

## **Being on the road again pays off**

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Spring 2012 saw hubby Peter and I once again taking our show on the road in order to talk with current and potential CABP members. Our first public information meeting was held in Ajax, 25kms east of Toronto on the shores of Lake Ontario, where 40 people turned out to hear from us, and over a quarter of them – 11 – signed up as brand new members. Thank you to Penny Seymour for organizing the event and to Brian Fenoulhet and David Nunn for helping with registration on the day. Thanks also to Ann & Frank Williams who drove all the way from Trent River – 130kms – to be the designated greeters, ensuring everyone felt welcome.

Next stop was Orillia, “The Sunshine City”, 150kms north of Toronto. It was well worth the drive, thanks to the efforts and enthusiasm of local CABP Rep Alan Llewellyn who had done a lot of prior spade work including spending two days at a kiosk in the local shopping mall promoting the meeting. His efforts paid off: 70 people turned out to hear our presentation. Though the majority already belonged to CABP, volunteers Terry Llewellyn and David Nunn signed up 17 new members. Recent immigrants Elizabeth & Joe Wilson drove in from Washago to be the designated greeters. A big thank you to all. We were also pleased to be invited to participate in the Lifestyle Show for people ‘55 and up’ in Burlington, a community where 82 percent of residents in 2006 identified themselves as being of English, Scottish or Irish ethnicity – and right next door to the city of Hamilton where 64 percent of residents claimed the very same thing. Peter and I were unable to be there, but volunteer David Nunn kindly took over the reins and you can read his report on the event in this issue (Thank you, David!). None of these events would be possible without the help of willing volunteers like David and the others I have mentioned. If you want to see CABP gain a higher profile in your own community, please offer your assistance by contacting the office [ 416-253-6402 / [info@britishpensions.com](mailto:info@britishpensions.com). We will be glad to hear from you.