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Meeting Highlights :

- Our meeting format was conducted as our Founder's Day and Annual General Meeting, using a different timing schedule due to the large agenda that needed to be addressed during the morning time frame.
- President Max Radiff called the meeting to order; and led the membership in a group singing of "O Canada".
- He then questioned the group to see who was staying to take part in the special luncheon that was taking place right at the Masonic Hall.
- Next he welcomed all the guests to our meeting and called upon club members Dave McClelland and Floyd Walden to introduce their guests, Grant Raven and Rodger Cook to the membership.
- Next President Max called upon Vice President Ted Abbot to come forward and introduce our guest speaker Dennis Carter Edwards, who presently serves as a Historian Emeritus with the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- Dennis started his presentation by stating that by utilizing extensive archival collections of plans, photos and documents held by the canal, he was able to trace the long and often controversial development of the canal over the period 1833 to 1920. This canal system was formally conceived or constructed to be utilized as an internal supply line and also as an extensive defensive system throughout the country in the years to come. He also stated that it was not an accident the greatest periods of canal expansion occurred around election time as the government of the day, responded to public demands for expansion of the system of locks and dams that ultimately provided through navigation from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay. He went on and elaborated about all the different government agencies, designers and engineers, and also private individuals that played an important role or parts in the construction of this massive navigation system. One of the more relevant aspects of the canal's history was the efforts of the Trent Waterway Development Association. This was a group that was formerly incorporated in the 1920's and consisted of politicians, business leaders and tourism operators, to promote tourism along the entire system. They decided to impose a 5% levy per resident in these communities to use to fund a wide range of promotion items, including a glossy publication, silent black and white film, magazine articles and travelling displays which were displayed at the various boat shows in Canada and United States during the 1920's and 1930's. He went on explaining the time periods /frames and different construction techniques that were utilized during the building of the dams and locks throughout the complete canal system over the years. He stated as to the future of Waterway, he referred to the list of recommendations that contained in the recent government panel report, "It's All About the Water", and the government's commitment to adopt many of the report's recommendations. He finished his presentation with the following statement; "One thing is for certain, the water course has been changed irrevocably and like it or not, water management will remain a constant and necessary obligation by the government throughout the years to come".
- Upon completion of his presentation, club member Bob Barkwell was called upon to thank Dennis on behalf of the membership and presented him with an honorarium.
- President Max called upon Milt Battersby (Health and Welfare) to address any health issues concerning our membership. Milt stated that he had some sad news to pass regarding the death of Wayne Brumwell's (our Club's treasurer) brother Dwight, who died on the weekend.

Special Notice

November's meeting will be our "Remembrance Day" meeting and will be held at the Armoury.

Next Month's Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, November 13th



Ann Louise Smith

"Memories of my Uncle, Walter Anderson M.D. - POW on the Thailand-Burma Railway along the River Kwai".



President Max presenting club member Bruce Faulkner with his "Lifetime Membership Award".



President Max officially welcoming new member Frank Graham into our club.



President Max officially welcoming new member Gord Lindsay into our club.



Club member Bob Barkwell thanking guest speaker Dennis Carter Edwards for his presentation on behalf of our club.

