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## Meeting Highlights :

- President Max Radiff called the meeting to order. He then informed the members that a new video version of "O Canada", was going to be displayed on the large screen and they were asked to sing along with it. Upon completion of the anthem, he joked about their quality of vocal accompaniment and pointed out they needed a little musical direction.
- Next President Max added a little humor to the agenda and presented the membership with a reading of a funny yarn called "Chocolate Chip Cookies".
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon at the Friendly Restaurant on Kent Street (for the first visit) after the meeting.
- Next he called upon members to introduce their guests that were presented at the meeting. First he introduced his guest Dennis Eaton and then club member Ross Naylor introduced his two guests, John McRae and Ian Pepper.
- Next President Max presented items of interest that had been discussed at the last Management Committee meeting :
  - A charter meeting of the Women's Club was held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. and Bruce Faulkner, Stewart Kell and himself represented our Club (see picture images on page #5).
  - As of their Charter Day, they had 102 members within their Club.
  - He informed the membership that he had received a letter from the President of the Women's Club, Barb Truax. She wished to express her gratitude, on behalf of their Club, for all the assistance that our Club had provided to them during the conception of their new Club.
  - The September social event to be held at the Lindsay Rugby Club is a go. The cost will be \$10 per head, which is being subsidized by the Club, and spouses, partners and significant others are invited to attend. The first date to purchase tickets will be at the June meeting.
  - Our annual Remembrance Day meeting will be a combined service with the new Women's Club. The Management Committee is still searching for a location large enough to accommodate both memberships at one time for this special service date.
  - He then informed the membership that seven individuals, known as the Probus Pruners, had shown up for work detail at the Lilac Gardens. He stated that it was mighty cold but each of these individuals, mentioned above, talked about how it was such a rewarding experience for them to be able to help out.
  - He next informed the membership, that the Management Committee had authorized him to discuss the concept of our Club adopting a row of lilacs in the Lilac Gardens for a year. He stated that the work that needs to be done, is mostly in the spring and fall and the details would have to be worked out with their Volunteer Coordinator. He also stated that Ron Chartrand had informed him that there is a lot more than just pruning involved. President Max requested that the membership consider this motion and if in agreement notify him with an e-mail response.
- Next Milt Battersby, Health and Welfare, informed the membership that three of our members, Dave Chadwick, Ron Richards, and Gord Sloan were experiencing medical problems at the present time. He also requested that if any members became aware of any health issues concerning our membership, to please let him know as soon as possible.

## 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.....**

## Next Month's Guest Speaker

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12th**



**John Boyko**

**" R.B. Bennett, Canada's 11<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister, who came to power in the 1930's during the depression.**

## **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.**

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**President Max thanking guest speaker Shelagh Grant on behalf of our club.**

## **WORDS OF WISDOM / THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY**

- Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." - John Wooden
- "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."- Theodore Roosevelt
- To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.
- The more a man knows, the more he forgives. Catherine the Great

- President Max called upon Vice- President Ted Abbot to come forward and present items of interest from the Program Committee :
  - o next month's guest speaker will be John Boyko, who is Dean of History and Social Studies at Lakefield College School;
  - o he is the author of the book "**Bennett : The Rebel Who Challenged and Changed A Nation**";
  - o his presentation will be on "R.B. Bennett, Canada's 11<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister. Who came to power in the 1930's during the depression;
  - o he will be bringing copies of his book for sale and autographing them if requested.
  - o Bus trip to Fort York will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the cost will be \$55 per person and more information will be provided before that date.
  - o He called upon Club member Ron Baldwin to come forward and present some details about our 1<sup>st</sup> annual golf tournament.
    - o It will be held at the Whitetail Golf Club on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>;
    - o Club members will be given the opportunity to play either :
      - 9 holes (tee off time 10:00am);
      - 18 holes(tee off time 8:00am);
    - o Costs (taxes included) :
      - 18 holes with cart and lunch -\$43;
      - 18 holes walking course and lunch - \$35
      - 9 holes with cart and lunch (tax included) - \$30;
      - 9 holes walking course and lunch - \$24.
    - o Luncheon will be choice of hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages or sandwiches and served with salads.
    - o Members who are non-golfers are welcome to attend the luncheon at the cost of \$7 per person.
    - o Further information may be obtained from Wayne Brumwell or Ron.
- Next Vice- President Ted Abbot was called to come forward and introduced the guest speaker for the morning, Shelagh Grant.
  - o Her presentation "**Arctic Sovereignty – Past and Present**"
  - o a brief outline of her presentation :
    - o Her first statement, "The need for more people to invest and take part in the Arctic Region".
    - o Basic sovereignty – Responsibility for the inhabitants and their environment;
    - o first arrivals;
    - o 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century activities;
    - o major changes to the maps of the Arctic;
    - o 1910 oil in Alaska;
    - o Franklin maps created;
    - o ship travel in Northwest Passage;
    - o mining activities in Nunavut;
    - o potential disputes;
    - o Arctic Council;
    - o Arctic Sovereignty - "Is not just a legal right; it is also a responsibility";
    - o and her last statement, "Sea Ice Melting Rapidly".
- Upon completion of the presentation, Ed Stephenson, thanked her on behalf of the membership and presented her with an honorarium.
- As the last order of business, President Max adjourned the meeting and some of the members walked up the hill to the Friendly Restaurant for a buffet 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@explornet.com](mailto:gerald.brown@explornet.com)**

