

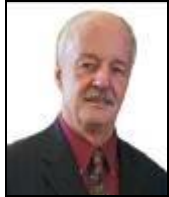


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Meeting Highlights :

- President Ted Abbot called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at Olympia Restaurant which is located on Kent Street West.
- Ted called upon Club member, Dennis Eaton to introduce the morning's guest speaker, Zita Devan, who is the wife of one our members.
- Dennis presented a brief history of Zita's personal background :
 - she has been married to her husband Brian for 53 years and they have raised 6 children;
 - since retiring from Fleming College, she has become known in our community for her advocacy in the areas of Homelessness, Affordable Housing and Poverty;
 - she is the founding Chair of "A Place Called Home", which is a 19 bed hostel for homeless single men, women, youth and families with children in this community;
 - a member of the City of Kawartha Lakes Poverty Reduction Steering Committee and the current Chair of the local Access to Permanent Housing Committee.
- Zita's presentation was called "A Framework For Understanding Poverty", and here is brief outline of it :
 - she opened her presentation with the following statement, "**There is no one solution for poverty**"; and poverty affects every individual, family and community;
 - approximately seven per cent of all people locally are living below the LICO rate (Low Income Cut Off) and the families living in the lowest income bracket are living on an average income of \$16,100 per year;
 - poverty costs every family in our area, approximately between \$2300 and \$2900 per year;
 - families on social assistance paying market-rent spends 60% or more of their income on rent and utilities;
 - Her involvement began, when she was approached by Rev. Andrew Murray, who at that time was the Minister at St. Andrews Church, and requested that she help set-up an organization to help the homeless people within the area at that time and in the future time frame.
 - Zita, along with Rev. Murray, contacted all churches within the city and requested that they send a representative to a meeting that was being held at the Queen Street United Church, regarding the organization of a new committee to aid these needy individuals in our area.
 - Following this, Access to Permanent Housing Committee and the Poverty Coalition Committee was formed, and in October 2010 they presented a deputation to City Council to development a joint Poverty Reduction Strategy, which was approved by the Councils of the City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton.
 - A community agency-led approach was approved and through a consensus of agency representatives the lead agency, Technology Alliance Group (TAG) was chosen to develop the strategy. The lead agency was responsible for the development and writing of the strategy. TAG partnered with the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton and U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research to assist in the collection of data and research and to write the report.
 - Financial resources for the project were provided by both the City and County as well as through the partners.
 - The commitment of time and resources of residents, agencies and Steering Committee members in the development of this strategy was vital to the successes to date.

Health and Welfare Update

**Please notify RON MORGAN, Health and Welfare, if you have knowledge of any our members that are experiencing health issues at any time....
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Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, October 14th



Eric Conroy
History of the Keewatin



Club member Floyd Walden thanking Zita Devan (L) for her presentation.

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Words of Wisdow To Reflect On

But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine.

All great things are simple, and many can be expressed in single words: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

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- She continued on by presenting facts and figures regarding the subject of hunger and poverty conditions in Ontario and throughout all of Canada.
- Six out of Canada's ten provinces have adopted poverty reduction plans and are waiting on the federal government to adopt a national poverty reduction plan.
- For additional information to be studied she provided the following links :
 - **City of Kawartha Lakes 10-year Housing and Homeless Plan**
<http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/housing/10-year-housing-and-homelessness-plan>
 - **City of Kawartha Lakes Poverty Reduction Strategy**
<http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/house-and-home/poverty-reduction-strategy>
 - **Rethinking Poverty (City of Kawartha Lakes) -**
<http://www.hkpr.on.ca/Portals/0/PDF%20Files%20-%20Lifestyles%20report%20edition%20III%20Kawartha%20WEB%201%29.pdf>
 - **Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit "Re-Think Poverty" Complete website** <http://www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Adults/Poverty.aspx>
 - **Calculation for Income-Cut- Off (LICO)**
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75f0002m/2009002/s2-eng.htm>
 - **Poverty Reduction Strategy 2014-2019 -**
<http://www.ontario.ca/home-and-community/realizing-our-potential-poverty-reduction-strategy-2014-2019>
- She concluded her presentation by stating that **all people** living in the City of Kawartha Lakes should have an equal opportunity to make decisions that allow them and families, to live a long and healthy life that they are entitled to.
- Ted called upon Floyd Walden to come forward and thank Zita, on behalf of the Club members, for her very informative presentation and presented her with an honorarium.
- Following a short break, President Ted proceeded with the "Club Business" part of the meeting and stated no new members were to be inducted at that time and presently our membership stands at "98".
- President Ted informed the membership that he jumped the gun when he stated at the last meeting that our membership dues were due, but are not due until October 1st and they remain at \$85.00.
- He stated there was no Management Committee meeting in September, therefore no items to report.
- Next he called upon Vice President Bruce Taylor to come forward and present any new updates from our Nomination Committee process. Bruce stated that any member that wished to have his name added to the nomination listing, must do so at least 14 days in advance (as per our By-Laws) of our Annual General Meeting, thus the final day deadline would be as of September 30th.
- Sal Polito, Program Director was absent, so Ted presented the following information regarding any up-coming program events :
 - **our October meeting is our Annual General Meeting (AGM)** – free lunch provided for members and for attending guests a \$10 fee if staying;
 - arrangements have been made to have Eric Conroy, who was the main person responsible for bringing the Keewatin ship back to Port McNicoll from the United States. He was to do a presentation for us when our Club made the trip to view the ship on August 19th, but due to a medical emergency regarding his wife, was unable to do so at that time.
 - event information :
 - up-coming Fall Social at the Rugby Club taking place on September 16th, organized by John McCrae;
 - golf day with the Newmarket Club on September 11th, 7 of members are attending so far, organized by Wayne Brumwell;
 - Keewatin trip; 51 members travelled and enjoyed a very informative and interesting bus trip;
 - **this year's Christmas Luncheon on December 9th, Admiral Inn, \$60 per person, and tickets will be available for sale at the up-coming Annual General Meeting.**
- Ted reported for Ron Morgan, Health and Welfare, that Hugh Burton had surgery and he now is recovering at home. Ted Howes has leg circulation problems, but is progressing well and also Neil McWilliams is dealing with an internal medical condition at present time.
- Ted then adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to the Olympia Restaurant.

