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Next Meeting - to be held Wednesday January 21st at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Our speaker will be our own Don MacGowan who will be talking about Saint John's ghost ship, the Rock Terrace. I have information about this topic but if Don's talk is anything as interesting as his last presentation we are in for another treat. 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.

December meeting - President Richard opened the meeting at 10am and after leading the singing O Canada, a Christmas singsong ensued led by Clarence Blois.

Minutes Of the last meeting - were read by Secretary Robert Taylor and duly approved.

President's remarks - Brian Mitchell read a letter from Bev and Percy Cooper from Australia who were very complimentary about their experience at Rendezvous. Kit Payne was welcomed as the latest new member. There was a general discussion about the future of our website and updating it. The position of Club Historian was discussed and Don Tompkins agreed to take over as photographer and historian from Lou Duffley who has done a lot of work on this project. It was reported that the nominating committee for second vice president is still actively looking for a candidate. President Richard then presented Debbie Cooper of the Boys and Girls Club with our Christmas donation of \$500. Debbie thanked the Club and remarked how much the Club enjoys their association with Probus, something I think we also enjoy very much. The new club bylaws are under revision and will be presented in the near future for the Club's approval.

Treasurer's Report - In the absence of the treasurer Richard assured us that we were still solvent.

60/40 Draw - The winner was Bill Bishop who donated the \$102.00 to the Boys and Girls Club. The draw for liquid refreshment donated by Dave Fraser was won by Graydon Chiarella. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 for social time and coffee. At 11am the meeting resumed with our traditional Christmas time guests, The Saint John String Quartet whose seasonal presentation was a delightful combination of carols and seasonal music with interesting comments on the origins of each piece. We were then served a fine Christmas lunch by the Boys and Girls Club staff and the members adjourned full of Christmas cheer.

Useful Online Connections

Service New Brunswick

<http://www.snb.ca/e/0001e.asp>

Government of Canada

<http://canada.gc.ca/home.html>

Wikipedia ,the online encyclopedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Health questions

http://bodyandhealth.canada.com/channel_section_details.asp?text_id=2288&channel_id=131&relation_id=10844

From the Eaglehawk Probus Club Australia

Dedicated to Bill and Fred and all the other members of Rendezvous Committees

I'M ON A COMMITTEE.

Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee

Which means from morning to night

We attend and amend and contend and defend

Without a conclusion in sight.

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We confer and concur, we defer and demur
And reiterate all of our thoughts, We revise the agenda with frequent addenda and consider a load of reports.
We compose and propose we suppose and oppose and the points of procedure are fun
But though various notions are brought up as motions there's terribly little that gets done.
We resolve and absolve but we never dissolve, since it's out of the question for us
What a shattering pity to end our committee, Where else could we have such fun.

Now for those alleged Funnies

Mike was walking past a pet shop one day and noticed a parrot in a cage hanging outside. As he approached, the parrot said, "Hello. What's your name?" "Mike," responded the young man. Several days later, Mike again approached the pet shop. "Hello, Mike." said the parrot. Mike was amazed, and decided to go inside and buy the bird. The clerk told him the parrot was not for sale. "I really want that parrot," said Mike. "Name your own price." The clerk saw an opportunity to make some money, so he told Mike, "I can't sell Polly because she belongs to the owner. But I can get you some of her eggs. They're \$100 each, and you'll have to come back after hours so I can sneak them out to you." Mike orders 1/2 dozen eggs and agrees to come back later that night. The clerk decides to gather a mixture of different eggs to increase the likely hood of having some of them hatch, and when Mike comes back that night - he sells him the 6 eggs. A couple weeks later the eggs hatch - but instead of parrots, Mike has a baby chicken, turkey, duck, goose, owl, and a robin. The following week he once again approaches the pet shop. "Hello, Mike," says the parrot. "Don't you talk to me, you slut." responds Mike. "You'd sleep with anything."

QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV? Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change?
-They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?

They're both dogs!

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Phoghorn wishes you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.