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## Meeting Highlights :

- With President Max being away on a trip, Vic President Ted Abbot called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at the Friendly Chinese Restaurant, which is located just up the street from Masonic Hall (16 members choose to attend).
- Next Ted called upon club member Dennis Eaton to come forward and introduce and provide some personal background in regards to our special guest speaker for the morning, Doctor Ian Clark :
  - a residence of Toronto, Ontario;
  - attended the University of British Columbia, Oxford University in England, and Harvard University in Massachusetts, USA;
  - received a great number of distinguishing awards and honours over the years, Member of the Royal Order of Canada, 2009 and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012 just to name a couple;
  - became a Professor at University of Toronto's School of Public Policy and Governance in 2007 after serving nine years as President of the Council of Ontario Universities;
  - served on the executive board of the International Monetary Fund and in six different departments in the Government of Canada, including as Deputy Secretary in the Privy Council Office, Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and Secretary of the Treasury Board;
  - presently chairs a large number of Boards associated with the Government of Canada (too many to list in this limited space);
  - co-author of a number of publications and presentations during his career(just to name a couple) :
    - Academic Transformation: The Forces Reshaping Higher Education in Ontario;
    - Academic Reform : Policy Options for Improving the Quality and Cost-effectiveness of Undergraduate Education in Ontario..
- His presentation was titled, "Overhauling Ontario's Universities" and here is a brief outline of it :
  - He started his presentation by stating, "Personally he feels that there is no need for a large overhauling of the University system".
  - The reforms are required because of the Government cuts.
  - His first slide displayed a number of smaller slides within it and as he highlighting each one with a laser, he addressed it. He presented his reasoning why certain situations within the present system create many downfalls and need to be addressed to help both students and Universities. Also why the Government needs to become involved to help eliminate a great number of these problem areas that Universities are presently trapped in.
  - He continued by explaining on how students are being affected, and his recommendations regarding Academic Reform :
    - strengthen learning at existing universities :
      - fund teaching and research separately;
      - better data so students can compare institutions, programs, courses;
    - accommodate growth :
      - agree on long-term targets for enrolment growth (universities, colleges, apprenticeship);
      - create up to 5 new teaching-oriented universities. .
      - selective expansion of existing universities.

## April's Guest Speaker

**TUESDAY, April 09th**



**Colonel Morris Gates**  
(no recent picture available)

**"Keith Greenaway - a Canadian Icon  
in Arctic Navigation"**



Club member Neill McWilliams thanking Doctor Clark for his presentation on behalf of our club.



Vice President Ted Abbot officially welcomed new members Bob Demcoe, Ken Pizer and Wilf Loewrighheit into our club (left to right).

## **Health and Welfare**

**Please notify Milt Battersby, Health and Welfare and Public Relations, if you have knowledge of any our members that are experiencing health issues at any time.....**

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- o maintain affordability for students and government :
  - o provide funding for inflation and enrolment growth through government operating grants and regulated tuition;
  - o reduce overall cost inflation;
  - o fund an agreed level of inflation – universities should not grow simply to cover the cost of inflation.
- o He finished his presentation by outlining the steps of “How to get started” with these reforms and the “Concerns that will have to be addressed along the way”.
- o He also provided a web site [www.academicreform.ca](http://www.academicreform.ca) that the members could access if they wish to follow along with the discussion and progress of this educational reform process/topic.
- Upon completion of his presentation he was thanked by member Neill McWilliams on behalf of our Club and presented with an honorarium.
- Next Vice President Ted informed the membership that there were three new members to be inducted into our club and called upon Membership Director, Rodger Smith, to conduct the ceremony.
- o Rodger requested that Wilf Loewrighheit, Bob Demcoe (sponsor - Max Radiff) and Ken Pizer (sponsor - Phil Arrowsmith) come forward for their induction.
- o Due to Max's absence, Ted presented a brief background of Wilf and Bob and then he called upon club member Phil Arrowsmith to provide one for Ken.
- o Next Ted officially welcomed them all into our Club and they were all presented with their name badges, blue folders and Probus pins.
- Then Ted informed the membership that two motions from the Management Committee were to be presented at that time, and he called upon Club Secretary Bruce Taylor to come forward and present them.
- Bruce read : **Motion #1 : By-Law #8 – Management Committee E-Voting**
  - o ***In circumstance requiring a vote by the Management Committee between regular meetings, decisions may be made by an e-vote of the Members of the Committee – such e-votes to be confirmed at the next regular Management Committee meeting.***
  - o He then moved that this motion be accepted, which was seconded by Dennis Eaton and carried with required majority.
- Bruce read : **Motion # 2 : An amendment to the first paragraph of By-Law #5**
  - o The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the regular meeting day in the month of October. At this meeting members of the Management Committee shall be elected and ***two members in good standing shall be appointed to conduct a financial review of the year-end financial statements.***
  - o He then moved that this motion be accepted, which was seconded by Phil Arrowsmith and carried with required majority.
- o Next Ted continued by presenting items of interest from the Program Committee:
  - o Ted informed the membership that guest speaker for April's meeting would be retired Colonel Morris Gates, speaking on: Brigadier General – Keith Greenway – Canadian Icon in Arctic Navigation, Geography and Research.
  - o He also provided the names of the guest speakers for May and June.
  - o Ted informed the membership that there were only 3 seats left to attend the Blue Jay game on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; and anyone interested should apply before they are gone.
  - o Cardinal Tours had informed him that no one from our Club had ordered any tickets for the Wizard of Oz show on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>..
  - o Ted adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way up the street to the Friendly Chinese Restaurant.



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I, Paul Brown, am the owner and have lived in the Lindsay area for 24 years. I started working for Climate Controllers in 1998. During that time I became a gas and oil fitter #2, a refrigeration mechanic and a gas fitter #1. I also held the position of service manager for this company from 2006 until 2009 and departed their employment under good terms in January, 2011.

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My long term business plan is to continue as a service provider within this area for years to come and eventually retire here.

