



The Phoghorn



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Our next meeting will be at the Boys and Girls Club Wednesday March 20th at 10.00 am. Our guests will be Dr Don Craig who will be speaking off the cuff about medical care in NB.

Minutes of February 20th Meeting

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with Acting President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 20 members in attendance due to storm threatening freezing rain, plus the usual quota of snowbirds. Tor welcomed members, followed by O Canada and sing-along on a Valentine theme, led by Gordon Moulard.

Minutes of January 16th were summarized by Robert Taylor and approved on motion by Don Shaw, seconded by Gordon Moulard.

New Member: Dr. Michael England introduced himself, was promptly coerced into paying \$30, and was pinned.

Member News: Former member Pat Toole died. Barry Beckett's wife Flora died of cancer. Roger Aske is improving.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener e-mailed a report to the Executive, showing a bank balance of \$1139 and 72 members paid.

Membership: Tor noted that we need about 100 members to meet fixed expenses. We still need to establish an information route and procedure so that we are working with one membership list, and all members should have a copy thereof. At present the Secretary receives registration forms from new members and conveys the information to the Membership head and deputy, the Phoghorn editor, and UPS.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 12 for turkey soup lunch. The need for a replacement PA system is noted by both us and the Boys and Girls Club.

Phoghorn: Prior to four stories (of the usual questionable quality) by himself and one (of equally questionable quality) by Gordon Graham, Ralph Wood actually said something about the monthly newsletter, noting that UPS is changing owners in March, but plans to retain their service to us uninterrupted. Ralph was asked to draft a letter to Cathy Porter to thank her for her service to us over the years; Robert will put it on Club letterhead.

President's Comments:

- We need a volunteer to look after sick / visiting.
- Dave Fraser has made some suggestions re publicizing ourselves to community groups.
- We need a Trips committee and Membership committee.
- We'll be visiting the new cruise terminal May 21st (a Tuesday) at 10 AM.
- The coffee needs improving (it was better after being re-made today). Laurie Hossack offered to bring in his favourite Costa Rican coffee next month.

60 / 40 Draw: The guest speaker drew David Sprague's ticket, which was worth \$42. He was happy that he finally won, but complained that it was the smallest draw ever!

Guest Speaker: Tor Bordevik introduced, and later thanked, Theresa Mercer, the Chief Financial Officer at Rocmaura Nursing Home. She noted the following facts about nursing home fees:

- Room, board, and care costs about \$200 per day per resident. Of this, residents currently pay \$101 (or \$3072 per month) and government subsidy covers the rest.
- Residents must use their monthly income, less \$108 comfort allowance, first, and if that is insufficient they can get further government subsidy, but they have to apply for it.
- Assets such as a home are not considered in the cost equation. But the spouse's income is taken into account.

- The resident receives an income tax receipt, as this is a valid medical expense, but it cannot be combined with the Disability tax credit.

Adjournment moved by Robert Taylor at 12:00. Next meeting March 20th.

Now for the moment you've been anticipating since February 20th ,Yes its the March Funnies....the saga continues

Now I couldn't ignore St Paddy's day in Saint John could Ibegorrah

Mick and Paddy were walking in Covent Garden in London. It was their first week in the capital and they were a bit naïve.

'Lord above Paddy, this is a great city,' says Mick.

'Why's that Mick?' responds Paddy

'Well, to be sure,' explains Mick, 'where else in the world would a complete stranger come up to you, make idle chat, invite you to dinner and then offer you to spend the night at their house?'

'Begorrah, ' splutters Paddy, 'did that happen to you?'

'No,' says Mick, 'but it happens to my beautiful sister all the time.

Spanish singer Julio Iglesias was on television with a British TV host when he used the word 'manyana'. The host asked him to explain what it meant.

He said that the term means "maybe the job will be done tomorrow, maybe the next day, maybe the day after that. Perhaps next week, next month, or next year. Who cares?"The host turned to Irishman Shay Brennan who was also on the show and asked him if there was an equivalent term in Irish.

"No. In Ireland we don't have a word to describe that degree of urgency." replied Brennan.

What do you call a diseased Irish criminal?.....A leper con.

Two Irish mothers, Kate and Lorna were talking about their sons. Kate says, 'My Patrick is such a saint. He works hard, doesn't smoke, and he hasn't so much as looked at a woman in over two years. Lorna responds, 'Well, my Francis is a saint himself. Not only has he not looked at a woman in over three years, but he hasn't touched a drop of liquor in all that time. 'My word,' says Kate, 'You must be so proud.' I am,' announces Lorna, 'And when he's paroled next month, I'm going to throw him a big party.'

A cop pulls up two Irish drunks, and says to the first, "What's your name and address?" "I'm Paddy O'Day, of no fixed address!" The cop turns to the second drunk, and asks the same question."I'm Seamus O'Toole, and I live in the flat above Paddy!"

"Hey," said a new arrival in the pub, "I've got some great Irish jokes.""Before you start," said the big bloke in the corner, ", I'm Irish." "Don't worry," said the newcomer, "I'll tell the jokes slowly."

If a man doesn't drink when he's living, How in the hell can he drink when he's dead?

May your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.