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To be held Wednesday, February 18th at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Our speaker will be The Vice President of UNBSJ, Dr. Robert McKinnon who will be giving us an update and overview of the University with particular emphasis to the new School of Medicine.

Don't forget if you haven't paid your dues bring your cheque book, or mail the \$25 in to the treasurer at the address on the masthead

January Meeting - President Richard opened the meeting at 10am and after leading the singing of O Canada, a sing song was conducted by Clarence Blois with Don Tompkins on the piano. The selection had a definite Scottish accent in recognition of Robbie Burns 250th anniversary on January 25th this year.

Minutes of the Last Meeting - were read by Secretary Robert Taylor and duly approved.

President's Remarks - President Richard called for a moments silence in memory of Past President Gordon Fairweather who died recently. Gordon certainly made his mark on the community and Canada, and those of us who knew him will miss him a lot. Rest in Peace Gordon .

Bill Brydges then presented the Club with a cheque for \$637.37 from a supporter of Rendezvous 2008. It was duly voted upon that the 4 signing officers for the Clubs bank account would be any two of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Richard updated us on progress on the revision of the club bylaws and constitution. It is anticipated that these will be posted on the Club's webpage on or after Feb. 19th and voted upon at the March meeting.

The Club's website address is at the top of the page in the Phoghorn masthead. The Club intends to make greater use of the site to communicate with members in the future, so check it out often. There are numerous links to other sites of interest including Probud Canada. The only information in the private section is the Club membership list and can be accessed by using your wife's maiden name as a password. If any problem contact the webmaster Robert Lockhart by email.

Treasurer 's Report - Don reported that we are well in the black to the tune of approximately \$2400.00

House Manager - Gordon Mouland solicited 20 members for lunch of hearty beef soup. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 for coffee and social time.

After the adjournment President Richard introduced member Don MacGowan whose hobby, other than emulating Ken Dryden between the pipes on his hockey team, is historic research with an emphasis on things nautical. Don's subject this time was the fully rigged Saint John built ship the "Rock Terrace". She became a ghost ship after being abandoned by her crew off the Pacific Island of Guam. She sailed on for five months in a Marie Celeste manner till she was wrecked on the island of Tarawa over 800 miles from her abandonment. There natives were able to salvage some of her cargo of Cased Kerosene originally loaded in Philadelphia and destined for Japan.

An interesting talk, much appreciated by those present. Don was thanked by Laurie Hossack.

60/40 Don Noel and Dave Sprague sold \$100 of tickets. The winner was Don Michner who donated the total to the Boys and Girls Club. Name Badges **Anyone who needs a new badge please contact President Richard.** Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Ponderisms

- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?
- If at first you don't succeed, shouldn't you try doing it like your wife told you to do it?
- And obviously if at first you don't succeed, then don't take up sky diving!
- The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they're okay, then it's you.
- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- Life is sexually transmitted.

- Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant

Now for the Very Definitely Funnies

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?' I said, 'Dust.' And then the fight started...

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?" And that's when the fight started....

Then my wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.' I bought her a scale. And then the fight started...

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive... so, I took her to a gas station. And then the fight started...

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.' And then the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, 'Do you know her?' 'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.' 'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?' And then the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, I said, she can order for herself." And then the fight started...

A woman is standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband.. 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.' The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.' And then the fight started.....

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream. And then the fight started....

My wife asked me if a certain dress made her butt look big. I told her not as much as the dress she wore yesterday. And then the fight started.....

A man and a woman were asleep like two innocent babies. Suddenly, at 3 o'clock in the morning, a loud noise came from outside. The woman, bewildered, jumped up from the bed and yelled at the man. 'Holy crap. That must be my husband!' So the man jumped out of the bed; scared and naked jumped out the window. He smashed himself on the ground, ran through a thorn bush and to his car as fast as he could go. A few minutes later he returned and went up to the bedroom and screamed at the woman, 'I AM your husband!' The woman yelled back, 'Yeah, then why were you running?' And then the fight started.....