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Meeting Highlights :

- Vice President Ted Abbot opened the Remembrance Day ceremony, on behalf of President Max, by extending a warm welcomed to all members, their spouses/partners and special guests.
- He proceeded by acknowledging three special guests who would be taking part in the ceremony as it progressed :
 - Ada Wynston – guest speaker;
 - John Hunter – bag piper (formerly – Lindsay Pipes and Drums);
 - Jim Lindsay – trumpeter (formerly – Toronto Metropolitan Silver Band).
- Next he introduced Bruce Faulkner who directed every ones attention to the flags on display at the front of the room. Along with the usual array of Canadian flags, a Dutch flag (which was provided by Dirk Koolhaas) was displayed as part of this special ceremony service.
- He then presented a brief history lesson in regards to this flag which become the official Dutch flag in February of 1937.
- Next he called upon Past President Stewart Kell to come forward and help carry out an old Navy tradition, the ringing of a bell, and making it become 11:00am, after which the remembrance part of the service commenced.
- An outline of the Remembrance Service :
 - a rendition of the "Last Post" played by Jim Lindsay;
 - two minutes of silence;
 - the lament played by piper John Hunter;
 - group singing of the Dutch and Canadian National anthems;
 - reading of "Flanders Fields" by Ada Wynston;
 - Reveille played by piper John Hunter
 - and finally the group singing of "God Save the Queen" which closed the ceremony part of the service.
- Vice President Ted Abbot came forward and introduced our special guest speaker Ada Wynston to the group.
- A brief outline of her presentation regarding her personal experiences during the German occupation in the Netherlands during World War 2.
 - She was born in Amsterdam in 1936 to a Jewish family, her father was a music teacher and her mother ran her own hair dressing salon.
 - She was four, her brother was one and her sister was two and half years old when Hitler and his armies occupied the Netherlands.
 - Public schools were closed to Jewish kids and they were moved to a building strictly for them.
 - Because of fierce raids that occurred thereafter, she was taken out of that school by her parents.
 - A note, there were thirty-five students in that special Jewish school and only four of them survived the occupation and she was one.
 - In 1942, the Jewish people were made to wear a yellow star on their clothes so they could be identified as such.
 - She was riding a street car one day with her mother when it was stopped by the Gestapo and all the Jews on board were taken away. The only thing that saved Ada that day was her cardigan sweater that covered up the yellow star on her blouse. She was pushed off the bus with another passenger and ran home to her father, never to see her mother again.



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Health and Welfare

It was great to have a couple of club members (Art Truax and Tom Crowe) feeling well enough again to attend the special Remembrance Service.

Next Month's Guest Speaker

There will be **"NO"** guest speaker at next month's meeting because it is our club's **"Annual Christmas Party"** on **Tuesday, December 13th** starting at 11:30am.





Bruce Faulkner presenting guest speaker "Ada Wynston" with a gift basket on behalf of club.



Vice President Ted Abbot, trumpeter Jim Lindsay and piper John Hunter (left to right).



Guest speaker "Ada Wynston" and newly elected Vice President Ted Abbot.



Club members, spouses/partners and special guests mingled and enjoyed refreshments before the Remembrance Day Ceremony commenced.

- o Another note, her mother and seventy-two of their other immediate relatives were murdered in Auschwitz-Birkenau during the occupation.
- o Along with her brother and sister and 229 other Jewish children, they were taken to Jewish Day Care Centre in the heart of Amsterdam.
- o This centre was suppose to be stop-gap before they were transported to a camp in North-East of the Netherlands and then on to the death camps.
- o Her father in the mean time had managed to go into hiding with a Christian family, where he remained for the duration of the war.
- o The churches formed resistance groups and these Day Care children were taken care of by Christian Reformed students.
- o These students looked after us and managed to get us out and take us to various hiding places during the occupation period.
- o Ada then went on and described the hardships and a few of her pleasant memories that she experienced while being hidden by the different religious families during this terrible time period.
- o It was not until after the war had ended in 1947, that she was united with her brother and sister and they were told they could leave their war families and return to her father's home in Amsterdam.
- o She went on to explain that her father had remarried and what events took place during the years to follow.
- o She then immigrated to Canada in 1957, married a Canadian Navy veteran and has lived and worked in Toronto since.

- Upon completion of her presentation, she was thanked by Bruce Faulkner, on behalf of the membership and guests, and presented with a gift basket.
- Next Vice President Ted :
 - o presented piper John Hunter and trumpeter Jim Lindsay with a small token of appreciation for their part in Remembrance Day Service;
 - o extended a special thank you to the members that had taken a part in the planning and the presentation of this very special service;
 - o informed the group that 80 tickets had been sold for our annual Christmas Party and additional 16 tickets are now available for sale and if anyone is interested contact Ron Chartrand ;
 - o stated that Past President Stewart and Bruce Faulkner would be laying a wreath at Remembrance Service downtown on behalf of our Probus Club and requested all members to attend, if possible, and show our support;
 - o thanked all in attendance for coming to the service and making it the largest group of people (almost 100) to attended one of our functions and then adjourned the meeting.

" WHO AM I " MEMBER OF THE MONTH



My name is : **BRUCE FAULKNER.**

I was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1936. My wife Lynne and I presently live at 14 Weldon Court in the north end of Lindsay and we had two children..

In the past, we have lived in Dundas, Toronto and Oshawa, Ontario. My profession was as a pharmacists, and I was owner of Quinn's Pharmacy Limited (1965/1987) and the Associate – Shoppers Drug Mart (1987/2001) in Lindsay, Ontario.

I was an active member of the Rotary Club of Lindsay (1965/2006), Ontario Pharmacists' Association and the American College of Apothecariess.

As far as my hobbies and interests, I enjoy wine appreciation.

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



Special Insert

I had a request from Past President Stewart Kell to insert the following message in this month's banner for your review.

“ Sponsorship Program”

The Management Committee is pleased to advise club members that all but one of our original sponsors has decided to renew their support (please find the revised/updated sponsor business card information on the last page of this banner).

Based on the results of a recent poll conducted to determine membership use of the services offered by our sponsors It is obvious, and significant, that our sponsors have not based their renewed support solely on the amount of business gained from club members or their families.

Stewart Kell,
Past President



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