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Next Meeting - To be held 11 am - *yes 11 not ten* - at the new Port of Saint John Cruise Terminal on Water Street (where Pugsley terminal used to stand). Besides a short formal meeting we will be having a tour of the new facility, and lunch will be provided by the Port Corporation. Parking is available adjacent to the building towards Pugsley C shed.

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

March Meeting - In the absence of President Richard, Vice President Bob Capson opened the meeting at 10 am with O Canada. Clarence Blois and Don Tompkins led a distinctively Irish flavoured sing song with Clarence's solo of Danny Boy being the highlight.

Minutes Of the Last Meeting - were read by Ralph Wood, editor of the Phoghorn, in the absence of secretary Robert Taylor. They were duly approved.

Vice President's Remarks - Bob reported on several members and their families who had been sick, and cards of condolence sent. Ralph Murray then gave details of next months month's tour of the Cruise Terminal and Duane Lister was asked to canvas the membership for those wishing to attend.

Treasurers Report - Don Michener reported that we had a favourable balance of \$2700.00, but there were some accounts payable.

House Manager Gordon Moulard Solicited some 20 members for lunch of Irish Stew.

New Bylaws - V.P. Bob introduced the topic of the New Bylaws on a motion from Duane Lister, seconded by Fred Shillington, and duly approved. A discussion ensued on the suggested amendments as published in the last edition of the Phoghorn.

One amendment was proposed by Dave Fraser & seconded by Bill Brydges that the Nominating Committee should consist of the immediate Past President and any three Past Presidents who regularly attend meetings. This was voted on and approved unanimously. The new Bylaws with the preceding amendment were then voted on for adoption on a motion by Ralph Murray seconded by George McCaughey and passed unanimously.

Bill Brydges then announced that Robert Lockhart, our webmaster, will be presented with a certificate of appreciation for his sterling work on Rendezvous. Robert had inadvertently been missed when other Committee members had been recognized. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 for coffee and socializing.

The meeting resumed at 11:00 with Don Tompkins introducing our speaker, M.r Roger Haineault, a tax consultant. Mr Haineault then drew the winner of the 60/40 draw who coincidentally was Don Tompkins. Don donated his winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr Haineault then proceeded to outline various new measures in recent Federal and Provincial budgets that could be advantageous to us as senior citizens.

There was also some explanation of the circumstances that have led to the current recession and measures that have been introduced to ameliorate them. A lively and informative question and answer session followed the presentation. Mr Haineault was thanked by Clarence Blois and the meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 noon.

Of interest to Canadian senior citizens

A high proportion of us are now computer literate and use our computers on a daily basis for various activities. With this in mind, I've compiled a list of sites that can be extremely useful to us as seniors.

This month's link is to : http://www.normanpickell.com/links_seniorsotherinters.htm

This site lists a huge number of Senior orientated sites with a very varied content, so just have a look around and you'll be amazed at the information that can be available with a click of your mouse.

Now for those alleged Funnies

This first one is especially for Rev. Lake:

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.

A man whose face was badly scarred after an accident went to see his Doctor with his wife

The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny. So the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only skin on her body that the doctor found suitable would have to come from her buttocks. and his wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and they requested that the Doctor honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter. After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded with the man's new face. He looked more handsome than he had before! All his friends and relatives just went on and on about his youthful beauty! One day, he was alone with his wife, and he was overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, 'Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?' My darling,' she replied, 'I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss my ass.'

A true story from Mount Isa in Queensland.

Recently a routine Police patrol car parked outside a local neighborhood pub. Late in the evening the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the car park for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles. The man managed to find his car, which he fell into. He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine dry night). Then flicked the indicators on, then off, tooted the horn and then switched on the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few cm, reversed a little and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as some more vehicles left. At last he pulled out of the car park and started to drive slowly down the road. The Police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a random breathalyzer test. To his amazement the breathalyzer indicated no evidence of the man's intoxication. The Police officer said 'I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police station - this breathalyzer equipment must be broken.' 'I doubt it,' said the man, 'tonight I'm the designated decoy'.

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Bumper Stickers

Horn broken; watch for finger.

Help wanted: telepath - you know where to apply.

Sex on television can't hurt you unless you fall off

Out of my mind - back in 5 minutes



Happy
Easter