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JULY 04

**LADIES DAY LUNCHEON AT HAWK RIDGE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
MASTER OF CEREMONIES – JIM CAMPBELL**

Enhanced by his delightful Scot's accent, Master of Ceremonies, Jim Campbell, related several humorous stories which were well received by his audience.

**SPEAKER- BRUCE STANTON - M.P. SIMCOE NORTH, DEPUTY SPEAKER, CHAIR OF
COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE – HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

Bruce Stanton provided a synopsis of the last 150 years. In 1651 Etienne Brule convinced his boss, Samuel de Champlain, to visit here. Champlain set the tone with the natives he encountered – taking the time to learn from them and Canada was spared the atrocities of the Indian Wars – in fact indigenous peoples assisted British regulars in defeating the Americans in a War of 1812 battle.

At the end of the War of 1812-14 there were just fewer than 100,000 people in Upper Canada, growing to 400,000 by 1840, while Lower Canada had about 650,000. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island had a combined 500,000 – in sum about 1.5 million people.



President Mike Jones, John Smalley, Bruce Stanton MP, Heather Stanton and Rae Hutt

Over the next two decades, the United Province of Canada, combining what was now called Canada East (the former Lower Canada) and Canada West (Upper Canada) known as “the Canadas” grew to about 2.5 million with Upper Canada having the larger population.



The MusicMakers Entertained

In 1861 the United States descended into Civil War. The colonial office in Britain signaled to its Maritime colonies - the idea of uniting the three into one – and a conference was set for September 1864 in Charlottetown to consider the idea. The Canadas were not invited but prevailed through the British colonial office to secure an invitation; the delegates agreed to meet again in Quebec six weeks later when they drafted the British North America Act.

As a statute of the British Parliament, the BNA Act, our Constitution, has worked well and in 1982, we added to it, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms – and adopted it all as the Constitution Act of 1982, making it, finally, a law of Canada.

The MusicMakers entertained the audience throughout the luncheon. Attendance was 90

members, wives and guests.

JULY 11

Tribute to Warren Doner: Bill Zufelt delivered a stirring tribute to his long-time friend Warren Doner, citing his involvement in the economic growth of Orillia through his property development career. He is not a native Orillian spending his early years in Windsor, Ontario and attending high school in Gravenhurst. Warren briefly studied architecture in university but left early to commence house building with his father. Among his achievements are the construction and management of the Sundial Motel, development of Brewery Lane and Couchiching Point.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES – BOB DUFF

Bob told a number of jokes which put the members in a good mood for the day. He used the old song books and with the choir, led a good sing along after getting the proper page and song numbers.

SPEAKER- DAVE BECKETT – LIFE AS AN ARTIST:

Ray Hutt introduced the guest speaker Dave Beckett. Dave is a well-known



Warren Doner and Bill Zufelt



Dave Beckett with some Recent Paintings

artist who works out of his studio in Marchmont. Many of the Champlain Seniors have some of his paintings of oil and pastels. Dave described how he started some of his paintings and how he finished them. He also showed paintings done on the Black River, Georgian Bay, the North River, Marchmont, Algonquin Park, Newfoundland and Mexico. He has between three and four thousand paintings of rocks, trees, houses, old buildings, the ocean, winter scenes, clouds and sunsets, all of which are very beautiful.

Dave welcomes everyone whether you are buying or not, to visit his studio at Marchmont to view his works of art. Recently he has opened a new studio in Collingwood at 43 Elgin Street.

JULY 18

MASTER OF CEREMONIES – CHUCK PENNY

Chuck Penny reviewed his trip to the Netherlands and the World War II activities of the Dutch resistance, who hid many allied airmen and provided escape routes. The visiting Canadians joined the Dutch locals in Markelo in celebrating Liberation Day, May 5th, 1945 and the defeat of the Germans by the Canadian Armed Forces.

He commented on the well maintained cemeteries and the size of the dairy farms in Holland which have gained by automation. Most of the songs selected during the presentation were war related.



Chuck Penny as MC with the Choir

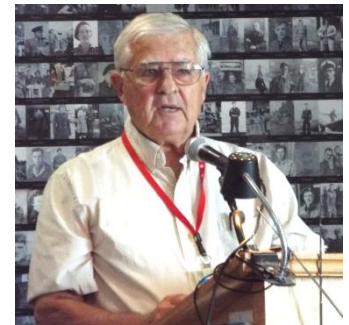
SPEAKER - WENDY TIMPANO - THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

The speaker, Wendy Timpano, CDC General Manager, reviewed the activities of her federally funded organization, which include business counselling, seminars, and loans up to \$350,000. Their current focus is on youth employment, which resulted in 35 placements last year. They estimate 5,243 jobs were created due to their activities in the past year. Wendy was thanked by John Smalley



Wendy Timpano and John Smalley

Peter Heslin Says Farewell. Peter announced that he will be moving in a couple of weeks and that he is reluctantly resigning from the club. He stated that he has enjoyed his 12 years of fellowship in the Champlain Seniors and that he will miss us.



