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April Meeting Update

The club held its April meeting on Tuesday 9th. After a 30 minute social time, Club President **John Sale** opened the meeting at 10:30am, with those in attendance singing 'Oh Canada'. John announced that the optional lunch following the meeting would be held at the Symposium Cafe restaurant.

We had two guests invited by **Ray Smith**, who was unfortunately taken ill and unable to attend; so Ray's guests, **Rudy Maroski** and **John Cochrane** introduced themselves.

Health and Welfare - **Ron Morgan**. We received a card from Elaine Kells, Stewart's widow, expressing her thanks for the cards and visits from members, and the club's donation to the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes.

There are still three members due to receive their ten year pins, who were not at our last meeting. **Ed Stephenson** was at this meeting and John Sale presented him with his 10 year pin.

John Saunders took an excellent photograph of the group receiving their ten year pins at the last meeting, and you can see this on the website. John has also submitted an article and photo to the local paper, but nothing has appeared as yet.

John Sale asked Bert Blackwood to introduce **Mel Smith**, who has been approved by the Management Committee, and was duly inducted as a new member and welcomed into the club.

Ron Wallace introduced our guest speaker, **Dan Buchanan** who gave an illustrative and energetic talk about the story contained in his most recent book "38 Hours to Montreal: William Weller and the Governor Generals Race of 1840". Dan's extensive research into the people, places and conditions of the time provided a detailed insight into life in the 1840's and he complemented his talk with a slide show, picturing many of the structures that may still be seen along the way in small towns and villages between Toronto and Montreal. Following his talk Ron Wallace thanked Dan and interested club members were able to purchase a copy of Dan's book.

John Sale closed the meeting with an eye catching story about an attractive redhead and her dinner companion.

Health and Welfare

Please notify

Ron Morgan

(705) 324-2318

If you have knowledge of a member who is experiencing health issues at any time.

Next Meeting

Tuesday May 14th 2019

**"Whiskey & Wickedness in the
Kawarthas & Haliburton"**

Speaker: Larry Cotton

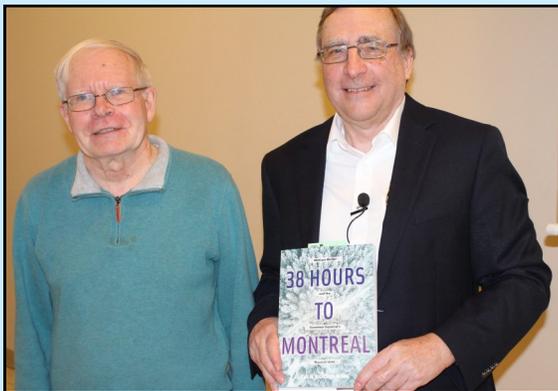


John Sale presented a 10 year award to Ed Stephenson



John Sale & Bert Blackwood welcome new member Mel Smith.

A little bit about Dan Buchanan



Ron Wallace thanks Dan for his talk.

Dan Buchanan lives in Brighton and is known around Northumberland County as "The History Guy". Since 2000 Dan has done massive genealogy research and provides the details on his web site at www.treesbydan.com for all to see and use. He has a database of well over 95,000 individuals radiating out from his own families which settled in the north end of Brighton Township. Emphasis is on documenting family connections between early settler families rather than finding relatives. There is also a lot of detail about local history along with the regular family tree information. He calls it "Community Genealogy" which represents a unique blend of family and local history.

In his role as a local history consultant, Dan has been involved in the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society which plans to restore the iconic lighthouse at Presqu'ile. He has also supported The H.M.S, Speedy Foundation in order to preserve this important history story. He also has supported Proctor House Museum as a guest speaker at their Canada 150 event. The Brighton Heritage Advisory Committee is supported with research material for historical plaques which that committee places around the community.

<http://www.treesbydan.com/>

<http://danbuchananhistoryguy.com>

Management Committee Meeting - April 2nd 2019

There are several items the management committee is working on...most significantly;

The position of Vice President needs to be filled and the Nominating Committee requests that any member interested in serving in this role, please contact Bert Blackwood directly.

The clubs finances are in balance although a small surplus would be useful in handling unexpected expenses. Two options are being considered. Firstly a 50/50 draw at each monthly meeting and secondly the selling of advertising spaces in our monthly newsletter. With respect to the 50/50 draw; we will conduct an trial run at the May meeting to determine the level of interest from members. With respect to advertising; this is something the club used to do and we are looking for a few volunteers to possibly restart this initiative, anyone interested in helping please contact John Sale.