

The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay

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What's New ?

- Our next meeting on August



10th will be held at Queen Street United Church on Lindsay, Street North.

- Club's new policy on sending flowers and get-well cards due to illness or death.

Next Month's (August) Guest Speaker ?

- Mr. Donald Rumball will be speaking on the demise of the newsprint industry.

Meeting Highlights

- President Stewart called the monthly meeting to order and addressed the thirty-five members that were in attendance.
- He stated that due to recent changes in our membership (departures and new members), a revised membership listing would be issued in the near future upon completion by Rodger Smith and Gerald Brown.
- He then called upon club member and sponsor Bill Cragg to introduce our newest member Calvin Yake to the membership.
- Next President Stewart officially welcomed Calvin into our club, presented him with his Probus name badge, copies of our constitution and bylaws, and our present membership listing for his review.
- Also at that time, he informed the group about a small portion of Calvin's background information :
 - retired from the Ontario Power Generation Organization;
 - moved into our area year ago;
 - resides at the Rivermill complex in Lindsay.
- Milt Battersby informed the group; Don Sindrey had suffered a serious stroke around the first of July and was currently in rehab. Milt stated that he would keep the group informed of his progress as it is made available to him.
- President informed the group that the management committee conducted a discussion concerning what our club's role should be concerning the recognition and support of illness and/or death situations that effect any of our club members.
 - they came to the decision, that yes our group should be there to offer moral support during/after any health or death incidences that relate to any one of our members or spouses;
 - in the event of a death :
 - present management committee members and past presidents - \$100 flower arrangement would be sent to the member's family on behalf of the club;
 - all other existing members - \$75 flower arrangement would be sent to member's family on behalf of the club;
 - in the event of the death of a member's spouse or partner, an appropriate card would be issued and sent to the member on behalf of the membership.
 - in the event of sickness / operations / hospital stays :
 - all existing membership will receive a get well card from our Health and Welfare and Public Relations representative, Milt Battersby, on behalf of the club.

Meeting Highlights Cont'd



Member Bob Puffer and guest speaker Larry Todd.

Words of Wisdom to live by :

- It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.
- Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it.
- He who speaks without modesty will find it difficult to make his words good.
- However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.
- The price of greatness is responsibility.

What's Funny ?

- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self-help section?" she said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

- Ron Morgan canvassed the group for the number of members that would be attending the luncheon held at the Cat and Fiddle Restaurant on William Street after the meeting.
- He also wanted to mention that the number of members attending these monthly luncheons were dropping off substantially and suggested that all members take this into consideration.
- President Stewart also provided some information regarding the August 10th meeting that is to be held in conjunction with members from the Newmarket Club.
 - Don Rumball, a member from the Newmarket club, will be the guest speaker;
 - his topic for the presentation " the demise of the newsprint industry ".
- He also informed the group, that because of the renovations at the Masonic Hall, our August meeting would be held at the Queen Street United Church location.
- After the coffee break, President Stewart introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Larry Todd.
- Mr. Todd is a litigation lawyer with an established law firm in Toronto and also as a side line he breeds and races standard thoroughbreds.
- Mr. Todd's presentation related to Canada's Constitution and the Charter of Civil Rights.
- He related to the Constitution and the Charter of Civil Rights when he indicated that since 9/11 people, especially, Americans, were opting for security over civil rights and that legislation was being introduced, purporting to increase security in a number of ways that was, in fact, coming close to an infringement of our civil rights.
- While some aspects of the referred to legislation could feasibly be considered to bestow what he considered unnecessary powers to certain agencies but I don't believe that there actually have been any recorded instances of abuse.
- In fact, the police during the recent G20 fiasco were politically restrained from using the crowd control equipment they had available and were trained to use. If they had there would have been little or no instances of the so called private security powers being required and much of the chaos would have been averted.
- Upon completion of the presentation, member Bob Puffer thanked Larry on behalf of the membership and presented him with a token our appreciation.
- The last item of business, President Stewart adjourning the meeting.

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