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Combining the 2 bulletins is not unheard of however the exercise may resemble an effort in bipolarism where the reader will have to actively pay attention in picking out the two events. Especially if I am rendering of this document, some of the written observances may seem obscure. I attribute this to the quickness of the weeks and the perceived passage of time as described as "flying by". This speeding by of moments from the 2 events fails to effervesce into solid memory which instead congeals as a semi homogenous state of contrivances so please be patient when reading below:

### Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

Guests: Allison Collins, George Bradly and Gary Elliot both from the CFIB

Noted: Rot Kim B-Day today which everyone broke into song

Attendance: 100%

Fines: Sarg Shelly for being late, Rot Kim for B-day, Rot Fred for Bulletin, Pres for error in previous bulletin, Rot John happy about the NDP, Rot Gary because of Leafs good showing and raising money for prostate cancer through the month of "Movember", Rot Colin for dating an even older woman (Rot Kim's age increased by a year)

Ticket: Drawn by Rot Fred but the pot stays

Program: Our guest, Mr. George Bradly and his counterpart, District Manager Gary talked about CFIB's role in advocated the rights of small businesses to government. Essentially they will take as membership any for profit organization that is not publically traded. Members are visited regularly by CFIB to detail ongoing small business issues being advocated on by their behalf and to receive input on items of interests to small business owners. Some of their accomplishments have been in the area of payroll tax, easier workers comp premium payments, and Credit Card code of conduct. A current challenge, according to George, is the effect that the current public pension scheme will have on the tax base going forward and how, if left unchanged, will increasingly burden small businesses. The speaker was thanked by the Pres and meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

### Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Guests: Martin Steele A.D.G. and Glen Durdle guest of Rot Gary

Noted: Rot Mike demo'd the Rotary Meeting Locator app on his Iphone

Attendance: 10 members and 2 guests

Fines/Happy Bucks: Rot John got rear ended on the highway but no one got hurt, Rot Lisa has 2 bucks one for kids back in at full days and back to Rotary, Rot Scott for great support from the town on proposed new trail association building, PDG Terry for being around for another birthday, Mr. Durdle paid for glad for being here, Rot Gary paid several because leafs are ahead in the standings and Glen has been proposed for membership, Rot Terry D is happy because the Habs are only 3 pts behind the Leafs, and Rot Fred paid to welcome Martin.

Ticket: Rot Lisa won the draw but not the pot.

Program: Fireside chat on membership and Foundation. The Pres in the opening comments had refreshed the members on the membership and retention action plan and said a lot of work was being done by the executive members. So far some results have been realized such as one new member, and proposals for 4 individuals for membership. There have been several fellowships such as the annual Miniauction and hosting Rotarians throughout the summer with more events planned moving forward. We have club runner, a face book page, and are working on other awareness materials that publicize Rotary. The focus for executive this year to boost our numbers so we can get back into the business of Rotary and when Martin spoke to the club, he emphasized the importance of getting our numbers up with dedicated individuals who want to join for the right reasons and are not afraid to take on leadership roles. Martin also chatted about Foundation, its importance, and how every dollar contributed goes toward a project and not for administration. One Rot had suggested that when approaching prospects for membership, have more than one Rotarian talk to them as this would help keep Rotary at the top of their minds. The Pres thanked Martin for taking the time for visiting with us and participating in our fireside.

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AH HA....I told you a fib from above. Instead of mangling 2 meetings together into a hodgepodge of sorts, I instead provided you with 2 excerpts on 2 events for your eyes to strain through via concise itemized bullets. I didn't have the heart to have you guys read through some semi contrived clap trap that resembled something of mashed vegetables drowned in gravy all because I gave you a sorry-arsed story of me being too busy to keep current on the bulletin. "Let's maintain the vegetables in their original naked form" thought I as I rendered out the bare facets of each meeting for you to appreciate.....*fin*.....

(...Epilogue...and now with my sugar stores spent, I sit in squalor waiting with pen in hand, for the next white bun glucose rush as only can be provided by the Mount)

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## Bulletins from December 29th and January 5th

December 29<sup>th</sup> is today here at the Mount with the gathered kin for the weekly nourishment of both food and mental exercises. Just for fun I wanted to see the differing viewpoints on some traffic right of way problems that we sometimes see here in town. I proposed then to delegate Rot Tim as the "Arbiter" to seek out the truth in the arguments and decide which was the winning side. The problem involved right of way at the bottom of Union St. intersection next to the Pipeline and after suggesting the scenario there was a healthy discussion for about 10 minutes while I gleefully dunked my Mount bun in the soup to soften it up a bit. I asked the Arbiter for a decision to which he provided. I promised all no matter what side you argued for, everyone needed a lollipop for a prize (but regrettable I didn't have them with me today). For more details on this decision, come along to the next meeting and discuss it further in detail. As for me, I was way too interested in determining the capillary action of the Mount's dried bun in my soup to comprehend what was going on with this fun filler and hence my lack of discourse on this.

But a little before that, I welcomed all into the Mount for another Rotary get together for da last time this year. We have as a special guest and a Sarg in training, Kashyla-Mari McDonald; Rot Kim's daughter, who help me with the bell throughout the meeting. She started the meeting so I could prompt everyone for the Ode to which PDG Terry graciously led. Afterwards the remaining crew, anxious to squat down again their seats, raised their glass to toast her majesty. Realizing what they had done I glowered at all hoping they could read my mind waves that the Grace comes prior. With the order of business reset we made it proper and everyone was happy....for now.

...Then there came the happy tokens to the pot! The Sarge arose to say that there were no fines however a treasure trove of happy bucks were forthcoming to the point of having to call in the accountants.... Rot Gary ranted on about hockey lore with something to do with some fracas concerning a Montreal Canadian English speaking fan>>>\$1, Rot Kim paid a buck for the pleasure of having her daughter Kashyla-Mari here with us today, Rot John honored the 2 victories from the junior hockey finals by paying a dollar, Kashyla put in a dollar herself because she was going to a friend's house after Rotary, Rot Fred paid a dollar in honor of Hon. John Crosbie who came so close to being the country's Prime Minister if it wasn't for his tongue in cheek commentary arsing up his chance, Rot Tim paid a dollar for his daughter being home, Rot Lisa paid for the privilege of telling the club of her lice story that "bugged" the household throughout the holidays...Happily, the lice are toast. Finally, Rot PDG Terry paid a dollar to tell of the joy of flying a new Cessna with the avionics of a jumbo jet. With everyone flying high from that fine the Prez asked Kim to report on attendance with a rough figure of 75% which included 2 makeup's.

The Prez, announcing that today was the AGM where we elect the new officer slate for 2012-2013 starting in July1st, put forward the nominations received thus far. Both Rot Kim, who was



nominated for President, and Rot Shelly who was nominated for Secretary, were awarded the positions through motions made and carried by the club. There were no nominations received for the positions of treasurer so no election was held on that position. Rot John nominated himself and Rot Kim nominated Rot Mike for the position of Vice President. Because these nominations were received during the AGM and not prior, it was motioned and carried by the club to hold a special election for this position at our next luncheon meeting giving absent club members a chance to vote.

Believe it or not, that “stuff” filled out the whole hour!. So the Prez asked our guest Kashyla for a little more help in excusing the members. By now she had mastered the gavel and gave the bell a ring to signify the end of the lunch gathering.

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January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

.....And now, the continuing saga of the election of officers for our Rotary club! In the prior meeting of December 29<sup>th</sup> if you were tuned in, both Rot Kim and Rot Shelly got in for the next Rotary year by acclamation for the position of President and Secretary respectively. For the first time ever, there was a battle for the position of Vice President between Rot John and Rot Mike...so much so the club had to defer the election until today so that members could exercise their voting privileges. I believe that this was a first as many Rotarians are “voluntold” into the various service positions...Kinda feels a little like “survivor” where there is only one winner....so keeping reading, stay tuned, and don’t miss a word in this thrilling saga as we disclose this election later in this publication!

