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President's Message



Hello everyone. It has been an interesting start to my term. I'm fortunate to follow Brenda Moore and her solid Management Team who worked diligently to strengthen our

club and update our policies and procedures. My thanks go to the many Management members who offered to continue with me this year, and to those new members who stepped up to replace those taking a well-earned break.

In response to feedback from members I'm attempting to improve accessibility for all by increasing sound amplification, visuals and ground level leadership. I will try to respond to your needs so please continue to tell me of any requirements, or difficulties, and I'll do my best to resolve them.

Thank you Bill MacKenzie and Paddy McCoy. Bill served as a Pilot, and Paddy served in the Naval Air Branch, of the Canadian Navy during WW11. Bill and Paddy laid the Northshore wreath at the November 11th Cobourg Remembrance Day Ceremony. We give our grateful thanks and honour the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom, and we thank our Northshore members who served in the armed forces on our behalf.

There is such a happy buzz at our meetings. Our annual Craft & Bake sale was a great success. Thanks go to leaders Debbie and Lynda, their committee and everyone who contributed Goodies and Crafts (an amazing variety, such talented members we have), and to those who generously purchased. Funds realised help offset rising costs of membership, meetings and speakers.

Thank you Peter and Bryan, Members love our Newsletters!

On behalf of your Management Team I wish you all a safe, joyful holiday season with **Love, and the Hope of Peace to all.**

Brenda Carter



At the AGM meeting in October, Past President Brenda Moore officially passed the gavel to incoming President Brenda Carter

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Bake Sale Report

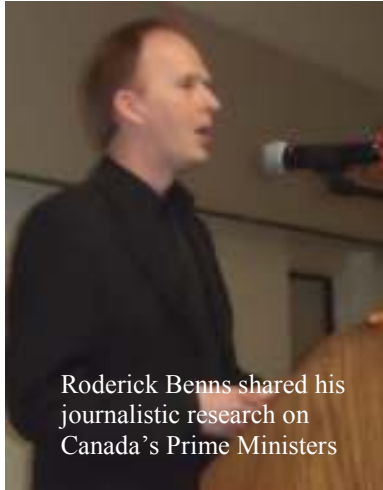
I understand that the bake sale made over \$600

That's true. I am told that a gourd time was had by



Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

When They Were Young



Roderick Benns shared his journalistic research on Canada's Prime Ministers

My boy's going to play in the big leagues. My boy is going to turn some heads." We've all heard that bit of lyric. Children come with ambitions attached not entirely of their own making. What about becoming Prime Minister...not necessarily. "He might grow up to

be president." Americans are fond of saying because, as rumour has it, all things are possible in the "Land of Opportunity". (Note the similar gender bias in both these aspirations.) Canadians as a rule are less sanguine about their child's possibilities, especially political ones irrespective of the gender. That decision is more of a personal, reflective of his own character and so it seems at least to Roderick Benns, a journalist but also a biographer of prime ministers.

For him each prime minister sees the nation in a particular way and then moves it along to reflect his sense of vision Sir John A. Macdonald. Our first PM, he reminds us, would be "200 years old". Rod points out that he saw a "young rugged country" without a sense of identity. "Canada West had an identity of its own" as did all the other established colonies with vast stretches of territory under the control of the Hudson Bay Company. Of course we all know his vision of Canadian identity was built on an east-west railroad "through an inhospitable land...from sea to sea". His aspirations for the new country of "peace, order and good government", were certainly not as lofty as those of the republic to the south of "life, liberty and the pursuit

of happiness". Rod hints at that much vaunted self-effacing nature of Canadians might also have begun with him. In 1887, while in the U.S., Macdonald is reputed to have said to the president's wife, "The government can't afford two drunkards."

He relates another incident in which Laurier was in Saskatoon happened to be talking with a newspaper boy who cut short their conversation saying, "...can't waste time anymore, have get back to work". That energetic kid will also become the seventeenth prime minister, John Diefenbaker, who would pursue, his "Northern Vision" for Canada and give us our Bill of Rights. Laurier would be more famous, the first Catholic, the first French Canadian, who resisted English Canadian efforts to restrict French to Quebec as well Britain's efforts to impose military commitment on the colony during the Boer War.

He also described some of the curiosities about our weirdest yet longest serving prime minister, Mackenzie King. He was "obsessed with clocks... had serious chats with Laurier" imagined his dog, Pat, "a godsend", saw "angel in her eyes...had little chats with it" and thought Pat deserved "The Order of Merit" as well as "conscription if necessary but not necessarily conscription" in WW11.

We have a new Prime Minister. There is little reason to expect that he will see his job as much different. He didn't remind us that there were already three women Premiers in the country, but he still promised fifteen female cabinet ministers. Hardly a bias, more like a trend, the PM wouldn't clarify, simply explained, "It's 2015."

