



Royal City Men's Club

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Anniversary Luncheon

April 12th, 2012

The Royal City Men's Club met in the Trinity United Church Gymnasium on the above date. There were 48 members, two guests and the guest speaker present.

President Len Johnstone called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. He welcomed guests John Robertson and Bill Bryden and recognized their sponsors, John McLeod and George Woolmer. After welcoming the guests, Len noted that Member Quinten van de Vrie had had passed away. He noted that Quinten had always been one of the first to sign up for almost all Club activities and asked members to observe a minute of silent remembrance for Quinten.

Len then advised that members Bruce Folkard, Rod Stork and Tom Beale had been on the winning team in the Ontario Stick Curling Championships. Bruce, Rod and Tom, with great smiles, stood and were recognized.

Gary Luck advised that the Coffee Club will meet next Thursday at Tim Horton's at Woodlawn and Edinburgh, and at the Boathouse.

Len advised that:

- members who do not have their photo in the Club Directory should see Bill Apsit,
- the House Committee is looking for more volunteers,
- the Secretary and Treasurer had agreed to stay on for one more year and asked that anyone interested in serving in these areas should see Gordon or Ron,
- the next meeting is "bring the wife day", with Erik Hay speaking on Yoga for Everyday Living.
- there were flyers on the table about youth music.

Len thanked Gary Repta and the Activities Committee for organizing the Anniversary Luncheon for today and asked for an expression of interest in outings to a Jays game and a play at Stratford. Both got quite a few hands, Stratford more than the Jays. He also noted that the Annual BBQ will be August 23 and they are thinking of having another Night at the Races. He then did a great job of telling a joke about the miraculous human body.

Ken Marchant introduced guest speaker, Ken Irvine from the Guelph Civic Museum to talk about the History of Guelph.

Ken started by asking members of the audience to participate by sharing any stories they had that would add to and bring to life the material and stories he was presenting. He then showed historic photos of buildings and related stories about the people and activities surrounding these.

Some of the buildings he showed were: Alan's Mill, Goldies Mill, City Hall (1856), Provincial Winter Fair building, Wellington County Court House, St. George's Church, Albion Hotel, Bell Piano and Organ Company, Mullens Carriage Works, McCrae Woollen Mills, OAC Administration Building and grounds, St George's Square (1875, 1896, 1902, 1960 and today), Royal Opera House and Carnegie Library.

Frank Webster thanked Ken for a great presentation and members gave an enthusiastic round of applause.

Len related why a round of golf has 18 holes and adjourned the meeting at 12:06. Luncheon followed.

Gordon Framst
Secretary



Photo: Bill Apsit