The club welcomed a special guest of Rot Fred...Mr. Darren Mercer who is here visiting us today. Darren is originally from Bishop Falls and is currently studying for his PhD in Psychology. Da Prez mused that Darren can get a lot of thought starters for his doctoral thesis from the crazies gathered with us here today...Expecting “Here..Here” all the Pres got were stares of evil from this comment so he slumped down behind the podium looking for a hide-away. “Are they gone yet” thought he as he laid crouched. But to no avail as the gathered Rotarians were waiting for their meals; and the Mount wasn’t going to serve any until the meeting was officially opened. “Oh what the heck” thought the Prez for it was better to start the proceeding then have racious Rotarians gnawing on his bones as a lunch substitute. So he straightened up again, tapped the bell, and sheepishly asked the gathered to participate with him in the Ode. Rot Gary led the chorus with Rot Scott saying Grace and the Prez raising the toast to the Crown.

Da Prez got his nerve up again to ask Rot Joan to be our Stand in Sarg for the day as our other two Sarges were unaccounted for. She agreed to the task with Rot Lisa at her side to coach her thru. And then came the moment of truth....With lunch consumed Da Prez through a thickening Adam’s Apple managed to prompt the Stand in Sarg to discharge of her duty of fines, happy bucks, and the draw. She arose to the floor with forceful repose that the Prez automatically rifled around in his pocket hoping and praying for a buck to be there to pay the pain. There was a sense that she was in the game to exact penance from the guilty and there

was even a feeling that you were guilty of something even though you may not. There was no time wasted in this effort as like the dreadnaughts of old, her broadside of fines took out the starboard side of the room where every Rotarian there had to pay up for their never ending chatter of Hockey. Even Rot Scott, who was sitting amongst the guilty, got mired in this muckiness. However his saving throw was successful as he was passed over by the auditor while she moved on to the next victim.

Both the Prez and another got zinged for using their phones during the meeting and then just like that; it was over. It seemed as if a storm had blew out of the room and sunrays were streaming through the blinds. The Stand in Sarg changed her personality bubble to softer tones as she requested happy fines. Funny, the Prez could almost now hear the strings of Mozart and birds twittering in the background as sunlight warmed the room and the energy was relaxed and gleeful. "I have a happy buck!" chimed Rot Fred as he explained it was a good thing in the universe to have a friend of the family present with us today. Rot Lisa was next with her positive outlook for 2012 and which not has ended yet...so in goes a dollar to keep the good vibes going. Finally Rotarian Colin contributed to the positive energy by detailing his pleasure at being Mr. Mom for a week while Rot Kim was away. Keeping the momentum going The Stand in Sarg supervised the draw having our guest Duncan draw out PDG Terry's winning ducket. After some initial confusion as to which stack of cards is to be used PDG Terry decided on a card regrettably t'was not the winning one.

After the Stand in Sarg had taken her seat the Prez could stand up a bit straighter now and formally present to the club the two nominees for the office of Vice President for 2012; Rot John and Rot Mike. The Prez, pressing his luck, asked the Stand in Sarg to keep tally of the vote. Once the ballots were received and counted, Rotarian Mike came out on top of the election to win the office of the Vice President....congratulations Mike! The Prez thanked the Stand in Sarg for her very first successful official club duty. With no other business or program for the day the Prez dismissed everyone at the stuck of the bell and asked all to return next week where we will brainstorm uses for the Bowaters mill.

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Here's another example: "Dad, I dropped my Itouch and cracked the screen....it's ruined!" sobbingly said. Me, instead of "too bad but if you had listened to me on how to care for it that wouldn't happened", chose to order a new screen, go on you tube to figure out how to repair it, then spend the next 3 nights getting it back the way it was with the new part....And when it seem when that one is over, another crisis in child world springs abound to taunt and smother you until you feel thin and exasperated. Couple that with the many trips shuttling the offspring from one venue to the next, you start to wonder if you should provide them with a carrier's liability document....At least a pocket planner so they can dictate to you what their schedule is and order you around like some drone who's only purpose to them is to be their enabler. So when I can, I sneak my notebook into the washroom when you get some "me" time to scratch out a publication that deals with some of the comings and goings of Rotary before the next household crisis hits.

