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Meeting Highlights :

- Our February meeting was held at the newly renovated Lindsay Jail Museum instead of our usual location at the Masonic Temple.
- President Stewart called the meeting to order (10:00am).
- He opened the meeting by announcing that he had some very sad news to pass on to the membership concerning the deteriorating health of Milt Battersby's wife.
- Next President Stewart called upon two of our members to come forward and introduce the new members that they were sponsoring into our club :
 - Bryan Olson introduced Harry Newton;
 - Ron Wysinski introduced D'Arcy McGee;
 - upon completion of their introductions, President Stewart officially welcomed them into our membership, presented each of them with the Probus Club's information (blue folder) package and their personal name badges.
- Next a head count was taken of those who wished to attend the luncheon that was being held at the Cat and Fiddle Restaurant following our meeting.
- President Stewart talked to the up-coming Probus Club "Spring Fling" event :
 - the event will be held in the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough;
 - event date - Wednesday, May 18, 2011;
 - special guest speaker is the Executive Director of the famous Canadian Canoe Museum. Mr. James Raffan.
 - ticket price of \$35.00 per person;
 - for tickets contact Vice President Max Radiff or President Stewart.
- Next Bruce Faulkner was called upon to pass on some additional information regarding the up-coming event taking place at the Sir Sandford Fleming College.
 - date of event – April 27th;
 - joint adventure with the Probus Club of Newmarket;
 - approximately 60 members from the Newmarket club will be attending;
 - Fleming has supplied us with the Lecture Theatre and Newmarket will bring the speaker;
 - luncheon will be held at the Auk Restaurant within the college;
 - cost \$12.00 (Coffee, pastries in am and lunch (Bison in a Bread Bowl));
 - open bar will be made available for refreshments;
 - after lunch, we have set up three tours of the facilities with lecturers and guides (finishing at approximately 3:00pm);
 - he stressed that all of our members should make it a point to be in attendance to help make this event a success and also help cover the expense of this adventure.
- Next President Stewart talked about the up-coming "Probus Rendezvous 2011" event :
 - event date – September 13th to 15th (Tuesday thru Thursday);
 - event will be held in the luxurious Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel in the midst of Vancouver's cosmopolitan;
 - additional information will be supplied by Vice President Max Radiff when it come available;
 - for anyone interested in attending, please contact President Stewart or Max at your earliest convenience.

Special Notices

On sad note, Marilyn Battersby, wife of Milton, passed on February 9th. Friends and family are invited to call at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel St., Lindsay on Monday February 14 between 2-4 p.m. Funeral service will be at Cambridge Street United Church, 61 Cambridge St. N on Tuesday, February 15 at 1130 a.m.



Next month's guest speaker will be Major William Radiff, who will discuss the development of the new F-35 fighter aircraft



Harry Newton (middle) being officially welcome into the club by President Stewart and sponsor Brian Olson (right).



D'Arcy McGee (far right) being officially welcome into the club by President Stewart and sponsor Ron Wysinski (left).



Guest speaker, John Macklem addressing the membership.



Club member Tom Crowe thanked John for his presentation and presented him with a donation to Victoria County Historical Society from our club.

- Next President Stewart introduced our very special guest speaker Mr. John Macklem.
- Mr. Macklem background history is as follows :
 - Certified General Accountant Since 1976, retired;
 - Vice President & Director Of The Conservative Party Of Canada - Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock Riding Association;
 - Director Conservative Party Of Ontario - Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock Prov. Riding Association;
 - member Of Victoria County Genealogical Group;
 - formerly Vice President Victoria County Historical Society;
 - former Director Five Counties Childrens Services;
 - a former Warden of Victoria County;
 - currently :
 - a Councilor with City of the Kawartha Lakes;
 - President of the Victoria County Historical Society;
 - and also the Director of the new Lindsay Jail museum.
- He started his presentation with some brief history of the Lindsay Jail facility :
 - Historically known as the "County Gaol" the Lindsay Jail is an important historic and architectural landmark with a long history in Lindsay.
 - In 1861 Provisional Independence was granted to the County of Victoria and Lindsay was to become the County Town. J. Storm, a noted Toronto architect drew the original plans, Mr. Kestevan was the builder.
 - The building was completed in 1863 and is constructed of limestone and white brick in Italianate design, quite common among 19th century jails, distinguished by strong symmetrical, round headed windows.
 - The block of land was purchased in 1861 at the cost of \$2400.
 - That block of land was bounded by Colborne Street, Victoria Avenue, Francis Street and Cambridge Street;
 - This block of land would incorporate the Court House, jail and courtyard and later the Registry office in 1874;
 - Cost of construction for the entire group was approximately \$59,000 (including the registry office cost).
 - Since named a historical site;
 - Government grants, planned events (dances, public functions, etc.) to help cover the cost of renovations and maintain newly constructed museum;
 - Historical society lease facility at the cost of \$1 per year;
 - Estimated cost of \$75,000 to \$85,000 to maintain and operate the museum facility per year (heat, hydro, etc.);
 - Hoping to incorporate a number of different organizations or club within the facility (ex. Train club, art gallery, etc.);
 - At present are in the process of cataloging 12,000 artifacts that will placed on display for viewing;
 - Official opening date is planned for May 24, 2011.
- Upon completion of his presentation, he invited the membership to walk the facility on their own; but with certain restrictions because of on-going renovations in progress and safety issues.
- He was thanked by Tom Crowe on behalf of the membership and was presented with a donation to Victoria County Historical Society.
- President Stewart adjourned the meeting as the last order of business and a then a number of members travelled to the Cat and Fiddle Restaurant for a light luncheon.

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