- Next President Max informed the membership that there were two new members to be inducted into our club. He called upon Membership Director Rodger Smith to come forward and direct the official ceremony at that time.
- Rodger requested that the two new members and their sponsors to come forward and take part in the induction ceremony.
 - Frank Graham and his sponsor Richard Graham (brother);
 - Gord Lindsay and his sponsor Ron Fevang.
- Next President Max officially welcomed Frank and Gord into our Club and presented them with their name badges and the Probus Club's blue folder.
- Then after a short break was offered, followed by the commencement of our Annual General Meeting
- The agenda commenced with all the directors presenting their reports and requesting their adoption by the membership:
 - Adoption of the Agenda (President Max); moved by Gerald Brown and was seconded by Ron Wysynski.
 - Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (President Max); moved by Jim Torrie and was seconded by Ben Jowitt.
 - President's Report (President Max); moved by President Max and was seconded by Harry Newton.
 - Treasurer's Report (Wayne Brumwell); moved by George McFadden and was seconded by Milt Battersby.
 - Appoint of Auditors (Ron Chartrand); moved by Ron Chartrand and was seconded by John Hunter.
 - Director's Report;
 - Club Services (Ron Chartrand); moved by Ron Chartrand and was seconded by Tom Crowe.
 - Membership (Rodger Smith); moved by Rodger Smith and was seconded by Stan Hill.
 - Program (Vice President Ted Abbot); moved by Ted Abbot and was seconded by Dave McClelland.
- Next President Max informed the group that it was his great pleasure to present a special award to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of our club over the years. He called upon Bruce Faulkner to come forward and receive his "**Lifetime Membership Award**", the first of its' kind presented by our club to a very distinguished member.
- Next Vice President Ted Abbot presented "The Report of the Nominating Committee", which he moved to be adopted and was seconded by Bob Barkwell.
- Next President Max proceeded with the "Election of Officers and Directors" and then asked for nominations from the floor, which was repeated 3 times as per a directive by Probus Canada. None were indicated at that time, and as a result, the slate of Officers and Directors were acclaimed.
- Next the 2012-2013 Management Committee was introduced by displaying the members' images on the big screen via a slideshow.
- Then President Max addressed a "By-Law Amendment", an insertion of a new paragraph in the By-law 3 Management section which he had already circulated electronically to the membership for their review.
- That completed the agenda for our Annual General Meeting; President Max adjourned the meeting and the membership enjoyed a luncheon that was provided right at the Masonic Hall.

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

(Glb /October / 2012)

The following pages contains the contents of all the reports that were presented at the AGM :

- President's Report (Max Radiff);
- Treasurer's Report (Wayne Brumwell);
- Director's Reports :
 - Club Services (Ron Chartrand);
 - Membership (Rodger Smith);
 - Program (Vice President Ted Abbot).

President's Report

As you all know the goal of Probus is two-fold: namely, to organize regular meetings which provide the members with the opportunity to socialize and to listen to informative speakers, and to organize outings that provide members with the opportunity to socialize and to broaden their horizons. I am pleased to be able to report that your Management Committee and those who have volunteered to get involved have been able to reach both these goals this past year. Our regular meetings have been excellent events. We have heard from a wide-range of speakers on topics I'm sure many of you thought could not possibly be interesting but were and we all owe a great deal of thanks to Director/Program Ted Abbot and his hard-working Program Committee. We also owe Ron Chartrand Director/Club Services and his committed group of volunteers for the organization and set-up of each of our meetings and for all of the calories he imports every month.

Our three special events – the trip to see Warhorse, the tour of Fort York, and the September BBQ – have all been well attended and in addition have made it possible to socialize away from the Club setting at the same time as we indulge in other aspects of retirement. Thanks to those who volunteered their time to organize all these events.

The Club has also been fortunate to have Gerald Brown create and deliver what is one of the best newsletters in Probus – our Banner. Those of you who have been unable to attend a meeting are kept up-to-date on what transpired there. Our Banner publicizes our events, provides us with some biographical information on the members, and gives us something to remember what the Club is all about. Thanks Gerald - you have spent many hours volunteering your time helping to tie us all together in this organization.

Now let's look briefly at a couple of the bureaucratic aspects of the Club. On the screen you will see a pie graph showing how your dues have been spent this year and you will notice that the vast majority of money has gone to meeting expenses like honoraria, room rentals, goodies, etc. and this is as it should be. The remainder of your dues has been spent on items like insurance, printing, etc. that are the price of doing business. Your Management Committee has tried to ensure that you receive full value for your dollar. Of course, those who attend regularly get greater value than those who don't so if you want to be sure you're getting your money's worth be sure to be here!!!

One of our initiatives has been to organize a policies and procedures type manual which will contain amongst other things a set of job descriptions for each of the positions on the Management Committee so that when we come asking – and we **will** be asking - for volunteers to fill positions we will be able to hand over a list of the duties. This manual should be available in the very near future. The reason it is not ready today is that it is very difficult to find a few days when things aren't changing within it – it is definitely one of those moving targets you hear about! For instance, at the last Management Committee meeting we created a new office on the Committee – the Director/Communications. The Committee felt that since the editor of The Banner is so much involved in the M.C.'s business it would be most appropriate to have that person sitting on the Committee as a voting member.

Well, that's enough of a report. Bottom line is that this organization is in great shape – our membership is growing – not as fast as the Women's but who cares. The percentages that we get out to our meetings indicates that, as a whole, the members are satisfied with what happens here and, I'm sure I speak on behalf of the Management Committee when I say that, the fact that you are enjoying Probus makes all the effort worthwhile.