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### Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

Guests: Allison Collins, George Bradly and Gary Elliot both from the CFIB

Noted: Rot Kim B-Day today which everyone broke into song

Attendance: 100%

Fines: Sarg Shelly for being late, Rot Kim for B-day, Rot Fred for Bulletin, Pres for error in previous bulletin, Rot John happy about the NDP, Rot Gary because of Leafs good showing and raising money for prostate cancer through the month of "Movember", Rot Colin for dating an even older woman (Rot Kim's age increased by a year)

Ticket: Drawn by Rot Fred but the pot stays

Program: Our guest, Mr. George Bradly and his counterpart, District Manager Gary talked about CFIB's role in advocated the rights of small businesses to government. Essentially they will take as membership any for profit organization that is not publically traded. Members are visited regularly by CFIB to detail ongoing small business issues being advocated on by their behalf and to receive input on items of interests to small business owners. Some of their accomplishments have been in the area of payroll tax, easier workers comp premium payments, and Credit Card code of conduct. A current challenge, according to George, is the effect that the current public pension scheme will have on the tax base going forward and how, if left unchanged, will increasingly burden small businesses. The speaker was thanked by the Pres and meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

### Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Guests: Martin Steele A.D.G. and Glen Durdle guest of Rot Gary

Noted: Rot Mike demo'd the Rotary Meeting Locator app on his Iphone

Attendance: 10 members and 2 guests

Fines/Happy Bucks: Rot John got rear ended on the highway but no one got hurt, Rot Lisa has 2 bucks one for kids back in at full days and back to Rotary, Rot Scott for great support from the town on proposed new trail association building, PDG Terry for being around for another birthday, Mr. Durdle paid for glad for being here, Rot Gary paid several because leafs are ahead in the standings and Glen has been proposed for membership, Rot Terry D is happy because the Habs are only 3 pts behind the Leafs, and Rot Fred paid to welcome Martin.

Ticket: Rot Lisa won the draw but not the pot.

Program: Fireside chat on membership and Foundation. The Pres in the opening comments had refreshed the members on the membership and retention action plan and said a lot of work was being done by the executive members. So far some results have been realized such as one new member, and proposals for 4 individuals for membership. There have been several fellowships such as the annual Miniauction and hosting Rotarians throughout the summer with more events planned moving forward. We have club runner, a face book page, and are working on other awareness materials that publicize Rotary. The focus for executive this year to boost our numbers so we can get back into the business of Rotary and when Martin spoke to the club, he emphasized the importance of getting our numbers up with dedicated individuals who want to join for the right reasons and are not afraid to take on leadership roles. Martin also chatted about Foundation, its importance, and how every dollar contributed goes toward a project and not for administration. One Rot had suggested that when approaching prospects for membership, have more than one Rotarian talk to them as this would help keep Rotary at the top of their minds. The Pres thanked Martin for taking the time for visiting with us and participating in our fireside.

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AH HA....I told you a fib from above. Instead of mangling 2 meetings together into a hodgepodge of sorts, I instead provided you with 2 excerpts on 2 events for your eyes to strain through via concise itemized bullets. I didn't have the heart to have you guys read through some semi contrived clap trap that resembled something of mashed vegetables drowned in gravy all because I gave you a sorry-arsed story of me being too busy to keep current on the bulletin. "Let's maintain the vegetables in their original naked form" thought I as I rendered out the bare facets of each meeting for you to appreciate.....*fin*.....

(...Epilogue...and now with my sugar stores spent, I sit in squalor waiting with pen in hand, for the next white bun glucose rush as only can be provided by the Mount)

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## Bulletins from December 29th and January 5th

December 29<sup>th</sup> is today here at the Mount with the gathered kin for the weekly nourishment of both food and mental exercises. Just for fun I wanted to see the differing viewpoints on some traffic right of way problems that we sometimes see here in town. I proposed then to delegate Rot Tim as the "Arbiter" to seek out the truth in the arguments and decide which was the winning side. The problem involved right of way at the bottom of Union St. intersection next to the Pipeline and after suggesting the scenario there was a healthy discussion for about 10 minutes while I gleefully dunked my Mount bun in the soup to soften it up a bit. I asked the Arbiter for a decision to which he provided. I promised all no matter what side you argued for, everyone needed a lollipop for a prize (but regrettable I didn't have them with me today). For more details on this decision, come along to the next meeting and discuss it further in detail. As for me, I was way too interested in determining the capillary action of the Mount's dried bun in my soup to comprehend what was going on with this fun filler and hence my lack of discourse on this.

