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Meeting Highlights

- As directed at last month's meeting, the membership boarded a bus at the Masonic Hall and were delivered to the Sir Sandford Fleming College.
- Upon arrival, the members were directed to a classroom facility, where they enjoyed coffee and delicious pastries.
- President Stewart opened the meeting by introducing and presenting new member, Paul Terrill, with his blue folder containing the Club Constitution, membership list, name badge and lapel pin.
- He then commented on the quality of last month's speaker, Donald Rumball, and the participation of the members of the Men's Club of Newmarket in a round of golf following the meeting. He also noted that he had been able to interest that 130 member club in buying their Probus golf caps and Probus golf shirts from a Lindsay supplier.
- **Personal Service Providers:**
 - Stewart advised that the club advertising project had been successfully completed and that all ten advertising spots had been sold. He also noted that each and all of the ten advertisers approached had not only been quick to seize the value offered but all indicated their full support of our club. It was noted that the advertising revenue raised covered the cost of the new power point projector which will see constant use at our monthly meetings (***see President Stewart's personal comments concerning these service providers on the last page of this banner***).
- Stewart then went on to say that our next meeting, October 12th, should be back at the Masonic Temple building. However, it appears that the roof repairs were more extensive than originally thought and, in fact, the entire roof is being rebuilt. An alternative venue for the October meeting is currently being sought.
- Stewart noted that the October meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will see the confirmation of the Management Committee for the next season. Peter Doyle, who is the Probus Director for District #1 will be joining us and assisting in the induction ceremony.
- Our guest speaker will be club member, Jack Wilson, who is going to try and explain some of the mysteries of the current crop of credit cards. Jack has a broad, knowledgeable background in this industry and will surely give us something to think about.
- Following the meeting, an in-house, gourmet sandwich, luncheon will be served at the small cost of \$5 per head.

Note :

- Due to continuing roof repairs at the Masonic Temple, the **October 12th - Annual General Meeting** will be held at the **Olympia Restaurant** in their upstairs banquet room.

Next Month's (October) Guest Speaker ?

- Jack Wilson, speaking on the mysteries of current credit cards.



Newest member Paul Terrill is officially welcomed into the club.

Meeting Highlights Cont'd

- Professor Steve Wilkinson of SSFC introduced the group to the mysteries of horizontal drilling by using a series of diagrams and an introductory video. Following the in-class lecture the group was led out to where a horizontal drilling machine had been set up and were treated to a physical demonstration. Professor Wilkinson explained that horizontal drilling was a relatively new science which was gaining in popularity because of its relative unobtrusiveness in a busy or crowded environment and its ability to drill under rivers or other obstacles where open ditch construction would be impossible.
- A major aspect of horizontal drilling is the driller's ability to select the proper slurry, or 'mud' as it is known, to lubricate the passage of the drill and seal the passage when the drill is withdrawn.
- A unique feature of this type of drilling is that the drill head can be guided electronically to pass over, around or under obstacles, such as utilities, which are identified from the surface by a hand held, radar type meter.
- It was a fascinating demonstration and the group expressed its thanks to Professor Wilkinson by presenting him with a small gift
- Following the demonstration the group enjoyed lunch with the SSFC students in the cafeteria. Due to a shortage of seating the group moved into the student's lounge and took over most of the tables. Instead of the students being (understandably) resentful they gave up their seats most graciously. What a nice group of young people! The food, as usual, was excellent and made for the end of an almost (but for the rain) perfect day.
- After the luncheon, the membership loaded the bus again and was taken back to Masonic Hall location.

Words of Wisdom to live by :

- There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity.
- One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation.
- You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.
- We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young.

Health and Welfare :

Milt Battersby wishes to pass on a medical update concerning two of our club members :

- *Don Sindry has arrived home after 29 days of extensive rehab in a Toronto hospital. The medical staff is quite happy with his progress but he still has to have rehab twice a week to further his improvement.*
- *On a more sorrowing note, Jack Goodwin has been taken off life support and his family is by his side.*

**DON'T FORGET THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES
ARE DUE AS OF OCTOBER 01, 2010
(\$ 85.00)**

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE TO THE NEXT MEETING .

