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Next Meeting - To be held Wednesday Oct. 17th 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. The speaker will be Club member Bill Bishop. I understand Bill will be talking on Riverside Golf and Country Club, no doubt complete with all the locker room gossip.

Last Meeting - President Dave Fraser opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the singing of O Canada, followed by Clarence Blois leading a nostalgia orientated sing along.

President's Remarks

No sick or passing of members was reported, but Don Jobe was undergoing cataract surgery. We wish Don a speedy recovery.

Bob Crawford has resigned as he has moved to a Condo in Fredericton to be near his family and to accommodate his wife's wheelchair after having suffered a stroke. A farewell card was left out for members to sign. George McCaughey was back after undergoing heart surgery and in good voice. Bill Brydges reminded the club that the club was now 15 years old, being founded by the Rotary Club of Saint John with 43 original members. The first President, Bill Bartlett, was acknowledged along with other founding members present by a round of applause. Bill then informed the club that Lorne McGuigan was in the process of moving to P.E.I., and therefore we were losing not only co chair of Rendezvous 2008 but also club President designate. Bill updated the club on the latest state of "Rendezvous2008" and stated he hoped to have the brochure available for the October meeting. President Dave said that due to communication difficulties over the summer hiatus, a new President had not been designated but hoped this situation would be resolved by the October meeting .

Treasurer's Report

The incoming Treasurer, Don Mitchner, was welcomed and announced he had collected \$660 in dues to add to the bank balance of \$189. Past Treasurer announced that the audited annual accounts would be available for the October meeting.

Phone Committee

Duane Lister said that two more volunteers were needed, so Pat Toole and Gordon Graham stepped up to the plate. Well done gentlemen.

Membership

Ed Okeefe circulated an updated membership list for amendments, if any. Gordon Moulard elicited numbers for a roast beef lunch and promptly ordered 23. The 60/40 draw was won by George McCaughey who generously donated the \$103 to the B&GC. The meeting was then adjourned for coffee.

Presentation

After coffee Lorne McGuigan introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Sue Harley from Aliant. She described the modern Aliant which now employs some 10,000 people spread from Ontario to the Maritimes with some 300 being employed in New Brunswick. She described Aliant as a new and improved NBtel offering many

diversified services in the fast changing electronic world. She indicated that Aliant was specializing in small company information services of which there are over 75,000 in Atlantic Canada. Sue presented and clarified many areas of information and gave members a lot of information to absorb. She was thanked by President Dave who presented her with a gift certificate donated by a local restaurant. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:58.

Now for the alleged Funnies

One liners used to be popular in the days of such comedians as Henny Youngman, where the butt of the jokes were his long suffering wife and mother in law. Now in these days of feminine emancipation the one liner has changed. Here are a few samples:

1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?"
She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
8. If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him is he still wrong?
9. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
10. Is there another word for synonym?
11. Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?
12. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
13. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
14. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
15. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
16. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
17. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
18. Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
19. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
20. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
21. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
22. How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?
23. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
24. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

A little American Indian boy asked his father, the big chief and Witch doctor of the tribe, "Papa, why is it that we always have long names, while the white men have shorter names like Bill, Tex, or Sam?"

His father replied, "Look, son, our names represent a symbol, a sign, or a poem for our culture not like the white men, who live all together and repeat their names from generation to generation.

Also, it is part of our makeup that in spite of everything, we survive.

For example, your sister's name is Small Romantic Moon Over The Lake, because on the night she was born, there was a beautiful moon reflected in the lake.

Then there's your brother, Big White Horse of the Prairies, because he was born on a day that the big white horse who gallops over the prairies of the world appeared near our camp and is a symbol of our capacity to live and the life force of our people. It's very simple and easy to understand. Do you have any other questions, Little Broken Condom Made in China.

Happy
Halloween