But a little before that, I welcomed all into the Mount for another Rotary get together for da last time this year. We have as a special guest and a Sarg in training, Kashyla-Mari McDonald; Rot Kim's daughter, who help me with the bell throughout the meeting. She started the meeting so I could prompt everyone for the Ode to which PDG Terry graciously led. Afterwards the remaining crew, anxious to squat down again their seats, raised their glass to toast her majesty. Realizing what they had done I glowered at all hoping they could read my mind waves that the Grace comes prior. With the order of business reset we made it proper and everyone was happy....for now.

...Then there came the happy tokens to the pot! The Sarge arose to say that there were no fines however a treasure trove of happy bucks were forthcoming to the point of having to call in the accountants.... Rot Gary ranted on about hockey lore with something to do with some fracas concerning a Montreal Canadian English speaking fan>>>\$1, Rot Kim paid a buck for the pleasure of having her daughter Kashyla-Mari here with us today, Rot John honored the 2 victories from the junior hockey finals by paying a dollar, Kashyla put in a dollar herself because she was going to a friend's house after Rotary, Rot Fred paid a dollar in honor of Hon. John Crosbie who came so close to being the country's Prime Minister if it wasn't for his tongue in cheek commentary arsing up his chance, Rot Tim paid a dollar for his daughter being home, Rot Lisa paid for the privilege of telling the club of her lice story that "bugged" the household throughout the holidays...Happily, the lice are toast. Finally, Rot PDG Terry paid a dollar to tell of the joy of flying a new Cessna with the avionics of a jumbo jet. With everyone flying high from that fine the Prez asked Kim to report on attendance with a rough figure of 75% which included 2 makeup's.

The Prez, announcing that today was the AGM where we elect the new officer slate for 2012-2013 starting in July1st, put forward the nominations received thus far. Both Rot Kim, who was

nominated for President, and Rot Shelly who was nominated for Secretary, were awarded the positions through motions made and carried by the club. There were no nominations received for the positions of treasurer so no election was held on that position. Rot John nominated himself and Rot Kim nominated Rot Mike for the position of Vice President. Because these nominations were received during the AGM and not prior, it was motioned and carried by the club to hold a special election for this position at our next luncheon meeting giving absent club members a chance to vote.

Believe it or not, that “stuff” filled out the whole hour!. So the Prez asked our guest Kashyla for a little more help in excusing the members. By now she had mastered the gavel and gave the bell a ring to signify the end of the lunch gathering.

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January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

.....And now, the continuing saga of the election of officers for our Rotary club! In the prior meeting of December 29<sup>th</sup> if you were tuned in, both Rot Kim and Rot Shelly got in for the next Rotary year by acclamation for the position of President and Secretary respectively. For the first time ever, there was a battle for the position of Vice President between Rot John and Rot Mike...so much so the club had to defer the election until today so that members could exercise their voting privileges. I believe that this was a first as many Rotarians are “voluntold” into the various service positions...Kinda feels a little like “survivor” where there is only one winner....so keeping reading, stay tuned, and don’t miss a word in this thrilling saga as we disclose this election later in this publication!

The club welcomed a special guest of Rot Fred...Mr. Darren Mercer who is here visiting us today. Darren is originally from Bishop Falls and is currently studying for his PhD in Psychology. Da Prez mused that Darren can get a lot of thought starters for his doctoral thesis from the crazies gathered with us here today...Expecting “Here..Here” all the Pres got were stares of evil from this comment so he slumped down behind the podium looking for a hide-away. “Are they gone yet” thought he as he laid crouched. But to no avail as the gathered Rotarians were waiting for their meals; and the Mount wasn’t going to serve any until the meeting was officially opened. “Oh what the heck” thought the Prez for it was better to start the proceeding then have racious Rotarians gnawing on his bones as a lunch substitute. So he straightened up again, tapped the bell, and sheepishly asked the gathered to participate with him in the Ode. Rot Gary led the chorus with Rot Scott saying Grace and the Prez raising the toast to the Crown.