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- "**Roy Wainman**, who is a local guy, isn't just a painter and decorator. He can advise you on colour and design and is able to install counter tops, do some plumbing and just about any type of renovation you might have in mind. In fact, Roy decorated my current home. I have seen some of his renovation work and I recommend him highly. In addition, his rates are **very** reasonable."
- "**The Kawartha Therapeutic Centre** is owned and operated by Dr. Michael Carney who offers a full range of therapeutic services, including chiropractic, acupuncture, massage and rehabilitation. I know of which I speak as both my wife and I use his services on a regular basis. However, I would argue that Michael's real claim to fame is that, as far as I know, he is the only chiropractor ever recommended by a doctor. How about that!"
- "Neither Ray DeNure or his company, **DeNure Tours**, needs any introduction. Ray is a well known local businessman and DeNure Tours is simply the best coach operator, in Ontario. For those who have used DeNure Tours in the past you should know that that they are now offering a unique European riverboat cruise experience. Also, Ray has bought a new place at Myrtle Beach, SC , the "Ocean Reef" resort which looks like a winner.
- "When people talk about any funeral home you get a sense of oldness, stuffiness and tradition. However, that is most certainly not the case when dealing with the **Mackey Funeral Home**. You may recall our speaker last month talking about the rate of change taking place in society and how tradition was going by the wayside. Nowhere, apparently, is it more obvious than in the funeral business. My wife and I recently visited with Linden Mackey to make arrangements for "our passage to the other side". We actually chose a traditional service with 'tea and cookies' to follow. However, Linden was explaining the incredible changes that were taking place in the industry and how he was coping with the modern day requirements. He can virtually offer anything you wish in a funeral service – from a traditional ceremony with all the trappings to a modern high tech event."
- "**Hutton, Evans, Flynn** are a firm of locally known and highly regarded chartered accountants. You may remember when partner, Andrew Flynn, spoke to our club and offered all sorts of good advice particularly to those of us who are inclined to play the market. Following Andrew's presentation I personally decided to make use of their services and believe me it was one of the best decisions I ever made."
- "Some would argue that it is hard to say anything good about a lawyer but in the case of **Len Siegel** that would not be true. Len is not only an outstanding lawyer but he and his wife, Patty, are well known for their contribution to the community. I haven't used Len's services myself but I know some of our club members have and they were very happy with the way things turned out."
- "**The Lindsay Ear Clinic** and the Bobcaygeon Hearing Service are both owned and operated by local residents, Jim and Marie Roy. Recently my wife and I took advantage of a free hearing test being offered. Knowing that I am starting to have some hearing problems I fully expected to be sold some sort of hearing aid. What a surprise – no sales pitch! As it turned out I do have a slight hearing problem but apparently not enough to warrant a hearing aid. At least, not yet! Well, guess where I will be having my next test?"
- "**The Eye Care Centre** a locally owned and operated business. You can depend on both Rudy and Steve to fit you up with the right eye glasses and they can arrange for you to have your eyes tested right on the premises."
- "**The Silver Connection** is a locally owned company. The owners, Twila Del Fatti and Barb Smith provide a free service to new and long time residents to help them find local companies or contractors to meet their needs. Among the services available are: health and wellness, automotive, financial, bereavement, home maintenance/repair/build, lawn care and home cleaning and support."
- **Beard and Webster** - people are inclined to think of chiropodists in the old way. They remove bunions, treat chillblains, etc. Well! that is no longer true of the profession. Dr. Beard treated me for a severe case of plantar fasciitis and with one treatment resolved my problem and eliminated most of the pain. They are experts at designing orthotics that work and offer a full range of footwear. However, the best part for us older folks is having your toe nails cut and callouses removed - what a treat!