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**Minutes General Luncheon Meeting, March 17th, 2009
Aunt Lucy's – 1399 Princess St. Kingston, ON**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** 14 Active – 4 Associates – 2 Guests
 2. **CALL TO ORDER:** 13:00 P.M.
 3. **WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT:** President Kraus welcomed all members and guests.
 4. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Don Webb introduced Kerry Bull (OPP) and Bob Simpson (Board Chairman of Kingston/1000 Islands Crime Stoppers).
 5. **MINUTES OF January 20th, 2009 MEETING:** There being no errors or omissions to the minutes they were adopted as presented.
 6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Letters to Stuart Pete from Hon. Peter Milliken & Hon. Peter Van Loan
E-Mail FM. President Power regarding VIP Program (Copies mailed)
E-Mail FM. "E" Div. SRR Defending our Members (Copies mailed)
 7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Petch, copy attached.
 8. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**
SOCIAL: Vacant
Heritage Ball 26 SEPT 09 – Reminder to members to purchase their ball tickets by 16 MAY 09, at which time tickets will then be open to guests and the general public.
Breakfast Meeting 21 FEB 09, report attached.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Stephenson – Not in attendance.
Nic Robinson is taking a leave of absence for 1 year as he is working out of town.
Presentations: President Kraus presented Peter Pedersen with his "Life Membership Certificate" and Bar and Chuck Graham and Ron LaMarsh with their 10 yr. Service Bars.
It was nice to see Mike and Ida, Chuck Graham and Earl McClare, at our meeting.

EAST: Dick Dickins -
Brockville Breakfast Meet – 2nd TUES of each month @ Bud's on The Bay in Brockville 0:900 A.M.
Gananoque 'Detachment' – Coffee/Breakfast meet last WED in month. Locations will be announced by Wes.

WEST: Rick Lee – Not in attendance

WEBSITE: Jack Hickman
Visit our website www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca for events and our latest website sponsors.
Jack advises that we continue to get visits to our website from all over.
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VISITATION REPORT: Jack Hickman

Jim Stephenson is still not very mobile (give him a call and say hello). Earl advises that Brenda is slowly getting her strength back and hopes to be able to attend a meeting soon.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Earl Dickson could not make the meeting, however, he is pleased with the information and progress taking place in the VIP and Vets' Advocate Programs. 11 members replied to his survey as possible applicants for VIP benefits if it is approved. Some discussion took place regarding the VIP and who would qualify. Contact Earl if you have any questions.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Stu Pete wanted to share the letters he received from the above MP's referring him to The President of the Treasury Board with reference to the RM's pay raise claw-back. Bob and Kerry talked about the new initiatives of the Crime Stoppers Program in our area. We have participated on behalf of the local detachment since 2001. Don Webb and Jack Hickman will determine what volunteer assistance we can provide to the program and discuss it at our next meeting.

1000 Island Luncheon MAY – Wes has not decided location yet.

BBQ JULY – Dick & Judy will host. Date to be determined.

Wine & Cheese DEC – Mike & Ida will host. Date to be determined.

8. NEXT MEETING:

Dinner Meeting – TUES 21 APR 09 – Jack suggested a dinner meeting at the Klingston Brew Pub (web sponsor) 34 Clarence St., Kingston. No one disagreed. Arrangements to be made accordingly.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Jack Hickman – 14:00 hrs..

Bob Kraus

President

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

APRIL: Archie Barr, Gary Coulter, Mike Clarabut, Francis Gough, George Locke, Tom Petch, Stuart Pete, Bill Rowan and Dick Young.

MAY: Darrell Colwell, Alex Stillwell and Ed Wiseman.

JUNE: David Boyd, James Miller, Ron Tessier and Don Webb.