Da Prez got his nerve up again to ask Rot Joan to be our Stand in Sarg for the day as our other two Sarges were unaccounted for. She agreed to the task with Rot Lisa at her side to coach her thru. And then came the moment of truth....With lunch consumed Da Prez through a thickening Adam’s Apple managed to prompt the Stand in Sarg to discharge of her duty of fines, happy bucks, and the draw. She arose to the floor with forceful repose that the Prez automatically rifled around in his pocket hoping and praying for a buck to be there to pay the pain. There was a sense that she was in the game to exact penance from the guilty and there

was even a feeling that you were guilty of something even though you may not. There was no time wasted in this effort as like the dreadnaughts of old, her broadside of fines took out the starboard side of the room where every Rotarian there had to pay up for their never ending chatter of Hockey. Even Rot Scott, who was sitting amongst the guilty, got mired in this muckiness. However his saving throw was successful as he was passed over by the auditor while she moved on to the next victim.

Both the Prez and another got zinged for using their phones during the meeting and then just like that; it was over. It seemed as if a storm had blew out of the room and sunrays were streaming through the blinds. The Stand in Sarg changed her personality bubble to softer tones as she requested happy fines. Funny, the Prez could almost now hear the strings of Mozart and birds twittering in the background as sunlight warmed the room and the energy was relaxed and gleeful. "I have a happy buck!" chimed Rot Fred as he explained it was a good thing in the universe to have a friend of the family present with us today. Rot Lisa was next with her positive outlook for 2012 and which not has ended yet...so in goes a dollar to keep the good vibes going. Finally Rotarian Colin contributed to the positive energy by detailing his pleasure at being Mr. Mom for a week while Rot Kim was away. Keeping the momentum going The Stand in Sarg supervised the draw having our guest Duncan draw out PDG Terry's winning ducket. After some initial confusion as to which stack of cards is to be used PDG Terry decided on a card regrettably t'was not the winning one.

After the Stand in Sarg had taken her seat the Prez could stand up a bit straighter now and formally present to the club the two nominees for the office of Vice President for 2012; Rot John and Rot Mike. The Prez, pressing his luck, asked the Stand in Sarg to keep tally of the vote. Once the ballots were received and counted, Rotarian Mike came out on top of the election to win the office of the Vice President....congratulations Mike! The Prez thanked the Stand in Sarg for her very first successful official club duty. With no other business or program for the day the Prez dismissed everyone at the stuck of the bell and asked all to return next week where we will brainstorm uses for the Bowaters mill.

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As busy as he is with the medical supply business, Duncan clued up his presentation by stating he does not longer work with young offenders. With that Pres Paul thanked Duncan for his interesting and informative presentation and hopes he can outlive all of us so that we can avail of his services when we get to a needy old age. Next Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we have Mr. Bradley George and Mr. Gary Elliot from the Canadian Federation of Independent businesses (CFIB) as our program so be sure to come along!

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Unlike the Sarg, Duncan came out of his seat to address the gathered from the podium. Duncan is in the medical hardware supply, rental, and repair business which deal in items such as wheelchairs, lifts, hospital beds, fittings, and those tertiary items which clients require to help accommodate a disability. He started this business 20 years ago when at the time he was working with young offenders. Then, Duncan repaired worn out medical devices as a side line. As a victim of circumstance, a client came to him one day with a broken wheel chair that needs to be replaced. Through his supplier contact he ordered a new one for the client which arrived in due order. Shortly afterwards, a hospital tender came out for 30 wheel chairs which Duncan was awarded. Realizing the potential he grew this business from a side interest into a going concern where today he supplies and rents a variety of items, maintains a supply store, and have 2 employees working with him as well. Duncan went on to detail that the provincial government, recognizing an aging population, have support programs for those who need aid appliances at home. As one example, a client can apply for up to \$7500 grant for the installation of such devices. Another program that the government utilizes is the "End of Life" program where palliative care can be done at home. Realizing that this is cheaper then hospital stays, the government can rent equipment such as a hospital bed from Duncan's firm to be placed into the client's home until their demise. This facilitates a choice for the terminal client and their families, according to Duncan, that seems to work well for both them and the system.

As busy as he is with the medical supply business, Duncan clued up his presentation by stating he does not longer work with young offenders. With that Pres Paul thanked Duncan for his interesting and informative presentation and hopes he can outlive all of us so that we can avail of his services when we get to a needy old age. Next Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we have Mr. Bradley George and Mr. Gary Elliot from the Canadian Federation of Independent businesses (CFIB) as our program so be sure to come along!

See you then  
**PRES PAUL**