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## Meeting Highlights :

- Our membership gathered at a different venue this month, the Heavy Equipment classroom at the Frost Campus of Fleming College.
- President Max Radiff called the meeting to order; and lead the membership in a group singing of "O Canada".
- Next President Max added a little humor to the agenda and presented the membership with a reading of a funny yarn called "Slide Down The Banister of Life".
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon at a new location, the Durham Café, which is located in the south end of Lindsay on Durham Street (21 to attend).
- Next he welcomed guests to our meeting and called upon club member Ron Fevang to introduce his guest Dr. Gordon Lindsay to the membership.
- President Max proceeded by presenting his remarks regarding the latest Management Committee meeting :
  - Spoke about the up-coming September 18<sup>th</sup> barbeque which will be held at the Lindsay Rugby Club clubhouse.
  - Reminder that October's meeting is our Founder's Day meeting. It is also our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the timing for that meeting, which will be held at the regular location, will be as follows :
    - **social time 9:30am to 10:00am instead of 10:00 to 10:30am;**
    - **meeting will commence at 10:00am instead of 10:30am.**
  - The guest speaker will be Dennis Carter-Edwards from Parks Canada. Telephone Committee will be contacting all members to see if they will be attending this meeting, thus allowing us to order the correct amount of lunches required. There will be a nominal charge of \$5.00 for each lunch and the Club will pick up the additional charges remaining.
  - Next item, he read a proposed by-law amendment for due notice – any member wishing a copy may obtain one by contacting Max.
  - He continued by informing the membership that the Remembrance Day meeting will be held at the Armories and will be a combined meeting with Women's Club, more details to follow at a later date.
  - **(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES MENTIONED ABOVE) .....**
- President Max informed the membership that Milt Battersby (Health and Welfare) had contacted him and informed him that he was going to be absent from our meeting and he was not aware of any health issues regarding/concerning our membership at the present time. No members had anything to add.
- President Max called upon Director/Program Ted Abbot to come forward and present items of interest from the Program Committee. He:
  - passed on a reminder about the up-coming golf day on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> (Mill Run Golf Club) and indicated that there was still time if anyone else was interested in signing up along with the 10 members already going.
  - passed on some comments about the Fort York bus trip – a great success and that everyone seemed to enjoy the group outing.
  - read a couple of letters that he had received from previous guest speakers – John Boyko and Murray Rodd.
- Max welcomed Linda Skilton, Principal of the Frost Campus, to our meeting and Ms Skilton gave us an enthusiastic welcome to the College and an upbeat summary of the recent achievements of the campus as well as her hopes for its future.

## Special Notice

**A reminder that October's meeting is our Annual General Meeting and our yearly membership fees of \$85.00 are due.**

## Next Month's Guest Speaker

**TUESDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup>**



**Dennis Carter-Edwards**

**Parks Canada**

**"The Trent Severn Waterway – A Study in Politics as well as Engineering.**

## 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.....**



Club member Dave McClelland thanking guest speaker Carmen Moore for his presentation on behalf of our club.

### Words of Wisdom to live by :

- **" Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."**  
~ Rodin
- **"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it."**  
~ W. M. Lewislost."
- **"Don't fear failure so much that you refuse to try new things. The saddest summary of a life contains two descriptions: might have, and should have."**  
~ Louis E. Boone
- **"Fix your eyes forward on what you can do, not back on what you cannot change."**  
~ Tom Clancy