Special Notice

I am taking this opportunity to introduce the three Club members that have been nominated, and will become members of our 2015 Management Committee at our Annual General Meeting next Tuesday. Please find below their pictures, images and a brief history of their personal backgrounds for your review..



Mike Catling - (Vice President position replacing Bruce Taylor)

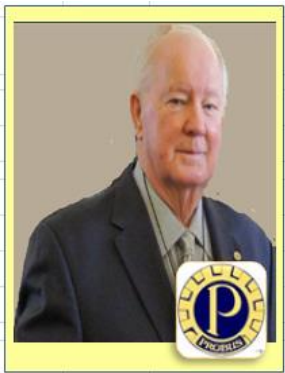
I was born in Toronto in 1946.

My wife Ruby and I presently live at 9 Callburn Lane, R.R.#1 in Cameron, Ontario and over the years, we raised one child.

I hold both a BA and Masters degree in education and was a teacher for the Scarborough Board of Education and the Victoria County Board, which is now known as Trillium Lakelands. During my teaching years, I enjoyed coaching track and field and volleyball at the schools and won a few county championships over the years.

My interests include gardening, travel, computers, photography and language as a perennial student of the French language.

In the past I was a member of Woodville Lions Club and the Retired Teachers Executive as their newsletter editor and publisher.



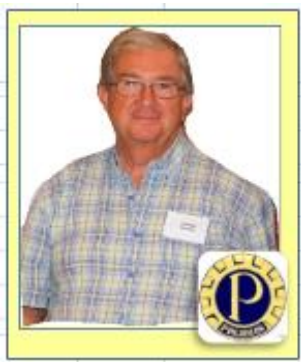
George McFadden - (Director Membership replacing Stan Hill)

I was born in Lindsay, Ontario in 1932. My wife Gwyneth and I presently live at 15 Langton Place, Lindsay.

We just recently celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary. We raised two children; Heather lives in Lindsay with her husband Jeff Sinclair and my son, Clark, lives in White Rock B.C. with his wife, Teresa. I am retired after 34 years as Superintendent of Abex Industries Limited in Lindsay, a manufacturer of brake lining used for automobiles, trucks, aircraft and locomotives. It was located on Colborne Street, East, and employed up to 250 employees, plus 20-30 of a sales staff located in all Provinces of Canada. This site which played a critical part in Lindsay's history was demolished in the 1990's and production was moved to the U.S.A.

As for my hobbies and interests, I have curled for 65 years at the Lindsay Curling Club. I have played golf at the old Lindsay Golf Club and I am now a member at the new Lindsay Golf and Country Club. I am also interested in and like to read about history and politics.

I am a Past President (2 times) and Life Member of Lindsay Curling Club, a Past President and Life Member of the Kinsmen Club of Lindsay, and Past Chairman of the Lindsay Recreation Commission. I am an Elder and Trustee of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay and past active and now Honourary Member of the Rotary Club of Lindsay.



Richard Graham - (Program Director replacing Sal Polito)

I was born in Lindsay, Ontario.

My wife Lynda and I presently live at 91 South Harbour Drive in Bobcaygeon, Ontario.

During my working career, I held the position as Director, Industrial Ingredients at Southbrook Vineyards which is one of Niagara on the Lake's prime vineyards.

As for hobbies and other interests, I enjoy boating, curling, bocce, gardening, golf and horseshoes.



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