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HARLEY WINNER



HARLEY WINNER Tammy Fess (on bike), with Dave B. (far left), Rhonda, and Jeff M.



CONGRATS

Smiles, handshakes and congratulations were flowing freely at Tuesday's meeting, for our big club winners:

Tim Smith	Corporate Community Service Award
Mark Boerkamp	Business of the Year Award
Dave Bradshaw	Royal Winter Fair 1 x 1 st place , 3 x 2 nd place, 1 Jr. Reserve Champion

COATS FOR KIDS

WE NEED YOU!!
FRIDAY – Need CREW TO LOAD
SAT – 9-12 @ HAMBLETON HALL
THEN Sat. NOON TO DISMANTLE
Call Jeff M to arrange helping out!
We have over 700 coats to distribute this year!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Georgia Atkinson to our club, and Christine McCoy has requested a membership application. Timing is everything...don't forget to just keep asking. I asked a couple of potentials this week, and was told that "it's just a matter of timing" – Who knows? They may show up in the next few months. Way to go gang!....Keep those antennae up for new members!



Georgia Atkinson



BUILDING BRIDGES BUDDIES PROGRAM

"We had a FANTASTIC visit"....Wow, I really didn't know how interesting a life (XX) has had!" These are just some of the comments that have come back to me since various Buddies have been meeting and getting to know each other over the past few weeks. Take advantage of copping some quiet time with your buddy, especially in the hustle and bustle of the upcoming weeks. Develop that Friendship Feeling! Here's a little sample of the magic unfolded in Lucine's kitchen when she met with her Buddy John Race on Oct. 13th....

Lucine McKay

Lucine's early professional life focused on raising her children (well worth a CEO's salary!) and then moving into the medical secretarial field. As a teenager, Lucine and a friend had worked for a summer at a hospital, where she was exposed to the laboratory work and in her words "it really appealed to me". Lucine admires people who can rise above and accept whatever hardships are dealt to them, citing the example of Christopher Reeves. As she's moved through life, she has "always been happy and had fun in life", except in her teenage years. More kids would've been a great thing to achieve, but hey "now I get to enjoy my grandchildren!" Ever the modest gal, Lucine claims to have no talents...(Editor's note: Now how can that be Lucine? You're great with kids, have won the Paul Harris award, and are always looking for ways to help club members...). The Indian artifacts that Lucine received from her Grandfather's estate are her most treasured possession, and friendships and fun times are her most valued memory. Lucine would love to travel back to New Zealand, because it's such a versatile country, with so much to see and do. Her personal motto is the Golden Rule: Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.



John Race

Many of you were present for John Race's moving presentation on Nov. 6th, in preparation for Nov. 11th Remembrance Day. He spoke very lovingly of his mother, and shared some family memories of how his brother overcame a childhood illness, his dad enlisted in the Dental Corps in the early 40's, and how John and his mom paid the bills together to keep things going. He shared his early successes as he took us through his early teenage and young adult years, working for Mrs. Spry at her farm on Manitoulin Island, being active in Boy Scouts and then carrying on through the war years, training and serving Canada overseas in Brighton as





SPOOKHOUSE SETUP, EVENING MEETING, ACTUAL EVENT

a platoon leader at the tender age of 18 in 1945.

Lucine found out that in 1948, John's brother –in-law led him into the building industry in Toronto. John eventually owned his own building company, and won a National Builder's Award in 1960. He's an admirer of all people, all races, and doesn't single any one living person out that he most admires. The happiest times for John have been the last 52 years with Hazel (check out that wedding photo!). They've had loads of fun and travelled so much together. John would enjoy learning a second language, but is "just lazy I guess". A better understanding and appreciation of music would be high on his list of things he'd go back and change, and John thinks that the Chinese language should be taught in all schools. (Editor's note; There must be more than one? How would we choose?) A jade ring is John's favourite possession, given to him by Hazel on his 60th birthday, reminding him of Jade West, the name of (their) farm. John also has a true love for Belgium Horses. The Antarctica is high on John's travel list, and even to return to the Arctic would be great. "Service above self" is John's personal motto.



WORDS FROM OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT (KRIS HARROP)

Hey people! Well, it's been quite an eventful weekend. Those that know me best will laugh for a very long time when I tell you that I went on a 10km bike ride on Saturday, from Brugges (NW Belgium) to Damme (a little town that has a pretty Main Square) - I managed to drag Tegan (Aust) and Simone(Aust) along on my adventure and but paid for my adventurous spirit on Sunday with a sore backside! It was really nice weather - sunny, a little on the cold side, but nice. Oh - it snowed for the first time this season on Thursday night/Friday morning - but hasn't since.

On Sunday we woke up bright and early for our Flanders Field tour. I can assure you that I will never be the same again after having taken that tour. We're very sheltered in Canada as to the information that we are given in regards to any of the wars. The realization hit me like never possible of all that happened there...I can't even really say I comprehend all of it now... The guide knew the fields of Flanders like "the inside of his pocket" - He grew up there collecting bits of iron that exploded out of the bomb shells and taking it to sell for cigarettes and candies. This man has given the tour three times a week for years and still looked misty eyed as he remembered...the entire came from memory.

We were taken to the exact place where Hitler was a messenger boy in WW1. The average life for a messenger boy was 4 days - he lasted almost 4 years! The concrete bunkers where snipers hid were still standing, and very creepy to look into the holes where guns poked out of, frequently the guide asked us which side was this bunker on? and the answer completely depended on the stretch and direction of gun holes... British were weak and facing towards the northeast and the Germans were strong and westerly facing...the frontline trenches still zigzagging the countryside. We went to several different monuments commemorating the courageous efforts of the different countries, Canada included. This shocked me at first cause I was taught that Canadians in WW1 fought as Brits...the Newfoundlanders



were mentioned separately because they at the time were not part of Canada...

We took our one minute silence standing in the middle of a battlefield where the German 'Student' Soldiers were basically slaughtered by the British - what we were standing on was pretty much a mass grave - more people drowned in the mud in Flanders than were shot dead. The word Flanders actually stands for 'flooded land' - even now, just half way through autumn, there were mass floods in the area. I honestly cannot convey through an email, nor through spoken words the emotions that you feel as a man that 'knows his stuff' recites to you a stories of man slaughter, fear, human error, the human nature...

We were taken to Menin Gate in Ypres - the biggest monument to MIA (missing in action) ever with something like 65,000 names on its walls. We had 3 WW2 veterans that we knew of in our tour - as we stood and listened to the guide speak, all three were brought to tears. What really got us exchange students was when he said, "They came here thinking of the beer, waffles and chocolate - boys aged around 16-19..." That could so easily have been describing us - only what they then had to deal with in those next 4 years is incomprehensible to us. I think I learned more in those eight hours then I learned the entire semester in Canadian history...

Another cool thing for me to see was the exact place that John McRae wrote "in Flanders fields"...it meant more to me when our guide stood in that place and read the poem than anyone on the tour... I guess that about wraps up my weekend, and I hope everything is well and really want to hear from all, Kristopher:)

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NOVEMBER 20th - DUTY ROSTER

Chaplain - John Race

Greeter - George Cornfield Sgt-at-Srms - Keith Jones

Brian Snow -- Tour of new SCS science labs

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