



# The Lakeshore

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## *This Week's Program...*

"**Lest We Forget.**" **David Warne** will share some stories from his grandfather's diary of Word War I.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries...*

**Happy Anniversary, Bob & Magda... Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**Happy Birthday, Anita.....Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!**

## *Future Programs...*

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Nov 13: "**Lest We Forget.**" **David Warne** will share some stories from his grandfather's diary of Word War I.

Nov 20: T.B.D.

Nov 27: T.B.D.

## *Special Events...*

**Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at the hotel. Club sandwiches at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7 pm.

## *Last week's meeting...*

Only 13 members were present last Tuesday evening to hear **David Leroux-Petersen** talk about the **Community Outreach** program of **Charles River RMS Canada**, Saint-Constant, Quebec.

We were pleased to welcome **Wayne, Lawrence, Esin, Stan, Joe Maxwell, Anne, Knud, Cameron, Art, Joe Tabet, Deniz, David** and **Joe Zemanovich**. We were also pleased to welcome three guests: **Anita**, guest of Stan, **Sandy**, guest of Wayne, and **Ben Petersen**, guest of Knud.

**Cameron** presided.

With Remembrance Day approaching on Sunday, marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of 'The War to end all wars', **David Warne** recited the poem "In Flanders Fields", a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Knud brought us up to date on progress with the auction and encouraged all members to get involved by selling ads for the program and getting items to be auctioned off.

Knud introduced our speaker, his grandson David.

David started off the presentation by showing a hairless mouse. These animals have been bred for use in the research in the development of vaccines used in the fight against cancer and many other diseases.



The original business of the Charles River Laboratories firm was founded by Dr. Henry Foster in 1947 in Boston and was named after the river there.



It is a leading full-service drug discovery and early-stage development company. Its scientists worked on about 70% of the drugs approved by the FDA in 2016.

It has 70 facilities in 16 countries worldwide, with over 70,000 employees. Its fastest-growing market is China.

Charles River RMS Canada was originally Canadian Breeding Farms, established in 1943. It has 80 full-time employees in 10 buildings, occupying 59,000 square feet production space. It follows the International Genetic Standardization process in the management of the health of their inbred animals. The company acquired AAALAC\* accreditation on March 13, 2018.

[\*Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International]

Although the company is a major supplier of animals used in laboratories it is also developing alternative ways of testing vaccines without using animals.

Someone diagnosed with cancer today is 25% more likely to live than 10 years ago, and 50% more than 20 years ago.

In its community outreach program, Charles River Canada has a long-term relationship with Complexe Le Partage of La Prairie, Quebec, a community organization whose mission is to provide poor families with mutual assistance, support, training and integration services in the context of social solidarity and individual and collective care.

Charles River Canada is also partnered with SIMPLYK, a social impact company with strong values, that encourages and facilitates volunteering, including the community outreach of organizations.

It is also working with **Projet Jardin** by the *Centre de femmes l'Éclaircie* in La Prairie. Its activities include developing the new garden of the center. That involves preparing the ground, adding earth and compost and preparing the seeds. Depending on the needs of the center, other tasks may be required to improve the lives of residents. Project Jardin seeks to promote women's access to autonomy and equality, through both individual and collective care. It also seeks to combat isolation, increase self-respect and reduce the harmful effects of impoverishment and violence against women.

David then showed a video, usually only shown internally to employees, of the day-to-day life of women with children who have been diagnosed with Huntington's disease, in the hope that a cure can be found before the disease passes on to their children. This film was very powerful and was intended to impress on the employees how important their work is and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**Brenda** reminds us that **Aislin** will be our speaker on December 4<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of a fee he has asked us to publicize a fundraiser that he and Serge Chapleau will be doing the previous week, to benefit The Lachine Hospital Foundation:

An evening with renowned Montreal cartoonists **Serge Chapleau** and **Aislin** to benefit the Lachine Hospital of the MUHC.

8 pm Tuesday, November 27, 2018  
L'Entrepôt, 2901 St-Joseph Blvd., Lachine  
\$95 per person

