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Meeting Highlights :

- President Max Radiff called the meeting to order, and led a group signing of "O Canada".
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon at Dave's Diner restaurant after the meeting.
- President Max called upon Vice President Ted Abbot to introduce his special guest, Gary Clark, to the membership. He then called on Club Member Ben Jowitz to introduce his guest, Hans Beckhof.
- Next President Max presented items of interest that had been discussed at the last Management Committee meeting :
 - The changes to the Banner; additional information packages to appear on semi-regular basis in order to keep the members up-to-date on what is happening in our club (ex. – Treasurer's quarterly financial report, etc.).
 - The removal of the present 70 member ceiling on membership because there is definite room for expansion to help our club grow.
 - An up-dated progress report regarding the formation of the new Women's Club :
 - group moving ahead by leaps and bounds;
 - as of today, 96 paid-up members;
 - as their sponsoring club, we have applied for their charter.
 - The Management Committee approved a new organizational chart, which will be attached along with this month's Banner e-mail that the membership will receive.
 - He then thanked all those individuals, whose names appear on the chart, for volunteering for these positions and encouraged all the other members to get involved when we come looking for replacements prior to the October AGM.
 - The Management Committee decided that we should be carrying Director's insurance and since Probus Canada had made a package available to us at a very reasonable cost, we have signed on.
 - They discussed whether or not there was a need to make changes in regards to the types of refreshments provided before the start of each meeting. All agreed that due to the absence of left-over's, tarts, muffins, etc., that no changes were needed unless some members had specific concerns or requirements.
 - Discussion was held concerning the restaurants that we utilize for our optional luncheon after each meeting and a couple of new names were added to the list of potentials.
- President Max then called upon Milt Battersby, Health and Welfare, to present any health issues that were concerning our membership at the present time (see box to the left).
- Next Bruce Faulkner informed the membership that the scheduled time, on March 19th, for the newly formed euchre club was "**NOT A GO**" due the lack of players available and that it would be re-scheduled at a later date. He also took the opportunity to encourage other members that were considering taking part in this newly formed group to please contact him or Stewart Kell as soon as possible.

Health and Welfare

The membership was informed that Ron Wilcox was experiencing some health issues but no further information was available at that time.

Next Month's Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH



Colin Campbell

" Forensic Hypnosis "

Attention Members

If you know of someone who is not yet a member and would enjoy the fellowship of the Men's Probus Club of Lindsay , please invite him to one of our monthly meetings.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Diabetes

When diabetes is talked about,
We all know what we do,
We try to ignore it, and pretend,
Just sit back and subdue.
When diet is not the way,
And pills don't seem to work,
A needle to monitor sugars,
All seems so berserk,
There is no beginning,
And there is no end,
The only hope we might have,
Is the cure's around the bend,
We feel there's nothing we can do,
So we tend to hold it inside,
Until that fateful moment,
When someone we love has died.
Diabetes is a disease,
That hits us hard core,
Mother, brother, father,
Sister, friends and more.
Well, I am here just to say,
I know, I can't pretend,
This disease strikes everyone,
We all must comprehend.
So stand up and be counted,
Support research and the cure,
Give of yourself and for others,
The reward is yours for sure.....



Club member George McFadden (left) thanking guest speaker "Debbie Sissmore" and her husband, Malcolm, on behalf of our club.

- Next President Max called upon Ron Morgan to pass on some additional information regarding the "WHO AM I" program that is in process at the present time.
 - Ron will select three or four members at each meeting and they will be asked to fill in their "WHO AM I" forms and return them back to him at the next meeting date.
 - This personal information should be **PRINTED on the forms or if possible, TYPED on a separate sheet** using the questions or headings on the form as a guide for the information required.
 - Photos of each member will be taken by Gerald, a few at a time, before each meeting.
- The plan is to enter three or four member profiles in the "WHO AM I" section of the Probus Banner each month until all members are covered. Next he informed membership that the Lilac Gardens of Lindsay, which is located at the corner of Lindsay Street South and Logie Street, is looking for volunteers to help with maintaining this park area. He also indicated that he would be trying to organize a work party from amongst our group but in the meantime anyone interested should contact them at 705-328-1941 or 705-878-1810 or e-mail them at **info@lilacgardensoflindsay.com** to offer their services.
- President Max called upon Vice President Ted Abbot to come forward and present items of interest from the Program Committee :
 - next month's guest speaker will be Colin Campbell.
- Next club member Bob Barkwell was called to come forward and introduced the guest speaker for the morning, Debbie Sissmore.
- Debbie's presentation "**Going the Distance**"; the bad and the ugly of living with type #1 diabetes.
- A brief outline of her presentation :
 - Her first powerful statement was that "Type #1 diabetes is on the rise" and there is no cure for it.
 - She traced her own personal journey that started right from the early age of four when she was diagnosed with Type #1 diabetes.
 - Talked about how it had affected her personal life style and all the people that associated with her over the years.
 - She chronicled her gradual descent into total blindness.
 - She talked about the major improvements that have taken place with blood monitoring equipment, injections methods and, the production or manufacture of man-made insulin.
 - The new medical procedure (Edmonton Protocol) that involves transplanting islet cells from a donor's pancreas into a patient's liver which enables it produce and release insulin and, hopefully, eliminates the daily injections.
 - She talked about her own transplant procedures, two in a five week period, and now eight years later she requires only 10% of insulin dosage that she formerly required.
- She ended by stating that throughout the years with the never ending support from her husband and family, the new procedures, advanced medications, personal life style changes (diet and exercise) , she has been given a second chance to live a some-what normal life, even running in the New York City Marathon!
- Upon completion of the presentation, George McFadden thanked her on behalf of the membership and presented her with a honorarium.
- As the last order of business, President Max adjourned the meeting and some of the members travelled to Dave's Diner for the luncheon.

