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Saint John Probud Club—Host City For Rendezvous 2008

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(Meetings held on third Wednesday of the month at Saint John Rotary Boys & Girls Club on Paul Harris Street)

Next Meeting

To be held Wednesday, January 17th, 2007 @ 10.00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. The speaker will be Dr. Nancy Grant who will be talking about Hospices.

Last Meeting

President Dave Fraser opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the singing of O Canada.

Minutes of the last meeting

were duly read by Bill Brydges deputizing, and as no one argues with Mr. Probud, were duly seconded and passed unanimously. **Lorne MacGuigan** introduced his guest **Bill Artiss**, who with great alacrity was relieved of \$20 and duly inducted into this august body. Welcome Bill.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Creaser reported a balance on hand of \$2198 and that 57 members still hadn't paid for the current year. Members who cannot attend for any reason can mail their cheques only please (as this obviates issuing receipts) to the Treasurer at the address below the masthead. It was duly moved and seconded that a donation of \$500.00 be made to the Boys and Girls Club.

President's Remarks

President Dave announced that our stalwart pianist, Ray Willis, had suffered a mild stroke but Francis Quinn is recuperating well and that Walter Zacharuk had had hip replacement surgery and was progressing well. We wish all sick members a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon. President Dave also noted that our club must be unique in Canada in being so fortunate to have amongst our membership three holders of the Order of Canada namely Neil Mckelvey O.C., Gordon Fairweather O.C. and Graydon Chiarella O.C. Congratulations gentlemen.

Rendezvous 2008

Bill Brydges updated us with a report on the progress of negotiating an agreement with Probud Canada and some thoughts on incorporating the organizing committee. Members are urged to download the interest survey from our club website and mail/email /fax it in as we want your input as well in designing the programme for this prestigious event.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 while members socialized in the gaily decorated room. After the break members took their places at the festive tables and President Dave introduced our perennial Christmas entertainment, **The Saint John String Quartet**, led by Chris Buckley who gave us a recital composed of mostly Christmas music with fine choral participation from the members. They were then followed by **The Banjo Barons** featuring our own **Clarence Blois**. Their presentation was in a different vein but equally enjoyable and featured some wonderful solo banjo and vocal items. President Dave thanked all at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Rev. Lake then told us a short story reminding us about the Christmas spirit and then said grace. The ladies of the club then served us a most delicious Christmas lunch. Between the main course and dessert President Dave presented the Boys and Girls Club with the \$500.00 cheque. Debbie thanked us and made some very kind remarks about our association with the B&GC. The 60/40 winner was member Bill Artiss who also presented his winnings to the B&GC who benefited in the amount of \$213.00. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Now for the Funnies

SOME TIME-HONORED TRUTHS:

1. Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
4. To be intoxicated is to feel sophisticated but not able to say it.
5. Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
6. The older you get, the better you realize you were.
7. I doubt, therefore I might be.
8. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
9. Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.
10. Women like silent men, they think they're listening.
11. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
12. Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?
13. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
14. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
15. If God dropped acid, would he see people?
16. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown too?
17. If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
18. If work is so terrific, how come they have to pay you to do it?
19. If you're born again, do you have two bellybuttons?
20. If you ate pasta and antipasta, would you still be hungry?
21. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
22. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone. He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe disease, combined with horrible stress. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die." "Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant, and make sure he is in a good mood. For lunch make him a nutritious meal. For dinner prepare an especially nice meal for him. Don't burden him with chores, as he probably had a hard day. Don't discuss your problems with him, it will only make his stress worse. And most importantly, make love with your husband several times a week and satisfy his every whim." If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely. On the way home, the husband asked his wife. "What did the doctor say?" "You're going to die!" she replied

It seems there was an old pirate living in the Black Flag Pirate Retirement Community who was being interviewed by the new, young house doctor. The old pirate was your typical pirate, peg leg, hook for a hand and a patch over one eye. The young doctor was trying to get his medical history. "Well," says the pirate; "We was bombarding this Spanish fort when this cannonball hits me ship and blasts off me leg." "And the hand?" asks the doctor. The pirate says, "I tell you sonny, we had boarded this fine ship and there was fighting going on all around." "This mate I was battling was pretty good and he made a lucky swipe with his sword and took me hand clean off." "OK," said the doctor; "How about your eye?" "Well," said the pirate; "I was standing on the deck one day when a seagull flew down and pooped in me eye." "Wait a minute," said the young doctor. "Do you expect me to believe that you lost your eye because some bird pooped in it?" Well," said the old pirate; "It was the first day I got me new hook!" –

And remember :

Now that I'm older....here's what I've discovered: I started out with nothing....I still have most of it.

When did my wild oats turn to prunes and All Bran?

I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded. All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser. The first rule of holes: If you are in one, stop digging.

I went to school to become a wit, only got half-way through.