated from the University of Toronto and following that, I spent the next 25 years working for IBM Canada. All the positions I held while being employed by IBM were mainly associated with sales and management. After leaving IBM, I went to work for AT&T Canada for the next 10 years and held the position of their Director of Sales for Enterprise Accounts.

I finally entered into my retirement phase in December of 2002.

Over the years, I lived in Toronto and the Great Toronto Area (GTA), and I have cottaged on Sturgeon Lake since 1956.

As far as past clubs or associations that I have belong to, mainly minor hockey associations and other sports clubs.

As for hobbies, I enjoy golf, hockey (Bobcaygeon Old Timers), reading, travel and curling.