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Next Meeting

To be held Wednesday November 19th at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Our speakers will be Mr. Daryl Wilson from New Brunswick Pipeline who will update us on the company's activities in the natural gas distribution network.

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

October meeting

Our new President Richard opened the meeting. After leading the singing of O Canada, the usual sing song ensued led by our ubiquitous President in the absence of Clarence Blois and pianist Don Thompkins. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Robert Taylor and duly approved.

President's remarks

Ray Willis has moved to Oakville. Richard has the address for anyone wanting it. Larry Mundee is in rehabilitation. Ralph Wood was absent due to a severely abscessed gum, was in excruciating pain and his face was swollen beyond recognition. A vast improvement over his normal appearance... (ok it's a joke!)

Henry Hoar tendered his resignation due to health problems. This was accepted with regrets. There were no new members or guests. Richard announced that new members will be given a Probus brochure and By-Laws with their Pin.

Rendezvous 2008

Bill Brydges reported that the convention was a big success going by the survey of those attending and anecdotal remarks including those from the National Executive. Bill said that there were 28 planning meetings, countless emails and much correspondence by the 16 sub committees. He recognized all the various Chairs asking them to stand and be acknowledged for a job well done. Co Chair Fred Shillington who did a sterling job on Registration presented Bill with a framed picture of the Co Chairs that had appeared in the Telegraph Journal. Bill was also awarded with the John Morris trophy in the form of an inscribed clock for his outstanding contribution to Probus. Congratulations Bill, it's well deserved.

Treasurer's Report.

Don Michener reported that \$1165.00 in dues had been collected last month.

A motion to destroy past records not pertinent to the current operations of the Club be destroyed was moved by Frank Ervin, seconded by Fred Shillington. Motion carried.

Membership

Ed O'keefe circulated an updated membership list for corrections. This will be circulated to the membership shortly.

A motion to delete names of members after two years of non payment of dues was introduced by Ed, seconded by Dave Fraser. Motion carried.

House Committee

Gordon Mouland solicited 18 for lunch of Chicken Pot Pie. Gordon is also coordinating orders for golf shirts, glasses, and sweatshirts as were sold at Rendezvous. These are available with the Rendezvous logo or the Probus logo, so see Gordon to place your order.

Miscellaneous

Any ideas for future programs? If so, please see Richard or Brian Mitchell.

Nominating Committee for 2nd VP is Pat Toole, Tom Jarrett, and Dave Lester.

By laws are under review

60/40

Dave Sprague has joined the extortionists. Report tabled showed that 60/40 has benefited the Boys and Girls Club to the tune of \$7359 from September 2002 to June 200. Well done Tor and Scotty.

Christmas Luncheon

It was decided that this would remain a stag event and that we would invite the String Quartet. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

Meeting adjourned for Coffee and social time at 10:45.

After Coffee President Richard introduced our speaker, Muriel Provost of EMO Saint John. Muriel She explained how the organization works both locally and Provincially. She fielded questions. If you want further information you can visit the web site at sjemo@saintjohn.ca. President

President Richard Burpee thanked the speaker and the meeting was adjourned at 1200pm

Now for the Funnies

I've noticed that a high proportion of jokes told at Probus meetings are "Groaners" so I've decided to go along with this popular trend for all you afficianados.

There are many stories related to the sinking of the "Titanic". Some have just come to light due to the success of the recent movie. For example, most people don't know that back in 1912, Hellman's mayonnaise was manufactured in England. The "Titanic" was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after New York City. The Mexican people were eagerly awaiting delivery and were disconsolate at the loss. So much so that they declared a national day of mourning, which they still observe today. It is known, of course, as: Sinko de Mayo

I don't usually pass on news like this. I know how busy you all are but sometimes we have to pause and truly remember what life is about...so pass on this sad, sad news. . . There was a great loss today in the entertainment world. The man who wrote the song "Hokey Pokey" died. What was really horrible is that they had trouble keeping the body in the casket. They'd put his left leg in and.. .well, you know the rest

What did Noah say as he was loading the Ark? "Now I herd everything"
"Why did the people on the ark think the horses were pessimistic? They kept saying neigh
What animal could Noah not trust? The cheetah
Why couldn't they play cards on the ark? Noah was sitting on the deck
Who was the first canning factory run by? Noah-he had a boat full of preserved pairs
Was Noah the first one out of the Ark? No, he came fourth out of the ark
Which animal took the most baggage into the arc? What animal took the least? The elephant took his trunk, but the fox and the rooster took only a brush and comb between them.
Why weren't there any worms on the arc? Because worms come in apples not in pairs.
Where did Noah keep the bees? In the ark hives.
Where was Noah when the lights went out? In d'ark.
Why couldn't Noah catch many fish? He only had two worms.
What did the cat say when the ark landed? Is that Ararat

A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls. One day his supply of the birds ran out, so he had to go out and trap some more. On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them. Immediately, he was arrested and charged with transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.

A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the bathroom fixtures.
A spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."

Many years ago, in the south pacific, there was a small island kingdom that was ruled by a kind and benevolent King. Each year, on the King's birthday, the residents of the island gave the King a new throne as token of their love and respect for him. And each year, the King would put last years gift up in the attic of his small house. After many years of ruling the island, the weight of the large number of birthday presents stored up in the attic became too heavy and caused the house to fall down. The moral of the story is that people in grass houses shouldn't stow thrones.

A man was eating in a fancy restaurant, and there was a gorgeous woman eating at the next table. He had been checking her out all night, but lacked the nerve to go talk to her. Suddenly she sneezed and her glass eye went flying out of her socket towards the man. With his quick reflexes, he caught it in mid-air. "Oh my god, I'm sooooo sorry," the woman said as she popped her eye back into its socket. "Let me buy you dinner to make it up to you." They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together and afterwards the woman offered to drive him home. "But it's over an hour out of your way," the man said. "Are you sure you don't mind?" "Not at all," she said. "I'm looking forward to it." The guy was amazed and flattered. "You know, you're the perfect woman," he said. "Are you this nice to every guy you meet?" "No," she replied, "you just happened to catch my eye!"