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## Health and Welfare

**Jim Mackey** had a fall and injured his back (no details available).



## Next Month's Guest Speaker

Next month's guest speaker will be Dr. Rob Drury, former Chief of Staff at the Ross Memorial Hospital, and he will talk about the future of health care in Ontario.

## Meeting Highlights :

- President Stewart called the meeting to order (10:30am).
- The meeting started with the singing of our National Anthem – O'Canada.
- Next President Stewart called upon member Don Huff to present a "Do You Remember" moment to the group. He played a taped replica of song that was once considered our National Anthem – "The Maple Leaf Forever".
- Next Milt Battersby informed the group that as far as he knew, everyone was in great health with the exception of Jim Mackey who had a fall and injured his back.
- Next a head count was taken of those who wished to attend the luncheon at Grand Restaurant after the meeting was concluded.
- President Stewart called upon club member Bob Puffer to come forward, introduce and welcome into our club the new member that he was sponsoring, Dom Fox.
- Then President Stewart officially welcome Dom into our club on behalf of the membership and presented him with his name badge and the Probus club's blue folder.
- Next President Stewart introduced club member Reid Watson who wished to inform the group about an up-coming public meeting that was been held by the City of Kawartha Lakes at the Ops Community Centre on June 22nd. The purpose or topic of this meeting was to review an application by the Kawartha ATV Association concerning a potential new ATV route through the south end of Lindsay, in order to connect the existing trails south and north of the town.
- President Stewart presented some personal comments concerning the 2011 "Spring Fling" :
  - numbers involved in the organization and running of this event;
  - great entertainment and meal that was provided;
  - poor organizing of food service and bar location.
- He then passed on congratulations to Past President Bruce Faulkner, Milt Battersby and all the other club members that were involved in the reciprocal visit with Probus Club of Newmarket at the Sir Sandford Fleming College. He commented that all our club members should be proud of the way that they represented our club, the Town of Lindsay and City of the Kawartha Lakes as a whole.
- Next he directed the attention of the group to the large drop down projection screen at the front of the hall that was purchased by our club and installed inexpensively by a local handyman by the name of Dave Woodman.
- Next a discussion took place about the up-coming "Mysteries of the Orient" trip that was taking place on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Past President Bruce informed the group that he would be providing some additional information for their reading before the departure date (departure and arrival location and their times, dinner menu, etc.).





President Stewart (left) and sponsor Bob Puffer (right) welcoming Dom Fox (centre) into our club.



Club member, Bob Puffer introducing our guest speaker, Mr. Rick Harding.



President Stewart thanking our guest speaker, Mr. Rick Harding and presented him with a Probus stein on behalf of the club.

***JUST A LITTLE REMINDER***  
***We have golf caps and golf shirts for sale and members can get them by contacting the Club Treasurer, Ron Chartrand.***

- Next on the agenda, club member Bob Puffer was called upon to introduce and present a brief background history of our guest speaker for the morning, Mr. Rick Harding.
- A brief outline of the items that he talked about during his very entertaining presentation - "His Special Birthday Celebrations" :
  - Rick informed the group that he was born on January 15th in 1953 at precisely 4:23am.
  - Just before his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday he made a personal vow that every five years after that, on his birth date and at precisely 4:23am, he would be standing in a predetermined location somewhere in another part of world celebrating his birthday.
  - He then proceeded with his slide show presentation that highlighted all of those birthday adventures up the present date.
  - **40<sup>th</sup> Birthday :**
    - Travelled to Cairo - capital city of Egypt;
    - There he travelled by motor cycle to some interesting sites :
      - their famous Pyramids;
      - Tomb of King Tut;
      - parts of Sahara desert;
      - Nile River.
  - **45<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**
    - Travelled to Africa continent to visit some interesting sites which included travelling to and climbing the famous Mount Killmanjaro.
  - **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**
    - Travelled to Australia to visit some interesting locations :
      - the seven cities;
      - Tasmania;
      - Ayres Rock;
      - Alice Springs.
  - **55<sup>th</sup> Birthday :**
    - Travelled to Mexico to visit the famous Calakmul pyramid a lost world still in the grip of the jungle.
  - **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday :**
    - Travelled to Timbuktu (also known as Tombouctou) a city located near the Niger River in the African country of Mali.
    - Timbuktu has a population of approximately 30,000 and is a major Saharan Desert trading post.
    - Visited an ugly Victorian mansion surrounded by barbed wire on the edge of Ham Common which was used as a the wartime spy prison and interrogation centre for capture German agents - codenamed Camp 020,
  - **65<sup>th</sup> Birthday :**
    - Travelled to central Africa to visit a lot of very interesting sites via water travel :
      - Victoria Falls;
      - Zambezi River;
      - Devil Pool;
      - Livingston Island;
      - Cape of Hope.
- Upon completion of his presentation, he was thanked by President Stewart on behalf of the membership and was presented with a Probus crystal stein.
- Past President Bruce adjourned the meeting as the last order of business and then a number of members accompanied Rick to the Grand Experience Restaurant for an enjoyable luncheon.

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