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## “ WHO AM I ” MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



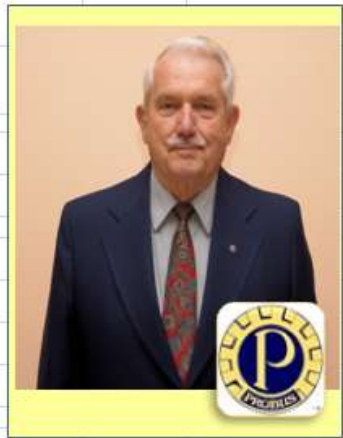
My name is : **Stan Hill.**

I was born in Toronto in 1929, a family of one brother and one sister. My Mother was born in Aberdeen and my Father in Burnley. In order to gain employment, my Father moved our family to New Toronto at the lake shore. These were happy days with many friends, fine schools, a great library and an active church with a large young people's group.

The young peoples started an eight team softball league, playing with five other churches in our area. Thus I met my wife Marion, who was the ace pitcher of her team (if you can't beat them, join them). After two years of courtship, we married and have had 61 years of happy marriage, three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

I was an educator in the Lakeshore and Peel County (Brampton area) for 35 years, retired on full pension in 1984 to the village of Minden where we operated a cottage-bed-breakfast business for six years from a large historic home on the Gull River.

You might summarize our retirement as "Life of the Eight C's" – cottages, community service, church, curling, canoeing, camping, cycling and cards. All being well, we hope to cycle until age 90.



My name is : **Richard Dunn Skidmore.**

I was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1932. I presently lived at 78 Blue Water Avenue in Lindsay, Ontario and over the years have raised three children. In the past, I have lived in Toronto, Rexdale, Medicine Hat and Brampton, Ontario.

I worked in the rubber industry, 37 years at Goodyear and 3 years for Trent Rubber. I also was a CESO volunteer and completed three tours in Sri Lanka. A member of the Kinsmen and Rotary Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Ontario MGT Club and Cambridge Street United Church in Lindsay, Ontario. As for my hobbies and interests, I enjoy golf, reading, carving, antique cars (60 year old MG), family, travelling (visiting 49 countries) and skating.



My name is : **Jim Buchanan.**

I was born in St. Catharines, Ontario in 1931. My partner, Donna Gushue, and I presently live at 26 Karen Drive, Lindsay, Ontario and over the years I have raised 7 children.

I was a refrigeration and air conditioner contractor for 25 years in Hamilton, and retired in 1984. I then moved to Ellicottville, NY. and operated a bed and breakfast business for 12 years. I retired again in 2006 and moved to a residence in Lindsay, Ontario because it is midway point between family who live in Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Oakville, Hamilton, Calgary and New Zealand.

I was a member of the Hamilton Rotary Club, Past President and Life Member Rotary Club of Ellicottville, Past President and Life Member of American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and A/C Engineers and Board of New York State Bed and Breakfast Association.

As for my hobbies and interests, I enjoy downhill skiing, lawn bowling, bird carving, cooking and woodworking.

## Special Insert From the Editor :

As mentioned in the first part of the banner, The Women's Probus Club of Lindsay held a Charter Meeting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Attending this meeting, were three representatives from our Club, President Max Radiff, Past President Stewart Kell and Bruce Faulkner.

Each one of them were part of the proceedings :

- President Max presented the new Charter to Women's Probus Club President, Barb Truax.
- Past President Stewart presented the badge box (hand crafted by Club member Reid Watson) to President Barb Truax.
- Bruce presented a brief history lesson regarding the Probus Club organization.

**I have inserted below a few of the picture images that I took that morning for your viewing.**



President Max addressing The Women's Probus Club members.



Past President Stewart Kell presenting President Barb Truax with the badge box.



Bruce Faulkner addressing The Women's Probus Club members.



President Max and the Management Committee of The Women's Probus Club of Lindsay.

**Gerald L. Brown, Editor – Probus Banner.....**

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