

**FROM WHERE I SIT**  
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**MY humble ? reply to BRAD's " JOIN THE CLUB". (see *McInnes Ramblings*)**

Dear Brad,

Actually ..."FROM WHERE I SIT ! " .....I was too poor to afford printing my own buttons so I liberated a bag of AVIS " We Try Harder" buttons. And the bike was driven by my ol' pal Dave Margesson and I was warned that if I said nothing and did not rock the boat I would get elected ????? But maybe Gary Reinblatt would like to build on Brad's story !

I am a small town, independent compassionate conservative Lake Huron cottager who grew up on the wonderful stories of the infamous and famous Huron County character and founder of Goderich Ontario namely "TIGER" Dunlop ! Someday, I will write about this character and share his stories which capture our frontier Canadian spirit and would qualify Tiger Dunlop as a honorary member of our YMASC !

In 1960, I came to North Toronto and attended Northern Secondary School and York University. After 4 years with the Royal Bank , I decided I wanted to get into Toronto Sales and Advertising with my school buddy Paul McDermott. (say maybe Paul could build on Brad's story as well ?)

And it was Paul that first introduced me to the YMASC ..... and with Dave Margesson organized my August 1967 stag party in which I ended up on the front page of the Toronto Star chained to Henry Moores Sculpture THE ARCHER at City Hall.

So that alone should have qualified me for YMASC membership !

I also got elected Treasurer YMASC based on my love and success of our MOD BALL at Casa Loma and my enjoyment in trying to write " FROM WHERE I SIT ! " on a regular basis.

my two great lessons learned was that the world needs passionate rebels but passionate rebels that could build .....as well as criticize.....and lead by example by rocking the boat but only when absolutely necessary.

And hopefully for my children, my grandchildren and grandchildren everywhere  
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YMASC Lesson # 1..... was and remains today the old/new and current prayer  
..."God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change ....the

courage to change the things I can....and the wisdom to know the difference.”  
That’s the trick at being a rebel eh ?

YMASC Lesson # 2 ..... was and remains the famous quote ..” The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions And who spends himself in a worthy cause...Who in the end if he succeeds knows the triumph of high achievement but in the end if he fails, at least FAILS WHILE DARING GREATLY SO HIS PLACE WILL NEVER BE AMONG THOSE COLD AND TIMID SOULS THAT KNOW NEITHER VICTORY NOR DEFEAT.’

And as much as I flatter myself that this is my story, in truth it is the story and YMASC lessons of each of us for we all really are a work in progress.. even now !

And each of us have the scars of our own victories and defeats ! C'est la vie !

And BRAD being MUCH older – not necessarily wiser - inspired me back then..... as he has inspired me today .....to reply to his article “ JOIN THE CLUB!.

Thanks BRAD for your leadership.. your inspiration.. your sense of humour..... and your friendship !

And thanks to all the many special characters that make up my memories of our YMASC ! (sigh)

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PS... your turn to again buy lunch Brad ! ..... recommend THE KEG at Yonge & Eglinton ! ahhhh nothing changes ..... love my consistency about lunch with you down through the years !

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