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Happy Easter
Happy St. Patrick's Day
Happy Spring!!!



Next Meeting

To be held Wednesday, March 19th, 10:00 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Our speaker will be Fire Chief Rob Simonds, Director of the Saint John Emergency Management Organization. He will be talking on the Saint John EMO organization in particular, and EMO in general.

Important Notice

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 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.

Last Meeting

President Dave opened the meeting as usual with O Canada and we were led by our choirmaster, Clarence Blois in what seemed to be a very harmonious sing song, despite the absence of our long time pianist Ray Willis. President Dave went over the implications of delinquent membership dues, as we have to pay Probus Canada for each member on our list. In the absence of our treasurer, Dave reported that the bank balance was approximately \$900 but there were several outstanding accounts and once these were paid we would be pretty slim.

Minutes

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly approved.

Rendezvous 2008

Bill Brydges gave the club an update on committee activities and distributed brochures. He also requested members to submit questions and topics on Probus for discussion at the seminars during Rendezvous, which will be open to all. Members are reminded that the early bird incentive ends on March 31st so get your name in to registration as soon as possible or you'll miss a chance on one of these very attractive room upgrades but you must book a room at either the Delta or the Hilton to have a chance. So come on guys "Catch the Wave" for the big show.

Mr Probus

Yes - you guessed it. Bill Brydges presented long time member, Rev. Lloyd Lake, with a very attractive framed picture of a church. Bill thought Lloyd, who is always there if you need him, and as has been on so many occasions, (and is such a nice guy) that he deserved recognition. Rev. Lake then turned the tables on Bill by presenting him with a Rotary pin from Campbell River, BC where they both visited with a delegation some 15years ago. This concluded the business session and an adjournment was called for coffee.

After the Break President Dave introduced our guest speakers, **Teresa Lyon and Boyd Young of CNIB.** They drew the 60/40 winner, Lou Duffley, who donated his \$187 winnings to the Boys and Girls Club. The presentation was wide ranging and very descriptive of the services provided by the institute for those with vision impairment. We were shown many very ingenious devices and aids ranging from talking watches and calculators, to paper money identifiers. They fielded many questions from an interested audience. Teresa and Boyd were thanked by Carl Tompkins, who has recently undergone eye surgery, with a lunch voucher in appreciation.

The meeting concluded for lunch at noon.

🌀 Your Month's Supply of The Funnies 🌀

Seeing as we've beaten poor Paddy to death these last few years at this time, I decided to ease up on Paddy and let him sup his Guinness in peace and go after those of Non Irish decent.

How many Scotsmen does it take to change a light bulb?
Och! It's no that dark!

A Scots boy came home from school and told his mother he had been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful," says the mother, "What part is it?" The boy says "I play the part of the Scottish husband!" The mother scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

A young Scottish lad and lass were sitting on a low stone wall, holding hands, gazing out over the loch. For several minutes they sat silently. Then finally the girl looked at the boy and said, "A penny for your thoughts, Angus." "Well, uh, I was thinkin'...perhaps it's about time for a wee kiss." The girl blushed, then leaned over and kissed him lightly on the cheek. Then he blushed. The two turned once again to gaze out over the loch. Minutes passed and the girl spoke again. "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin' perhaps it's noo time about time for a wee cuddle." The girl blushed, then leaned over and cuddled him for a few seconds. Then he blushed. Then the two turned once again to gaze out over the loch.

After a while, she again said, "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin' perhaps it's about time you let me put my hand on your leg." The girl blushed, then took his hand and put it on her knee. Then he blushed. The two turned once again to gaze out over the loch before the girl spoke again. "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

The young man glanced down with a furled brow. "Well, noo," he said, "my thoughts are a wee bit more serious this time." "Really?" said the lass in a whisper, filled with anticipation. "Aye," said the lad, nodding.

The girl looked away in shyness, began to blush, and bit her lip in anticipation of the ultimate request.

Then he said, "Dae ye nae think it's about time ye paid me the first three pennies?"

Jock was traveling by train seated next to a stern-faced clergyman. As Jock pulled out a bottle of whisky from his pocket the clergyman glared and said reprovingly, "Look here, I am sixty-five and I have never tasted whisky in my life!"

"Dinna worry, Minister," smiled Jock, pouring himself a dram. "There's no risk of you starting now!"

Jock was digging peat at his croft when a passing American tourist asks, "How much land do you have here?"

"About two acres" Jock replies.

"You know back home it takes me a day to drive around my ranch !" the American boasts.

"Aye", says Jock " I once had a car like that."

Now for the Welsh

Dai and Blodwyn were engaged to be married. Dai was sent by his company to London on a two-week sales training course. The course was fine but the evenings were boring and by the second week Dai was fed up with sitting around in his hotel bedroom and went down to the bar for a few drinks where he met a couple of girls of the night, who enticed him into spending his money.

On returning home Dai's conscience got the better of him and he broke down and confessed to Blodwyn that he had been unfaithful to her twice. Blodwyn said she was glad Dai had been so honest – she too had to confess that she had been unfaithful twice whilst Dai had been away... once with the Tredegar Male Voice Choir and once with the Ebbw Vale RFC first XV.