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Any corrections, comments or additions regarding this banner can be forwarded to the attention of the editor at : gerald.brown@xplornet.com

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“ WHO AM I ” MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



My name is : **W. David Robertson.**

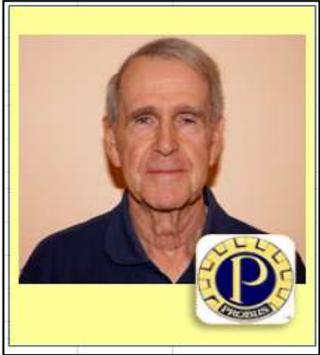
I was born in Calgary, Alberta, in 1937. My wife Margaret and I live at 30 Adelaide Street South, Lindsay and we have raised 2 children.

I also have lived in Dawson, Creek, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., Ocean Falls, B.C., and Toronto, Ontario.

My professional career, 1969 to 1975 a Teaching Master/Professor S.S.F.C., 1976 – 1996 Coordinator Fish and Wildlife Programs, S.S.F.C., Lindsay, Ontario, 19667 – 1969 contract work with Ontario Land Inventory and Canada Land Inventory – Ontario Department of Lands and Forest.

I am a Past President Lindsay Canadian Club, a member of the Member Friends of the Osprey, Kawartha Lakes and Secretary Treasurer of Trustees - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Lindsay.

As for my hobbies, I enjoy reading, I used to curl and play golf, computer club (Probus), Scottish history, genealogy and traveling.



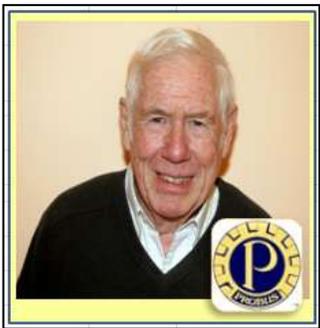
My name is : **Rich Brien.**

I was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1929. My wife Pauline and I live at 51 Victoria Avenue North, Lindsay and we have 4 children, Steve, Greg, Sue and Cam.

My professional career, a Secondary School Teacher of Physical and Health Education, Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute and I.E. Weldon.

I am a Secretary/Treasurer of the Kawartha District of C.O.S.S.A. Athletic Association, have served as a member of the 45th Field Battery and as a member of the Lindsay Recreation Commission and I am a life member of the Lindsay Lions Club.

As for my hobbies, I enjoy basketball, football, hockey and am an active member of the Lindsay Golf and Country Club.



My name is : **Reid Watson.**

I was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1932. My wife Marion and I presently live at 35 Skiview Drive, Bethany, Ontario and we have raised 3 children.

In the past, I lived in Montreal (twice), Martinsburg, West Virginia, North Bay, Atikokan, Kingston, Fredericton, Sudbury, Acton, Uxbridge, and Devil's Elbow.

My professional career, BscF 1955 UNB, after 30 years with DuPont Canada, Explosives Division, retired as Canadian Marketing Manager. Taught explosives technology for 2 years, Resource Drilling & Blasting Program, Fleming College, Lindsay. Vice President Marketing of an Ontario explosives manufacturing distributor for 5 years. Marketing Consultant for Frukawa Rock Drill Company for 5 years.

Member of the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy and the International Society of Explosives Engineers.

As for my hobbies and interests, I enjoy woodworking, sailing, skiing, hunting, fishing, hiking, squash and hockey.

“ DON'T’ FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR “WHO AM I” FORMS ”



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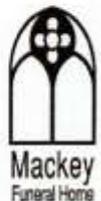
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