Peter Heslin

JULY 25

MASTER OF CEREMONIES – KEITH ELLIOTT

Keith Elliott as Master of Ceremonies spoke on male chauvinism in our dealings with our spouses giving several humorous examples to illustrate his subject.



Keith Elliott as MC with the Choir and MusicMakers

SPEAKER – BRIAN POUNDER - THE CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF A SOLDIER WHO SERVED IN WWI:








Brian Pounder

Brian Pounder related a moving story about his uncle, Thomas McCullough, a casualty of the First World War, who died of his wounds on November 12, 1916 after several hospitalizations. On November 12, 2016 Brian attended a Memorial service at his uncle’s grave site, Mount Norris Presbyterian Church, Northern Ireland. While there he met several relatives aged 4 months to age 95.

There was a very moving church service including a message sent by Bruce Stanton. The local children’s choir sang O Canada and were accompanied by a local brass band.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
<p>TUESDAY, AUGUST 29</p> 	<p>LAST MEETING OF THE MONTH. PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR THE FOOD BANK TO THE MEETING.</p>  <p>THE SHARING PLACE FOOD BANK</p>	<p>Ross Ferguson</p>
<p>SUNDAY NIGHTS</p> 	<p>SUNDAY NIGHT BAND CONCERTS AT COUCHICING BEACH PARK. STARTING SUNDAY JUNE 18 AND RUNNING FOR 10 WEEKS</p>	<p>Pat Verner</p>
<p>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 01</p> 	<p>COMFIE CAT SHELTER TAG DAY</p>	<p>William Leslie</p>
<p>FRIDAY AUGUST 18</p> 	<p>INTERVIEW EXERCISE WITH OPP RECRUITS. DURING THE “WITNESS INTERVIEW”, THE RECRUITS HAVE THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW SOMEONE THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN OR MET. THIS MIMICS THE SITUATIONS THEY WILL FACE DURING THEIR INITIAL DAYS ON PATROL. LUNCH PROVIDED AT 12:15 PM, INTERVIEWS START AT 1:00PM, 2 SESSIONS.</p>	<p>John Wallinger</p>
<p>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23</p>	<p>THE BARRIE COUNTRY CHORDSMEN. THE MAPLE LEAF FOREVER. TICKETS \$25. 2:00 PM, HI-WAY CHURCH, 50 ANNE ST. N. BARRIE</p>	<p>Gerry Murfitt</p>
<p>Note: If you have any upcoming events, Tag Days, Community Events, Club Events coming up anytime in 2017, send the information to the Editor to have them advertised here.</p>		

DAILY PROGRAM

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT (Rick Beyers)

August 01 Jim Campbell
August 08 Gerry Murfitt
August 15 Fayne Bullen
August 22 John Morrison
August 29 Dennis Hawman

MASTER OF CEREMONIES (Pat Verner)

August 01 Bill Grant
August 08 Peter Van Kessel
August 15 Brian Hoover
August 22 William Leslie
August 29 Dave Godward

TRIBUTE (Fayne Bullen)

August 22 To Fred Waller
read by Walter Bunn

POTPOURRI (Fayne Bullen)

August 15 Chuck Penny

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

(Jim McAdams)

August 01 Jim Bradford
August 01 John Methot
August 02 Gerry Murfitt
August 02 Chip Wiest
August 08 Allan Scott

August 09 Dwayne Hunter
August 10 Jim McAdams
August 11 Marilyn Rayburn
August 17 Bob Ballantyne
August 17 Barb Jones

August 21 Mary Thornton
August 21 Heather Morrison
August 28 Peter Heslin
August 30 Jody Schell
August 31 Catherine McBride

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

(Jim McAdams)

August 01 Bob Gauldie and Lynn Murray
August 01 Hal and Gloria Taylor
August 08 Jim and Heather Campbell
August 15 John Smalley and Gail Stover
August 17 Warren and Mary Doner

August 17 Paul and Shirley Weir
August 19 Peter and Marianne Heslin
August 21 Dave and Heather Austin
August 22 Jim and Karleen Bradford
August 23 John and Heather Morrison

GUEST SPEAKERS

(Rae Hutt, Dave Godward
and John Smalley)

August 01 Economic Development in Orillia - Dan Landry

August 08 My Life So Far - Paul McNabb

August 15 Life as member of First Nations - Ted Williams

August 22 T.B.A.

August 29 Filming Birds in Antarctica - Kirk Zufelt

Note: If you do not get the Bulletin by email by the weekend after the last meeting of the month, go to the web site to download it. The Champlain Seniors Web Site is <http://www.champlainseniors.ca>
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