

Report on Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of District 30, RTO/ERO took place at the Lions Centre, Cobourg on October 20, 2009. About 110 members/guests attended. We changed the venue's window dressing a bit: instead of an auditorium style meeting as usual, we had the centre set up round tables for eight, complete with white table cloths, gussied up with Hallowe'en figures. These were given away at the end of the day as it was time to recycle!

President Jane McCaig welcomed all in attendance. Many members indicated that the invitational phone calls they received just prior to the meeting, and after the receipt of *Applepress*, were the spur to have them attend the meeting. So, our phone blitz was successful! They all seemed to enjoy the new seating arrangement, and as the business program was short, they had ample time to socialize, not only before the meeting and at lunch, but at the very long break between the business meeting and the entertainment.

The executive and committee chairs delivered their reports, most via *Applepress*, though both Treasurer Dave Randall and Communications Chair, Don Colby, gave updates, the latter via a written communication from Secretary Dave Staples. All current executive and chairs were acclaimed in their positions for next year, with the exception of Jim Stirling, who decided, as he is now 84, that it is time to retire from the position of Political Action, and Sharron McMann, as Travel Coordinator (with Fay Farmer), who felt 11 years was long enough on the executive! Both will be missed. Some arm twisting ensued to try and coerce other members to take the vacant positions, but so far, no one has been named to either position. Ann Tryon, too, is trying to train someone to take over her position (she has been a long-serving Executive member as well); her position as Recruitment and Membership Chair is challenging, and will require some training to fill effectively. We have long depended on Anne's efforts, efficiencies and dedication.

Our entertainment was Brighton, the group who of Service to Others.

from the troupe along They performed demonstrating their costuming/props efforts. engaging, and everyone performance. We were the

dedication and expertise work with the troupe June annually. Tickets performances at the

Brighton for late May/early June.



Light Magicals of received our 2009 grant There were six members with two volunteers. excerpts from six songs, puppetry techniques and They were thoroughly was delighted with their all impressed as well by

of the volunteers who from September through are available for Barn Theatre in

Merit Travel, through Laurie, also gave a detailed presentation, impressing most of the members with the wide variety of travel packages available through Merit Travel: literally something for everyone and every budget!

Luncheon was the Lions beef buffet dinner with great dessert. There was a cash or beer. All in all, the Luncheon was a great participants.



Centre's usual fine roast fresh baked pies for bar for those wanting wine Annual Meeting and success, enjoyed by all