



The Phoghorn



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Happy Valentine's Day

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Next Meeting

To be held Wednesday, February 20th 10:00 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Our speakers will be Terissa Lyon and Boyd Young from CNIB. Their presentation will be in respect to information and services provided by the Institute to the visually impaired as well as the eye problems that seniors might encounter and their possible treatment .

Last Meeting

President Dave opened the meeting as usual with O Canada and we were led by our choirmaster, Calarence Blois, in what seemed to this tone deaf listener to be a very harmonious sing song. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were duly approved. President Dave then called for a moment of silence while we stood in memory of long time member George Teed, who recently passed away. The club offers its condolences to the family.

Sick (and Healing)

It was reported that Carl Tompkins is now seeing fine despite the comical glasses he is sporting. Frank Irvine is progressing, as is Jim Gillespie. Speedy recovery gentlemen.

Rendezvous 2008

V.P. Dick Burpee gave an update on Rendezvous in the rare absence of Bill Brydges. All is progressing well. Members are urged to consider early registration although it has been decided Saint John registrants will not be eligible for the early bird prizes.

Christmas

Those members and their wives who volunteered to help the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign were thanked for their sterling effort.

Future Speakers

President Dave requested ideas for future speakers from the membership. Perhaps you have someone or something you'd like to hear about or even make a presentation yourself.

Gordon Moulard found 23 members to stay for a soup and sandwich lunch and announced that Pizza will be on the menu for the coming February meeting. It was also announced that the membership list is under review, as we are assessed by head office on a per capita basis for administration and insurance purposes. Announced as well was that the Club will have an Annual General Meeting in May.

Carl Tompkins then closed out the pre coffee meeting with a Joke but I forgot the punch line so you'll just have to use your imaginations ...but it didn't involve a telephone. Meeting adjourned for coffee at 10:45.

After the break, the 60 /40 draw winner was picked by our speaker and Wylie McGinley donated his winnings of \$114 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Speaker

Our speaker, Mr. Glen Beers, was introduced by Dick Burpee. Mr. Beers gave a very informative talk on the ins and outs of the new income splitting procedure for income tax purposes and using hypothetical scenarios showed how much potential tax saving is now available to those who exercise this option. It seems well worth it for those of us on pensions. This generated several questions from the floor. Further information can be found on Government of Canada Revenue Agency web page.

Our Speaker was then thanked by Don MacGowan and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Important Notice! - Membership

At the beginning of February 2008 our club had 161 listed members but only 105 have paid their current dues. As the club operates on a break even basis this will cause a shortfall of approximately \$1200 for the year. The Committee urges all delinquent members to pay up ASAP. The Phoghorn costs about \$10 annually so those who haven't paid up by the end of February will not receive the Phoghorn. The Committee will be contacting the delinquent members as to their club intentions. Members can pay their dues by mailing a cheque to the address below the Phoghorn banner to the attention of the treasurer.

🌀 Welcome to the Funny Page 🌀

(Contributions this month from Secretary Robert Taylor)

Announcing some interesting courses at the Saint John Learning Centre which we think may be helpful to members.
NOTE: DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THEIR CONTENTS, CLASS SIZES WILL BE LIMITED TO 8 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM

Class 1
How To Fill Up The Ice Cube Trays—

Step by Step, with Slide Presentation.
Meets 4 weeks, Monday and Wednesday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 2
The Toilet Paper Roll--Does It Change Itself?
Round Table Discussion.
Meets 2 weeks, Saturday 12:00 for 2 hours.

Class 3
Is It Possible To Urinate Using The Technique Of Lifting The Seat and Avoiding The Floor, Walls and Nearby Bathtub?
Group Practice.
Meets 4 weeks, Saturday 10:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 4
Fundamental Differences Between The Laundry Hamper and The Floor--Pictures and Explanatory Graphics.
Meets Saturdays at 2:00 PM for 3 weeks.

Class 5
Dinner Dishes--Can They Levitate and Fly Into The Kitchen Sink?
Examples on Video.
Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM

Class 6
Loss Of Identity--Losing The Remote To Your Significant Other.
Help Line Support and Support Groups.
Meets 4 Weeks, Friday and Sunday 7:00 PM

Class 7
Learning How To Find Things--Starting With Looking In The Right Places And Not Turning The House Upside Down While Screaming.
Open Forum
Monday at 8:00 PM, 2 hours.

Class 8
Health Watch--Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health.
Graphics and Audio Tapes.
Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 9
Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost--Real Life Testimonials.
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM Location to be determined

Class 10
Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly While She Parallel Parks?
Driving Simulations.
4 weeks, Saturday's noon, 2 hours.

Class 11
Learning to Live--Basic Differences Between Mother and Wife.
Online Classes and role-playing
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, location to be determined

Class 12
How to be the Ideal Shopping Companion
Relaxation Exercises, Meditation and Breathing Techniques.
Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 13
How to Fight Cerebral Atrophy--Remembering Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Other Important Dates and Calling When You're Going To Be Late.
Cerebral Shock Therapy Sessions and Full Lobotomies Offered.
Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 14
The Stove/Oven-- What It Is and How It Is Used.
Live Demonstration.
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, location to be determined.

***Advanced ~ Class 15
Prerequisite required: Must know where the washer and dryer are located.

The Washer/Dryer - What are they and how are they used.
Step by step manual handed out during class.

Pink is the new black.
Fashion tips from the experts.

What is that odor coming from the washer?
Discussion on the importance of dryers.

Do clothes really fold themselves
Round table discussion
101 Creative uses for doll sized wool and cashmere sweater
Upon completion of any of the above courses, diplomas will be issued to the survivors.