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Health and Welfare

Tom Crowe is home from hospital and progressing quite well.

Don Sindrey health conditions are still improving slowly.



Next Month's Guest Speaker

Next month's guest speaker will be Mr. Rick Harding and he will be talking about some of his most interesting journeys throughout the world.

Meeting Highlights :

- Past President Bruce Faulkner called the meeting to order (10:30am).
- The meeting started with the singing of our National Anthem – O'Canada.
- Next a head count was taken of those who wished to attend the luncheon at Hobart's Restaurant after the meeting was concluded.
- Then Bruce informed the group that he had received some complimentary correspondence regarding the "Back To College For Day" venture that he wished to share with the group :
 - The first one was from Tony VanBynen, Mayor of Newmarket :
 - he wanted pass on a thank-you to the Mayor Ric McGee and our club, for inviting the Newmarket Club to take part in the "Back to College For Day" event held at the college.
 - he stated that he was also delighted with the bond that has been formed between our two clubs and hoped that it would continue to develop or grow in the future;
 - and he trusted that there would be more joint adventures in the future, thus allowing both clubs to showcase their respective cities and points for interest within their surrounding areas.
 - The second one was issued on behalf of the Sir Sandford Fleming College :
 - the college wished to convey their appreciation to the club for allowing them the opportunity to showcase their college facilities and extensive programs to our outside guests.
- Then the Bruce called upon Vice President Max Radiff to talk about the up-coming "Spring Fling" adventure (car pools, additional tickets, etc.).
- Bruce continued by talking about the up-coming "Oriental Trip" to Markham.
 - payment/cheques are due;
 - approximately 30 people signed up for the coach at the present time (would like to have 40 if possible);
 - at the restaurant, member Ed Chan will be providing a short presentation regarding Chinese culture;
 - coach pick-up and drop-off will be at the Lindsay Inn location;
 - additional information will be provided as we get closer to the departure date for this trip.
- Next Bruce called upon two of our members to introduce and provide a brief background history of new members that they were sponsoring :
 - club member Calvin Yake introduced Ted Howes;
 - club member Bob Barkwell introduced Ron Baldwin.
- Upon completion of these introductions, Past President Bruce officially welcomed the two members into our club and presented them with our Probus Club blue information folder (constitution, by-laws, etc.) and their personal name badges.
- Bruce informed the membership that a contract had been finalized for the rental of Masonic Hall for next year.
- He also informed the membership, an article within this contract outlined that two of our meeting dates would be changed from a Tuesday to Wednesday (the same week) because of meeting conflicts.



Past President Bruce Faulkner (right) and sponsor Bob Barkwell (left) welcoming Ron Baldwin (centre) into our club.



Past President Bruce Faulkner (right) and sponsor Calvin Yake (left) welcoming Ted Howes (centre) into our club.



Club member Ted Abbot (right) presenting guest speaker James MacMillan (left) with a Probus stein on behalf of the club.

- Bruce called upon club member Bob Puffer to introduce is guest Don Fox, who had joined us for the meeting.
- Next on the agenda, Vice President Max Radiff introduced our guest speaker for the morning, Mr. James MacMillan.
- A brief outline of Mr. MacMillan personal background is as follows :
 - o native of Sudbury, Ontario;
 - o attended University of Toronto and graduated in History (1977) and Law (1983);
 - o practiced law in Toronto from 1985 to 2007;
 - o has appeared before every court in Ontario except the Supreme Court of Canada, such as ;
 - o appeared before such tribunals as Appeals Committee of the National Dental Examining Board, The Regulated Health Professions Review and Appeals Board, The Complaints and Discipline Committee of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Appeals Committee of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, to name a few.
 - o served in the militia since 1983;
 - o currently serves in the reserve component of the Judge Advocate General's office in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.
- A brief outline of the items that he talked to during his very informative presentation regarding the "Law on War" topic:
 - o oldest know written law is the "Deuteronomy";
 - o **Deuteronomy** or **Devarim** (literally "things" or "words") is the fifth book of the Hebrew Bible, and the fifth of five books of the Jewish Torah/Pentateuch.
 - o The book consists of three sermons or speeches delivered by Moses, a recounting of the law (thought to be the Book of the Covenant found in Josiah's time), and supplementary material.
 - o first Geneva Convention on treatment of wounded (1864);
 - o Hague and Customary laws;
 - o prisoners :
 - why treat them well;
 - interrogation – torture does not work;
 - o Korea, SERE training, civilian contractors (soldiers of fortune);
 - o Colonel Robin "Tin eye" Stephens :
 - Commander of the wartime spy prison and interrogation centre codenamed Camp 020, an ugly Victorian mansion surrounded by barbed wire on the edge of Ham Common.
 - o One of his famous quotes :
 - "Never strike a man," he said. "It is unintelligent, for the spy will give an answer to please, an answer to escape punishment. And having given a false answer, all else depends upon the false premise."
 - o KSL battalion chasing their tails.
 - o final question and answer period before closing remarks.
- Upon completion of his presentation, he was thanked by Ted Abbot 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 travelled to the Hobarts Restaurant for the luncheon.

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