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Next Meeting Tuesday June 12



George Laidlaw

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Meeting Highlights

Opening and Announcements:

President Bert Blackwood called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. Bert surveyed the members about their attendance at Friendly's for the optional lunch. Five guests were introduced to the meeting. Bill Legere introduced both John Rose and Peter Newman, Gord Travis introduced John Ruiter, Howard Smith introduced Ron Black and Bert Blackwood introduced Don Blanchard. Jack Kyle (sponsor Dennis Eaton), Gord Travis (sponsor Bert Blackwood) and Winston Wood (sponsor Ron Warrilow) were inducted into the club. John Sale announced the results of the special interests survey. He also reminded the members that the club is in need of a vice-president for next year. John also highlighted Ron Morgan's important role as Health and Welfare officer for the club. Ron Baldwin provided an update for the upcoming golf tournament on Monday June 11. President Bert announced the first annual golf tournament in early September for all members of the Lindsay Men's Probud Club, Lindsay Women's Probud Club and the Fenelon Falls Probud Club and their partners. Lastly, Gord Travis made an announcement about an upcoming open house for all Probud members and their partners at the Lindsay Lawn Bowling Club on May 30 from 10:00 am to noon.

Guest Speaker: Corinne Miller



Ron Wallace, Program Director, was asked to introduce our guest speaker, Corinne Miller. Corinne has been associated with the Camp X museum and historical society, located in Oshawa, for many years. Corinne is married and the mother of two sons and has one grandchild. Corinne's father was enrolled at Camp X from late 1942 to 1944 as an agent. Her hobbies and interests include history, hiking, cooking and gardening.

According to Corinne, Camp X was also known as Special Training School 103. There were several other training schools around the world and all of them were kept outside of the war zones. Each camp taught a different set



Bert Blackwood (L) and Dennis Eaton (C) welcomed Jack Kyle (R) to the club.



Bert Blackwood (L) and Ron Warrilow (R) welcomed Gord Travis (second from left) and Winston Wood (second from right) to the club.

of specialized skills. Winston Churchill ordered the camp built to provide agents to go behind the lines in occupied France. Recruits could not volunteer to attend Camp X. You were hand selected if you had a skill that the allies needed. The camp was opened on December 6, 1941, one day before the attack on Pearl Harbour. The staff learned about Pearl Harbour along with everyone else around the world. They did not have prior knowledge. 500 men and women were trained at the facility in special warfare tactics such as munitions, ordnance, forging documents, demolitions, propaganda, code breaking (Hydra), psychological warfare and fast killing (3 seconds or less). The Americans sent 6 agents to the camp. After the war, these 6 agents helped set up the current CIA. The primary role of the agents was to get behind enemy lines and provide the allies with a clearer picture of what was happening. Each agent was given a cyanide pill to take in case of capture, so that they could die quickly and avoid being tortured and giving away secrets. Agents had a 50-50 chance of being killed behind the lines. Corinne's father was 17 years of age when he was recruited in 1944. He was sent to Montevideo, Uruguay to spy on the German sailors. The camp was closed in September 1945, but it remained a military installation for the Signal Corp for several years. Parks Canada now owns the site and a plaque has been erected to honour the site.



Ron Wallace thanked Corinne Miller for her presentation.

Closing: President Bert Blackwood concluded the meeting with a humorous story about buying a talking Labrador retriever who claimed to be a former spy.

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