Treasurer's Report :

At the start of report, Wayne Brumwell, our treasurer, displaying his financial worksheet on the big projection screen for the membership to view.

As you can see from the financial statement on the screen, we were able to fund all these activities within budget, and produce a small surplus of \$1500.00.

The surplus was used to purchase some additional assets and add \$1000.00 to our investment portfolio of GIC's.

We ended the year with \$1000.00 in the bank and \$4200.00 invested in GIC's, giving the Club a comfortable reserve for emergencies. It is not our plan to increase this reserve substantially in the future since our mandate is to spend membership dues on Club activities and its members.

The 3rd column in the statement on the screen is our budget for 2012/2013. After reviewing all of our potential expenditures it was felt that we could keep the membership dues for the coming year unchanged at \$85.00. The end result is a surplus of \$7.00.

And finally, the 2nd page of the financial summarizes all of the Clubs assets as at September 30, 2012 - a total of \$8900.00.

**Wayne Brumwell,
Treasurer, The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay.**

Service Club Services Director's Report :

We are presently negotiating with the Masonic Lodge for the 2013 rental agreement. The stumbling block continues to be the months of February and September where the second Tuesday of these months is not available. One option is to have our meetings on the third Tuesday of these months, or another proposal is to continue to hold our meetings at another venue. We will get back to you soon on this matter. The rental rate will be increased to \$75. per meeting.

Thanks to Ron Warrilow and the Unity Church for renting their PA system to us at a reasonable cost.

Thanks to Bob Barkwell for accepting to help with the audio/visual equipment at our meetings. You will note that Bob is our Special Events person as well as being on the phone committee.

Many thanks to our team that places all the tables and chairs, flags, banner, etc. at each of the meetings.

To make room for this large group today, you will have noticed that Wayne & I are located in the lobby to accommodate more tables and chairs and more space in the meeting room during social time. We are collecting Membership Dues and selling tickets for our Christmas Luncheon. If you haven't signed up yet, we will be available at the end of the meeting.

We just received a new stock of Probus shirts and hats and we have them on display along the wall. If you wish to purchase an item, please see Bob Barkwell. Shirts are \$30.00 and hats \$16.00. For those who don't golf, we now have hats without the magnetic ball marker on the visor. At any time in between meetings, you can purchase any of these items by contacting me at home at 324-6707.

**Ron Chartrand,
Director – Club Services, The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay.**

Membership Director's Report :

We started the year with 65 members and 11 new members joined our ranks. Three of our group passed away and one moved to Halifax. On September 30, there were 72 on the roll.

One of my duties is to chair the Telephone Committee and I would be remiss if I failed to say Thank You to each and every one of the fifteen men who assisted very capably when called upon.

Keep up the good work in bringing in new members.

**Rodger Smith,
Director – Membership, The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay.**

Program Director's Report :

NOVEMBER SPEAKER, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th at THE ARMOURY

Ann Louise Smith – is an author who will be speaking on her uncle, Walter Anderson M.D., a Canadian missionary doctor stationed in India, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese early in World War 2. Ann Louise will have a display of her artifacts as well as her book “Canadian Missionary POW on the Death Railway” on sale for \$25.00

Spouses, as usual, are invited.

Note that this is a joint meeting with the Women's Probus Club, hence having the meeting at the Armoury and maybe 150 – 200 people in attendance.

Although not compulsory, most Club members wear a jacket and tie for this Remembrance meeting.

At this time, I would like to thank all the members of the Program Committer for their work in bringing interesting speakers to our monthly meetings.

Committee Members are: Ron Richards, Bob Puffer, Ed Stephenson, Dave Mooney, and Bob Barkwell who also doubled on Special Events.

EUCHRE CLUB

Again an attempt is being made to organize a Euchre Club as per the e-mail notice sent recently. Please contact Bruce or Stewart and not me.

I MOVE THAT THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED

Program Committee Report after Election

A new Committee has been struck for the upcoming year and consists of:
Hugh Burton, Bill Coe, John McCrae, Dennis Eaton and Bob Barkwell (who will also carry on with Special Events again).

