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Meeting Highlights :

- Our March meeting was held at our usual location at the Masonic Temple.
- 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 Bruce Faulkner to come forward and introduce the new two new members that he sponsored into our club :
 - Ron Willcocks;
 - John Coxon.
- 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.
- Then the President Stewart called upon members to introduce any guests that were present at the meeting :
 - member Chris Guillard introduce his guest Irwin Brown;
 - Vice President Max Radiff introduced his guests, Mert Davis, Ron Rocchio and Gary Schulte-Derne.
- Next a head count was taken of those who wished to attend the luncheon that was being held at the Hoberts Restaurant in the Lindsay Mall.
- 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 next month at the Sir Sandford Fleming College.
 - **date of event – April 27th (INSTEAD OF THE SECOND TUESDAY);**
 - joint adventure with the Probus Club of Newmarket;
 - 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;
 - members are directed to park in the large lot directly in front of the college entrance;
 - **"NO" parking passes are needed,** authorization has been issued/granted through the college management ahead of time;
 - all members are to enter the college by utilizing the curve walk-way that you will notice to your right as you approach the main entrance;
 - continue through the doors and you will be directed to the Auk lounge;
 - once there, help us meet and greet the Newmarket's club members and join with them and enjoy the coffee and muffins that will be made available at that time.

Health and Welfare

We have been informed that one of our members, **Tom Crowe**, has suffered a stroke and is currently receiving treatment at the Ross Memorial Hospital.



Don't forget that next month's (April) meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH at SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE** instead of our usual location at the Masonic Temple.

Next Month's Guest Speaker

Next month's guest speaker has been arranged by our guests, the Probus Club of Newmarket.



President Stewart official welcoming Ron Willcocks (right) into our club.



President Stewart official welcoming John Coxon (right) into our club.



Vice President Max Radiff and his son Major William (right).



Club member Ron Morgan thanked Major William Radiff for his presentation and presented him with a Probus crystal stein from our club.

- Next President Stewart talked about the up-coming "Probus Rendezvous 2011" event.
 - after a short discussion, he asked for a show of hands from the membership to indicate if any of them were interested in attending;
 - not one member indicated that they wished to attend.
- Next President Stewart called upon Vice President Max Radiff to introduce his son Major William Radiff, who was our special guest speaker.
- A brief outline of Major William Radiff personal background is as follows :
 - not born in Lindsay, but moved there in 1997 when he was 4 year old;
 - attended elementary and secondary schools in Lindsay;
 - attended the RMC and graduated as a pilot in 1992 ;
 - joined the air force and trained as helicopter pilot due to the numbers of fighter pilots at that particular time-frame;
 - received in "Wings" in 1994;
 - 1997 - stationed as a flight instructor in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan;
 - 2006 – flew with Canadian Air Show all across our country;
 - appointed to a "Ground Tour of Duty" in 2008;
 - selected to be a part of the "F35" fighter project;
 - married in Kinmount eight years ago and presently has two sons;
 - served in the Canadian Air Forces for 25 years this coming summer.
- A brief outline of the items that he talked to during his very informative presentation :
 - why he joined the Canadian Air Force;
 - his journey to his "Wings", both the painful and the fun parts;
 - his years as a helicopter pilot;
 - flying as a fighter pilot;
 - his ground tour work details (designated desk term);
 - constructing the "Directorate of Air Requirements for Fighters and Trainers;
 - Snowbird Aircraft;
 - Current / Follow-On Trainer Aircraft;
 - Current Fighter Improvement Projects;
 - Next Generation Fighter Capability.
 - the development of the "F35" Advanced Stealth Design fighter aircraft :
 - his involvement;
 - it's design process;
 - it's operational flexibility compared to the F16, F18 and Typhoon aircrafts;
 - details of cost factors;
 - opportunities for Canada's aerospace industry (present and in the future).
 - his next career course – Air Force Command Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama;
 - the career positions that will be made available to him after completion of his college term;
 - his personal thoughts/plans upon leaving or retiring from the air force in the coming years.
- Upon completion of his presentation, he was thanked by Ron Morgan (long time acquaintance of the family) on behalf of the membership and was presented with a Probus crystal stein.
- President Stewart adjourned the meeting as the last order of business and a then a number of members travelled to the Hoberts Restaurant for the luncheon.

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