- Next President Max stated that if none of the membership had any other business that they wished to discuss that he would call upon Ron Morgan to come forward and introduce our guest speaker, Carmen Moore
- Carmen has been a professor at Fleming College for the last 25 years and also has been their Coordinator of the Heavy Equipment Program since 1999 at that facility.
- A brief outline of his presentation regarding this Heavy Equipment program :
  - The college receives about 500 applications each year for this program and accepts or trains approximately 150 students per term.
  - There are three different courses that are offered within this program :
    - **Heavy duty operator :**
      - In this 12-week program students learn about the operation and preventative maintenance of heavy construction equipment. The Heavy Equipment Operator program is all about hands-on learning. Students develop skills they need using bulldozers, rubber-tired loaders, tractor loader backhoes, hydraulic excavators, and various other construction site equipment. Courses include personal, work site and equipment safety, earthmoving technology, equipment maintenance, and heavy equipment operating techniques.
    - **Heavy Equipment Techniques Programs :**
      - The study of the overhaul, maintenance and repair of heavy equipment. Upon completion, students have a comprehensive background in mechanical studies, preventative maintenance, safe shop practices, and equipment.
      - The Centre for Heavy Equipment Technology at Fleming College is the only one of its kind. It is sponsored by the Canadian Association of Equipment Distributors (CAED), Ontario Chapter - with its 200 member companies who sell, service, and use heavy equipment.
    - **Field of Electrical and Alternate Power Generation :**
      - Upon successful completion of this program, students have acquired this expertise and will receive an Ontario College Diploma in Electrical Power Generation at the Technician level.
    - The college is known for its use of up-to-date equipment, quality programs, high industry placement rate, and skilled, knowledgeable instructors.
    - Their excellent relationships with the industry mean jobs - linking students to potential employment opportunities upon graduation.
- Upon completion of his presentation, Dave McClelland thanked Carmen on behalf of the membership and presented him with an honorarium. Carmen, in turn, asked that this honorarium be donated to the local Christmas Stocking Fund on his behalf.
- President Max adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to the Durham Cafe.

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## “ WHO AM I ” MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



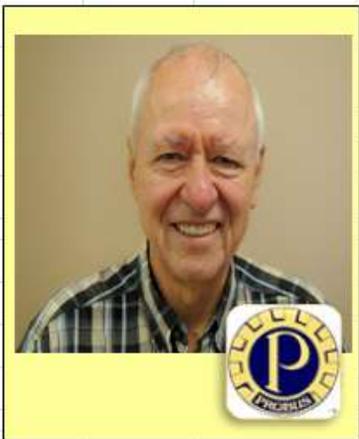
My name is : **Don Holbrook.**

I was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1951. My partner Kathleen Nesbitt and I presently live at 17 Selena Street in Lindsay. In the past I have attended schools in South Etobicoke, Oakville and Rexdale. My career with Ministry of Transportation (aside from auditing throughout the province) has taken me to Downsview and St. Catharines, Ontario. Over the years, I have raised two children, Amanda who is employed by Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and Jeremy, who is studying at Algonquin College in Ottawa to become a Mechanical Engineering Technician.

My working career spanned twenty-nine and half years, all with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The positions I have held, Internal Auditor for the MTO, Auditing Head, District and Regional Offices, Agencies, Boards, and Commissions including Driver Exam Centres and Vehicle Permit Agents, Municipal Auditor for MTO Auditing Ontario Municipalities, Budget/Finance Analyst MTO, Analyzing Financial and Budgetary expenditures for the Ministry.

In the past, I have belonged to the Internal Auditors Association; I was Treasurer of the MTO (Downsview) United Way and Federated Health Campaigns, and a member of the Food Acquisition Committee for the Kawartha Lakes Food Source.

As for my hobbies and interests, I enjoy golf, playing cards, cross country skiing, travel and cruising.



My name is : **Bob Bryant.**

I was born and raised in the gold mining community of Kirkland Lake, Ontario in 1941. For the past thirteen years, my wife, Jennifer, and I have lived in a winterized home on Sturgeon Lake just outside of Fenelon Falls. Prior to that, we spent 31 years in Welland, Ontario, where we raised our two children.

After graduating from the University of Western Ontario in 1964, I embarked on a life-long dream to work my way around the world. Eighteen jobs and thirty-six countries later, I arrived home for the tail end of Expo '67 and enrolled in Althouse College of Education in London, Ontario. That year was very successful as I not only earned a teaching diploma but also met my future wife. We then settled in the Niagara area where I taught business subjects and helped administer the co-operative education program.

Over the years, my interests and involvements included running ski trips for both adolescents and adults, renovating older homes, cycling, camping and travelling. During these golden years of retirement, much time is devoted to the enjoyment of country living – boating, cycling, hiking; and in the winter, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. My fascination and love for world travel continues with two or three major trips each year. I am a member of the newly-formed Eastern Canada chapter of the Travelers' Century Club, an association for those who have visited a least a hundred different countries and territories.

**Special Insert From the Editor :**

*In this section of the banner every month, I will be displaying a few random picture images that I have taken over the years at past Club outings.....*



Fort York Trip – August, 2012



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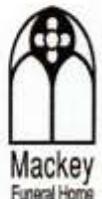
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