Please contact any of these Committee Members if you have any thoughts on speakers for the coming year or other special activities such as bowling. We will be having our first meeting before the end of October.

**Ted Abbot,
Vice President,
Director – Program, The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay.**

AGM 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

The Committee members were: Stewart Kell, Life Member Bruce Faulkner and Ted Abbot

The following are the nominations for election to the Club's Management Committee for 2012 – 2013

President – Max Radiff

Vice-President and Director of Programs – Ted Abbot

Secretary – Bruce Taylor

Treasurer – Wayne Brumwell

Director of Membership – Rodger Smith

Director of Club Services – Ron Chartrand

Director of Communications – Gerald Brown (note that this is a new Director's position just recently added by the Management Committee)

I move that the report of the Nominating Committee be received.

**Ted Abbot,
Vice President,**

“ WHO AM I ” MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



My name is : **Ron Warrilow.**

My name is Ron Warrilow and I live at 15 Selena Street in Lindsay. I was born on Colborne Street in 1941 and moved two years later, just after my sister was born, to Cambridge Street, the white house directly across from the current location of the Post Office, and where my family lived for some 63 years.

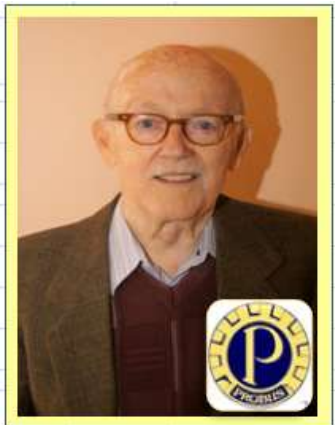
In 1961, I married Sandi and we had a daughter, Debbie in 1963, and a son, Darren in 1966. Unfortunately, Darren died in 1983.

My career was entirely with the Royal Bank, if you ignore part-time jobs while a school (King Albert and LCVI). I started in one of the Peterborough branches and moved from branch to branch until 1964 when I was granted a leave of absence to attend McMaster for my BA in Economics. After that it was off to Head Office in Montreal where I worked in a number of different departments: Systems, Personnel, Corporate Organization, Private Banking and Retirement Income Services before taking early retirement in 1994, only to immediately start back with the bank as a “Grey Panther”, which evolved into a full-time position as an investment and Retirement Planner until my formal retirement in October, 2000.

Along the way, I got involved in swimming, skiing, scuba diving, a bit of chess, reading and eventually the wide world of single malt scotch whiskies, which led me to form The Malt Whisky Appreciation Society in 2002.

Since I moved around a lot, I didn't really have the chance to join any service clubs but I did belong to some professional associations which were directly tied to my roles at the time and aren't worth mentioning here. At one time or another, I belonged to the Campus Couples Club (founder) at McMaster, the boards of a couple of community associations, Lindsay Little Theatre, Probus and of course my scotch club.

Besides Lindsay, over my life, I have lived in Peterborough, Sydenham, Kingston, Grand Valley, Burlington, Hamilton, Pierrefonds (QC), Kirkland (QC), Beaconsfield (QC), Whitby, Pickering, Bailieboro and not to mentioned 13 months in Kingston, Jamaica.



My name is : **Tom Crowe.**

I was born in Limerick, Southern Ireland in 1926. I married my wife Rosa in Delhi, Ontario in 1954. Spent two weeks in New York City for our honeymoon, We presently live at 37 Russell Street in Lindsay and we have raised four children over the years.

I spent four years in the RAF as radar operator, and at the end of the war, I was released in Singapore and the British Government paid my way to Canada In 1946.

I worked for Lindsay Specialty Products, one of largest in Lindsay, for 14 years as manager for corporate development, where at one time we employed approximately 730 workers. With Gen Instruments in Sydney, I was their personal manager and later as a customer relations manager. This company manufactured the push button part of the car radio which we supplied to all the Big Three auto giants.

We have travelled extensively, and toured Europe, Australia, China, India, Japan, Russia, Cuba and Alaska.

Over the years, we have lived in Toronto, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Mount Forest and Lindsay, Ontario.

I am past President of the Lindsay Royal Canadian Legion, past Treasurer of the Lindsay Liberal Party, Past Chair of the Boys and Girls Club, and RMH Hospital Board Chair.

Have been an avid stamp and antique collector, and presently I enjoy reading history and biographies and writing my memoirs.



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