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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, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. The speaker will be Eugene Belliveau, the ex Calgary Stampeders football player and Calgary policeman.

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 Lorne MacGuigan in his usual inimitable style resulting in unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Creaser reported a balance on hand of 1434.16. Members who haven't yet paid their 2006/2007 dues can mail them to the Treasurer at the address below the Phoghorn masthead. Cheques only please as this obviates making receipts.

President's Remarks

President Dave announced that our stalwart pianist, Ray Willis was progressing well after his stroke. He also reported that Ray Bambury and Walt Zacharuk had recently undergone surgery. We wish them all a speedy recovery. Our attendance at this meeting was down to 37 members, only 21% of the membership, so let's see if we can improve on that.

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. We are expecting a visit from Art Buck, our Regional Director, who will meet with the organizing committee and finalize the arrangements between the committee and Probud Canada. The Rendezvous 2008 webpage will be updated when these arrangements are finalized. So far the response to our survey questionnaire has been very positive and most people seem to like our ideas on activities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 for coffee. After coffee President Dave introduced our speakers, Dr. Nancy Grant and Sandy Johnson, Director of Hospice Saint John. They gave us an excellent presentation on the work of Hospice and it was soon very apparent that the community is extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and dynamic leaders providing this very necessary and useful service. They outlined their plans for the future of hospice and the part it can play in our health services. Numerous questions were fielded from members. Gordon Fairweather eloquently thanked our guests and presented them with a certificate from the Mediterranean Restaurant.

The winner of the 60/40 draw was Blake McCulloch who donated the proceeds to the B&GC.

Now for the Funnies

With February almost gone we turn our minds toward Spring. We hope you remembered Valentine's Day, and if you didn't that you're now out of the dog house.



Spring

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love....Alfred Lord Tennyson

It all started with Adam and Eve.

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked Adam, "What is wrong with you?"

Adam said, "Lord, I don't have anyone to talk to."

God said, "Then I will give you a companion, and she will be called a 'woman'. This person will cook for you and wash your clothes, she will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache, and will freely give 'love' and compassion whenever needed. She will never question your behaviour or the company you keep. She will support you and understand that you have important decisions to make throughout your life and don't have time for nonsense..."

Adam asked God, "What will this woman cost?"

God said, "An arm and a leg..."

Adam said, "What can I get for just a rib?"

A young man finds the woman of his dreams and asks her to marry him. He tells his mother he wants her to meet his fiancée, but he wants to make a bit of a game out of it. He says he'll bring the girl over with two other women and see if his mother can guess which is the one he wants to marry. His mother agrees to the game.

That night, he shows up at his mother's house with three beautiful young ladies. They all sit down on the couch, and everyone has a wonderful evening talking and getting to know each other.

At the end of the evening, the young man asks his mother, 'OK, Mom, which one is the woman I want to marry?' Without any hesitation at all, his mother replies, 'The one in the middle.'

The young man is astounded. 'How in the world did you figure it out?' Easy,' she says. 'I don't like her.'

It was their fifth anniversary, and Al and Alice had just returned from the movies. Alice was feeling romantic. 'Will you love me when my hair has turned to silver?' she crooned. Why not?' Al grunted. 'Didn't I love you through four other shades?'

This is the story of two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years. Now, one evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. These two were at the same table, across from one another.

As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her, 'Will you marry me?'

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered. 'Yes, Yes, I will.'

The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. Next morning, he was troubled. Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past.

As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, 'When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?'

He was delighted to hear her say, 'Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart.' Then she continued, 'And I am so glad that you called, because I forgot who asked me '.

Einstein's explanation of Relativity:

"Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."