

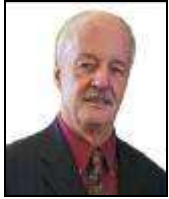


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## Meeting Highlights :

- President Ted Abbot called the first meeting of 2014 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 Olympia Restaurant which is located on Kent Street.
- Ted called upon Sal Polito, Director of Programs, to come forward and introduce our guest speaker for the morning, Louis Karkabasis.
- Louis informed the membership that he was going to talk little about his personal background, how he become involved in the wine world and some items of interest that he would like to past on.
- This is brief outline of his presentation :
  - o He was born in Toronto and but the family moved to Lindsay when he was a young child;
  - o acquired his early education at a local public school and graduated from Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute;
  - o after graduating, he continued his education at York University in Toronto, Ontario;
  - o while attending university, he became a very valuable member of their basketball team which won many championships during his term ;
  - o during this time, he was also scouted by representative of a professional basketball team from Greece and financial arrangements were made for him to travel to their country for a try-out session;
  - o after making their roster, he enjoyed a nine year professional career winning a number of division and league championships;
  - o also during this time, he was given the opportunity to visit the team owner's home in the Bordeaux Region of France, and this was his first introduction into the world of vineyards and wine making;
  - o after his career ended, he moved on to California, worked in the sports industry and got started selling wine as a side line.
  - o wanting to further his wine knowledge and education, he relocated to London, England, and enrolled in a very renown school that taught the art of wine tasting;
  - o after 8 long years in the multifaceted education process in the art of wine tasting, which took him all over the world, he graduated as a "Sommelier", the highest certified title to be endorsed within the worldwide wine industry.

## 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, February 11th**



**John Hagarty**

**Chief of Police, Kawartha Lakes Police Service**



Club member Dennis Eaton (L) thanking Louis Karkabasis for his presentation



Stan Hill, Membership Director (M) and club member Ron Morgan (R) welcoming new member Ray Smith (L) into of our club.

## **FOR SALE**

**Probus Club's shirts (\$30)  
and hats (\$16)  
always available for sale  
at our monthly meetings.**

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- o Eventually he returned to Canada, and become a partner in a wine wholesale enterprise in the Toronto area, which processed approximately 42,000 cases of wine sales yearly.
- o His father Chris, tried many times over the years to convince him to come back to the Lindsay area and get involved in the restaurant business or industry.
- o Finally Louis gave in and he returned and opened up the Pane Vino Trattoria and Wine Bar on the main street in Lindsay which has been serving for the last four years.
- o At the end of presentations, he took questions from the membership in regards to a number of different items :
  - o what types of glassware to use, why the high cost of wines in Canada, aging and blending process, wine aerators - good or bad , the "VQA" classification, vineyards and wine producers within our area or region.

- Ted called upon club member Dennis Eaton who thanked Louis for his presentation and presented him with an honorarium.
- After a short break, Ted called upon Stan Hill, Membership Director, to come forward and carry out the induction process of a new member.
- Stan called upon new member Ray Smith and his sponsor Ron Morgan to come forward for his induction. Ray was presented with his official name badge, the Probus blue folder and pin, and he received an official welcome from President Ted.
- Next Ted presented highlights from December 3<sup>rd</sup> Management Committee meeting :
  - o recognition display of our **5 year members** is being created and will be made available for viewing at our meetings and they will also be acknowledged at the next AGM;
  - o process underway for an up-coming tour of the steamship "Keewatin" in Port McNicoll sometime in the summer months;
  - o **removal of the phone committee** due to lack of worthiness;
  - o new badge box constructed thanks to club member **REID WATSON**;
  - o **Membership Committee disbanded** since its functions is now handled by the Membership Director;
  - o **November's Remembrance Day meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> instead of 11<sup>th</sup>** due to conflicts with those members wishing to attend the annual service at the Cenotaph;
  - o Masonic hall rental fee has increased from **\$75 to \$100** flat rate.
- Sal Polito, Director of Programs, informed the membership that next month's speaker would be John Hagarty, Chief of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service.
- Next President Ted commented how our Christmas luncheon was well attended, with approximately 60 club members in attendance along with their spouses, partners and guests. He stated there were many pluses but there were also a few complaints put forth. He then conducted a group discussion listing all the **"PROS"** and the **"CONS"** and what things or items need to be changed or addressed to make it a better event next year if we return to the same facility.
- Ron Morgan, Health and Welfare, informed the group that he had no knowledge of any health issues to report concerning our membership at the present time.
- President Ted then adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to Olympia Restaurant.