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## Meeting Highlights :



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- Our November meeting/Remembrance Day Service was shifted to the Lindsay Armories, as this as a combine meeting with the Women's Club.
- President Max officially opened the meeting by introducing himself as the President of the Men's Probud Club and also their host for the morning service\meeting.
- Next he introduced the special group of individuals that were seated on the platform behind him :
  - Bruce Faulkner, a life time member of Men's Probud Club;
  - Barb Truax, President of the Women's Club and also acting co-host;
  - special guest speaker, Ann Louise Smith;
  - Lenora and Bob Puffer, representatives from both the Women's and Men's Probud Clubs.
- He then continued by extending a warm welcome to :
  - the Women's Probud Club of Lindsay, its President Barb Truax, their Management Committee and attending members;
  - all club member's spouses/partners or guests;
  - and a special welcome to guest speaker, Ann Louise Smith.
- He informed the group that it was our Club's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Remembrance Day service; but it was also our very 1<sup>st</sup> combine meeting with the women's club.
- He then read an excerpt from an e-mail he had received which he felt was most appropriate for the occasion. Its contents outlined the important roles that our veterans had fulfilled or played over the years and how their brave and courageous actions made this country what it is today.
- Next he called upon Life Member Bruce Faulkner to come forward and commence with today's Service of Remembrance.
- Bruce started by drawing everyone's attention to the three flags that were on display on the platform beside him. He then identified each individual flag, called it by name and presented a brief background of its history.
- He then called upon President Barb Truax to come forward and help him carry out an old Navy tradition called "Making It So". This long standing exercise enables Navy personnel to make believe that it is precisely 11:00 am on November 11<sup>th</sup> regardless of the present time frame. This exercise or task was attained by the chiming or ringing of a bell and reciting certain lines.
- Following this exercise, the remembrance part of the service commenced.
- An outline of the Remembrance Service :
  - group singing of "O' Canada";
  - a rendition of the "Last Post" played by trumpeter, Jim Lindsay;
  - the lament played by piper John Hunter;
  - two minutes of silence;
  - reading of "Flanders Fields" by Ann Louise Smith;
  - "Reveille" played by trumpeter, Jim Lindsay;
  - closing out the ceremony part of the service with a group singing of "God Save the Queen".
- Next President Max called upon club member Bob Puffer to come forward and introduced our special guest speaker for the morning, Ann Louise Smith.

## Special Notice

**" No " meeting in December  
due to our Christmas Luncheon  
that is being held at the**



**on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**



Club members, Bob and Lenora Puffer along with special guest speaker Ann Louise Smith (middle).



Picture image of Ann Louise's uncle, Walter Anderson, MD.



Display of articles or belongings that once belonged to Walter Anderson.



Past President Stewart Kell (left) and President Max Radiff laid a wreath during the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Probus Club.

- A brief outline of her presentation, which concerned a book that she wrote regarding her memories of her uncle, Walter Anderson, M.D :
  - The book was launched in 2009 and it was a first-person story about her Uncle's life during his time in India during the Second World War and his time spend as a POW building the Burma Thailand Railway.
  - The bulk of information that was gathered for the book came from 21 trunks that sat in the basement of her parent's and grandmother's home in Toronto for years.
  - This documentation contained her uncle's detailed diaries, postcards and letters he sent home during this time frame.
  - She also stated that she was not an author; but by using these documents, as well as her own research, she wrote the story.
  - She wanted it known that during the editing process that her uncle's words remained unchanged and entered as written.
  - She then continued outlining her uncle's personal history.
    - Born in India to Canadian United Church missionaries.
    - Received his earlier education by attending teaching facilities managed or run by religious organizations.
    - After finishing schooling, he returned to Canada in 1934 where he attended University of Toronto and earned a BA, MD and PhD.
    - Upon completion, he appointed for a posting as a missionary and returned back to India in 1937.
    - Next he began training with the Indian army and eventually was put in charge of a military hospital because of medical degrees and background.
    - Next phase in his life, he travelled on the SS Devonshire to Singapore and was taken prisoner just a few days after his arrival.
    - He was then, along with thousands of other prisoners, forced to work on building the Burma to Thailand Railway by his captives.
    - During his captivity, he travelled around to a number of different prison-camp locations and treated the sick and dying.
    - He was in captivity for a total of five years and after this, it took him eight years to arrive back in India.
    - Upon his return to India, he was given the role of superintendent of a large hospital.
    - He finally retired in 1976 and returned to Canada and died in 1984.
- Upon completion of her presentation, she was thanked by Lenore Puffer, on behalf of the group in attendance and presented her with an honorarium.
- Next President Max called upon President Barb Truax to come forward and say a few words on behalf of the Women's Club of Lindsay.
- President Max then extended a thank you to all the individuals (from both clubs) who were instrumental in organizing this joint meeting, to the piper and trumpeter, and especially to all those who made the effort to attend this very special meeting.
- Next he presented a few items concerning the Christmas Luncheon.
  - only one ticket left, and a standby list is being created;
  - no ticket refunds after November 27<sup>th</sup>;
  - bus to load at Old Mill Park, starting at 10:30am and departing at 11:00 am sharp.
- In his closing remarks, he passed on thought that we should all take the time to remember our veterans and also the men and women in the armed services, both at home and abroad, who are serving at the present time.

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