



Rotary Club of Peterborough November 7, 2016

(Submitted by John McCormack)

President Bruce Gravel opened the meeting at 12:13 PM. Our venue for the meeting was at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club, with approximately 125 in attendance.

With Remembrance Day the theme, Bruce commented that this date, November 7, 1950, was the date that the first Canadian soldiers arrived in Korea. Bruce also mentioned that this was the date (Nov. 7, 1885) that the famous "Last Spike" was driven in by Donald Smith at Craigellachie, B.C., to complete the CPR to the west coast. This editor will mention that November 8 is National Aboriginal Veteran's Day in Canada. After Grace, and the Four Way Test by Cal Langman, the singing of O Canada was enriched with the trumpet of Ken Seim supporting Paul Bodrug's piano.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: We were blessed today with a near record of 36 guests! They included 19 curlers from Scotland, who were all Rotarians, 8 local visiting Rotarians, 6 First Nations from Curve Lake, plus guests of our members.

Editor's note: Due to the special nature of the program, and it's length, the normal meeting pattern was not followed. Sergeant-at-Arms, Exchange Student remarks, Happy Bucks, were not on the program.

Announcements: A reminder from **Linn Thain** that the Paul Harris dinner meeting on Nov. 21 requires advance registration and payment. The Captain of the Scottish curlers introduced his Rotarian travellers, who are on a 3 week trip across our region. That evening was scheduled for a quiet dinner evening at Jim and Wendy Coyle's! He also, appropriately, chastised President Bruce for his lack of correct Scottish pronunciation when saying "Craigellachie". Anyone who has visited NE

President: Bruce Gravel

Past President: Alan Ingram

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Directors:

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November Birthdays:

November 7 - Mike Evans
November 8 - Sally Harding
November 11 - Jim Moloney
November 14 - Andrew Welk
November 15 - Neil Campbell
November 18 - Linda Mitchelson
November 25 - Frank Gishman
November 29 - Wendy Hill-Coyle
November 30 - John Cockburn

November Club Member Anniversaries:

November 2 - Milan Ichniovsky
November 2 - Peter Thomas
November 3 - Sharon Lees
November 14 - Lyn Kimmett
November 15 - Wayne Harding
November 15 - John Thomas
November 19 - Arlene Blunck
November 27 - Rick Storey
November 28 - Eleanor Down
November 29 - Joe Kapron
November 30 - Linda Mitchelson

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Upcoming Program Schedule



November 14 – John Stevenson, CEO Peterborough Utilities Group

November 21 – Evening Dinner Meeting, PG&CC – Paul Harris Awards Presentations

Scotland where the “other” Craiggellachie is located, should know better!

Programme: We had a two part program with separate speakers. The theme for both was the involvement of First Nations people in our nation's past wars.

Garry introduced Past Chief Keith Knott of Curve Lake. Keith explained the symbolic eagle feathered staff representing the community's veterans. Janet McCue and Mary Taylor, the Wshkiigomang Singers with hand drum accompany, sang in Objibway, O Canada and their veteran's Honour Song. They noted that they were honoured to do the same at a visit to Juno Beach, Normandy, a few years ago. Murray Whetung was a visitor. At age 95 on Nov. 30, he is the last WW11 veteran still at Curve Lake. Keith outlined the involvement of First Nations people in the wars supporting Canada. First starting with the War of 1812 when 150 warriors joined the British forces at Niagara. WW1 saw 22 Curve Lake men join the army. This when the total population of the community was only 200. Keith was very proud of his community's involvement through WW11 and the Korean war. He commented on the deeds of Canada's most highly decorated First Nation's veteran. Tommy Prince, from Manitoba, who was decorated for valour in both WW11 and in Korea.

Keith mentioned that while the First Nations were involved, they were not officially Canadian citizens. When the federal “Indian Act” was written in 1876 First nations were omitted as Canadians. This was corrected in 1960.

Our second speaker was Sgt. Arthur Brownlaw from Toronto. A veteran of the Korean war and a military companion of Tommy Prince. As mentioned above, Tommy was a highly decorated veteran and a First Nations man. Art followed Tommy's path from the Manitoba residential school he attended through his joining the army in 1939 at age 24. He then joined a special forces section, nick-named the Devils Brigade, and served through Italy with the joint Canadian-USA Brigade. He was awarded the US army Silver Star for his valour . In 1950, at age 35 he rejoined to serve in Korea where he was once again honoured for his bravery. During his time there, he served with a soldier from Peterborough (Jimmy McDonald) who was killed. After returning to Canada and back to civilian life, he later rejoined the army for a second tour in Korea.

Garry Humphreys thanked the speakers for their presentations.

The meeting ended at 2:20 PM.

Can't Attend A Weekly Meeting... Maybe Make-up

Rotary Make-up Meetings may be sent to
Lucas Smith for your attendance credit.
Email: lucsmith@peterboro.net

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

If you are bringing a guest to Rotary, who may be interested in joining our club, please make sure you introduce this person to Martin Wormald or someone else on the Membership Committee. Martin or a committee member will look after talking to the guest and seeing them through the membership process. The Membership Committee has some information at the Holiday Inn that potential Rotarians can take away with them.