Julius



Speaker's Corner

Welcome to Northshore

Over the past few meetings Northshore Probud Club has gained several new members. We welcome them to our family and know that they will become involved in the many activities and opportunities that the club has to offer. Make sure to introduce yourself to these fine new members.



Charllie Girard and Linda Sedgwick Girard

Helen and Peter Notter



Dawn and Keith Simpson



Eleanor Davis and Peter Moore



Nancy Telfer



Trips & Tours

Motown the Musical

Hurricane winds and rain did not stop the enjoyment of the group attending Motown the Musical on Wednesday, October the 28th at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto. Our seats were very good and the bus trip was easier than usual without any delays on the 401 or The Don Valley Parkway. On our return to Cobourg, several of the group enjoyed supper at the Swiss Chalet where reservations had been made. All in all, the day was very enjoyable and brought back much nostalgia. Thank you to all who participated.

Trip to **KINKY BOOTS** is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 for the 2:00 p.m. matinee at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto. The cost is \$95.00, down payment \$60 by Dec 4th, the balance due second meeting in January.. You can call me @905-372-3567 or email me @samcmann@sympatico.ca .

If you are going to be away in January, I would appreciate the last \$35.00 before your departure... post dated cheques will be fine.

Sharron McMann

Drinks & Appies

Next drinks and appies will be at the home of Judi Curtis on Wednesday Dec. 16, 2015 from 6PM to whenever, so more like an after dinner party. Please let Judi know if you plan to attend.

Local Events

“Christmas Belles” & Christmas tree viewing
Capitol Theatre Port Hope Dec 17—20
Tickets at the box office

Watch for these events and more in 2016

Feb 5th dinner theatre at Best Western “Boeing Boeing”

Capitol Theatre

Mar 4th “Secret Garden”
April “Wizard of Oz”
June “On Golden Pond”
July “Crazy for You”
Aug—Sept “Mamma Mia”



Upcoming Speakers

Jan 6th Chiropractor Peter Herron

Jan 20th Trivia session by Bruce Collins and Brenda Carter

Feb 3rd Turkey Travel talk by Lee Wakelin

Feb 17 Cobourg Police Chief Kai Liu



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The picture above (submitted by Bob Robertson) was taken the day of the AGM. A complete list of the management team is listed on page 8. Gentlemen, do you see anything missing?



God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

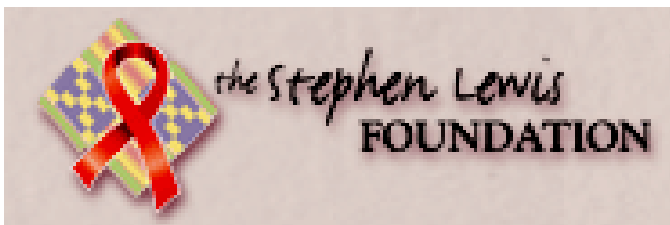
Grandmothers as Mothers

By the time one becomes a grandmother one should be entitled to do the fun stuff of parenting reading bedtime stories, going on rides at *Disneyworld* leaving the heavy lifting like making the kids eat all their Brussels sprouts or do their math homework to the parents. For some grandmothers in Africa no such options exist because their children have died from HIV/AIDS leaving their grandchildren orphans. The extended family is now the only family. Enter Jo-anne Page of the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" program, this is a charity born out of Stephen Lewis time as Special UN Ambassador on AIDS to help "these amazing women".



look at what these women have accomplished, naturally "at her own expense". But this was "no poverty tour" but "to get an understanding of how the money was being spent." Her trip began in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and continued to Rwanda and South Africa. Both of these countries had gone through terrible civil strife and tribal conflicts as well as the AIDS epidemic.

In these countries she met "strong powerful women". Betty founded the organization NLK. She too was orphaned herself still managed to go to university and then returned to her home community. She went on Google to sell products. She sewed school uniforms because "without a uniform a child could not go to school." In Rwanda she met LaRonce, the founder of the Rwanda Women's Network. The project began with vocational training for the women so they could earn a living. It has been so successful that men are now part of it. She too never went to school but now is a paralegal. Obtaining clean water is a prime need as LaRonce said "without clean water you can't take your pills".



These women had become "central to the life of the community" some of their households having as many as fifteen members, "millions are still dying in Sub Saharan Africa". The "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" program has been instrumental in channeling "millions of dollars to over 300 projects". In this work there is "never any middleman" with "90% of donations" going to the families in need. All the projects are "hands on" with the grandmothers there letting the grandmothers here "know their needs directly".

In 2006 Joanne flew to Africa to get a first-hand



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Ronce says, "We never talk of the past; we are moving forward." That attitude is not surprising considering the progress the last ten years have witnessed. As Stephen Lewis says, "Scientists are talking of a vaccine; some are talking of cure...an AIDS free generation."



Julius

I was always taught to respect my elders, But it keeps getting harder to find one.

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