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Meeting Highlights :

- Due to President Max Radiff's absence, Vice President Ted Abbot called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at Hobart's Steakhouse which is located in the Kent Place Mall on Kent Street West (23 attended).
- Next he reminded the membership that October's meeting is our Annual General Meeting, at which a free lunch will be provided for our members and guests will charged a fee of \$10.
- Next Ted called upon member Dennis Eaton to come forward and introduce our guest speaker Sandra Joyce :
 - a native Torontonion and a graduate of Ryerson University's Journalism degree program;
 - she has been :
 - publicist for CBS Records Canada;
 - manager of rock bands;
 - contract negotiator for the German Department of Defense;
 - a free-lance sports writer; and
 - consultant at an independent music company;
 - currently Sandra is an English teacher and storyteller in Toronto and working on her second novel;
 - she is also Vice-President of Media for the Terry Fox Beaches Run.

- Her Presentation was titled : **"The Street Arab – The Story of a British Home Child"** and below is a brief outline that she provided to me :

- Over a period of 80 years, from just after Canadian Confederation in 1869 to the beginning of the Second World War, as estimated 120,000 children were sent from the UK to Canada to work as indentured farm workers and labourers. These "British Home Children" were sent by at least 55 childcare organizations in the UK to distribution houses located in different parts of Canada. From there, within a few days, the children were either picked up by the farmers or were sent on the last leg of their journeys by train, sometimes with just a cardboard sign around their necks to identify them. Siblings sent over by the same organizations were separated, sometimes never to see each other again. At times, these children were treated fairly and were even accepted as members of the family they were sent to. More often than not, these children were subjected to physical and verbal abuse. There were no systems set in place to make sure that these "Street Arabs", as they were often called, were being taken care of properly. Some of the larger organizations sent supervisors to check on conditions once a year but their visits were often foiled by inclement weather and lack of travelable roads. Even when they did arrive, they would often only interview the farmers, as the boys were out working at that time. The charitable organizations in the UK were often run by philanthropists who believed that the children would have better and healthier lifestyles, working and living on a farm in Canada – giving them a fresh start in a new country. Yet eugenics – the belief that one's genetic makeup determined intelligence and mental ability, was running rampant at the time, even in Canada. These children, who were often just the victims of



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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. **Just a reminder that October's meeting is our AGM ((ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)).**
2. **Free lunch will be provided for the membership and a \$10.00 charge to guests.**
3. **ANNUAL FEES ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 01ST, AND THEY REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S (\$85).**

Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, October 8th



Elaine Charal

"Power of the Pen"



Club member (R) Stan Hill thanking Sandra Joyce (L) for her presentation.



Vice President Ted officially welcoming new member Richard Luty (R) into of our club.

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.....

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Circumstance (over 70 percent had one parent still alive) were shunned. Parents of Canadians were afraid that they would sully their bloodlines. The reason for writing "The Street Arab – The Story of a British Home Child" was to further expose the story of one of the best kept secrets in Canadian history. The Children, like her own father, kept quiet about their background, as they had been made to feel shame of their humble beginnings.

This piece of historical fiction was written in this format to ensure that all Canadians, regardless of their heritage, could be reached. This was one of the most important influx of immigrants in Canadian history, at a time when the population of Canada was much lower than now.

It estimated that currently one in ten Canadians is a descendant of these children. That would be 3.5 million people. **Her final statement : "These children were truly the builders of our Nation".**

- o Club member Stan Hill thanked Sandra for her presentation and presented her with an honorarium.
- Next Ted informed the membership that there was a new member to be inducted and called upon Membership Director, Rodger Smith, to conduct the ceremony.
- Rodger asked Richard Luty (his sponsor John Hunter was absent) to come forward for his induction and to receive his official name badge, blue folder and Probus pin which were presented by Vice President Ted.
- Next Ted presented highlights from April 2nd Management Committee meeting :
 - o The Women's Probus Club have purchased the Audio system and they are allowing our Club to use it free of charge.
 - o The new Management Committee will be looking at some kind of recognition for milestone years membership in the Club as well as Founding and Charter Members.
 - o The Nominating Committee is chaired by the President-Elect and is to have 2 Past Presidents if available. We only have 2 Past-Presidents, Bruce Faulkner and Stewart Kell, so Ted chose them.
 - o These three committee members worked on and have come up with the following slate for the Management Committee for 2013 – 2014 :
 - Vice President (President-Elect) : Bruce Taylor
 - Secretary : Don Holbrook
 - Treasurer : Wayne Brumwell
 - Director – Programs : Sal Polito
 - Director – Membership : Stan Hill
 - Director – Club Services : Bob Barkwell
 - Director – Communications : Gerald Brown
 - o Ted then thanked Bruce and Stewart for their contribution to this committee.
 - o He also informed the membership that any of the candidates nominated can be contested by a Club member who wishes to be on the Management Committee.
- Next Vice President Ted presented items of interest from the Program Committee :
 - o Bonspiel on Wednesday, November 27th at the Lindsay Curling Club. Cost is \$35 per person and includes 2 – 6 end games, dinner and prizes. Individuals or teams are welcome, and anyone interested should contact club member Jerry Ford as soon as possible.
 - o As part of our October's AGM, the speaker will be Elaine Charel who is a certified handwriting analyst.
 - o Christmas luncheon and show booked at the Lakeview Arts Barn on Tuesday, December 17th and tickets will go on sale at the AGM meeting next month. There will be a bus made available for up to 44 people as they that purchase tickets.
 - o **Membership fees due October 01st and remain the same.**
- Next Milt Battersby informed the membership that fellow member Harold Brown under-went by-pass surgery in Toronto and is progressing well.
- Vice President Ted then adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to Hobart's Steakhouse.



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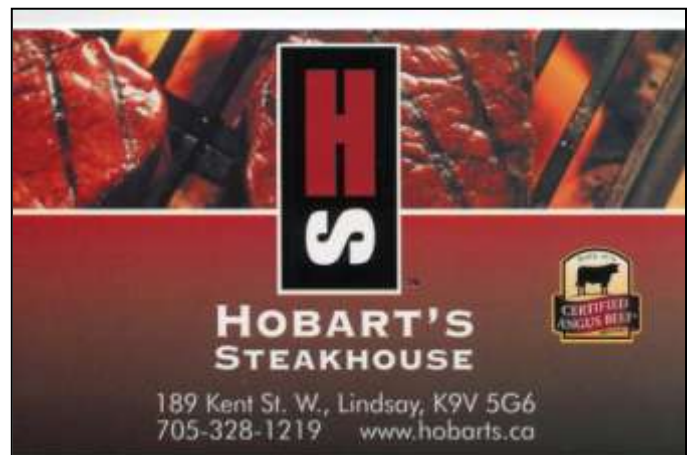
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“ WHO AM I MEMBERS OF THE MONTH ”



My name is : **Richard Luty.**

I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and grew up in Toronto, Ontario.

I graduated from York University in Toronto and moved to Lindsay in 1976. During my teaching career, I taught at Grandview Public School in Lindsay and also at Fenelon Township Public School.

As far as hobbies and interests, I enjoy golf, curling, train travel and model railroading. Painting is another activity that I enjoy, and over the years, I have painted the train caboose at Memorial Park a number of times. I have also painted in places as far away as Yellowknife in the Yukon Territories.

My wife, Lorraine and I have two sons, one of whom lives in Australia. Over the years, we have travelled there nine times, but because of a new grandson, we will be making many more trips “down under” in the future.