

Vice-President Doug Davidson chaired today's meeting in the absence of President Gregg. This meeting was held in the Trinity United Church sanctuary with 38 members in attendance. Doug announced that sadly, one of our newer members, Ron Galbraith, has passed away within the past couple of weeks.

VP Doug Davidson welcomed two guest members attending today: Steve Buckingham and Steve Haveron.

Doug Davidson announced that the speaker at our next meeting will be Don Johns speaking on Dying with Dignity/MAID. The Speakers' Committee has discussed this topic and have thought it would be beneficial to include our spouses to learn about this topic. As a result, we thought we should consult with the membership on allowing spouses to attend this important subject. (Following a brief discussion on the pros and cons of permitting spouses to attend a straw-vote was held.)

M/S Doug Davidson / Kerry Gennings

Motion: That at the next meeting we allow our partners or spouses to attend the August 1st membership meeting on Dying with Dignity and that this is a one-time exception to our rules.

Carried

Announcements

Frank Webster, Chair of the Activities Committee

- Two announcements: The tour of the HMCS Haida needs to be signed up for by today for July 24th. Some people are going to car-pool and to do so we will meet up in the parking lot near Beer Town in Stone Road Mall at 9:50 am. The tour is scheduled for 11:00 am in Hamilton Harbour. The charge is \$4.00 for general admission and \$3.75 for the tour.

- The other thing to sign up for is the tour of the Ontario Steam Heritage Museum on Gore Road in Puslinch on Tuesday, August 6th at 1:00 pm. At our next meeting we will discuss car-pooling to the event. There is a link on how to get there on the Club's website.

- The last event to sign up for is the Friday night at the races at Elora on Fri. Sept. 13th. Meals need to be chosen prior to attending and this information is being collected by Martin Alderwick.

Doug Davidson introduced today's speaker, one of our own members, David Rowley

Bio:

David Rowley

Born in Weston, Ontario

Grew up in Weston, Tecumseh Township (on a farm), and Leaside (part of Toronto)

Graduated from Leaside High School, 1962

Attended Toronto Teachers' College, obtained an Ontario Teaching Certificate 1962 - 1963

Taught Elementary School for 27 years as a classroom teacher with the Scarborough B. Of Ed., and then 8 years as Vice Principal and Principal with the Wellington Board of Education (now the Upper Grand B of Ed.)

Obtained a B.A (York Univ.,1969) and a Master of Education M.Ed. (Univ. of Toronto) and post graduate studies with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE, U of T 1977)

Taught school (1969 – 1970) for the Leigh-on-Sea School Authority in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England under the Commonwealth Teacher Exchange Programme. (Select teachers from one Commonwealth Country would exchange positions with Teachers from another Commonwealth Country for one year.) One of 4 teachers from Ontario.

Met Ann (wife) in England while on Exchange and married in England in the summer of 1972. Lived in Scarborough, Ontario from 1972 to 1990, and moved to the Ponsonby area in 1990 and then into Guelph in 2001. Have two daughters, Allison and Kirstin, and two grand children, Sarah (16) and Tyson (14).

Retired from teaching in 1998.

Trained as a travel agent in 2000 at Conestoga College, and spent a short time (very short!) teaching Travel and Tourism at Sheridan college.

2002, started a 3-location travel agency with two partners. Closed in 2012

Currently working with a travel host and agency support company to organize and promote travel programs for active and retired members of the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services.

Presentation

Recollection of adventures of a young boy living with his Parents on the Northern Ontario CNR Dental Rail Car in 1953....or “How to hit a box car with a slingshot”

(There is a link to David Rowley’s slide presentation on the Club’s website under Speaker’s Notes for July 18th, 2024

David’s presentation was followed by Q&A

Doug Davidson thanked David Rowley for his presentation.

Next Meeting: August 1, 2024 – Don Johns – *Dying with Dignity/MAID*

Adjournment @ 11:04

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings