



# The Phoghorn



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**Next Meeting** - To be held 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be our Christmas dinner meeting with traditional entertainment provided by the Saint John String Quartet along with Clarence Blois's buddies in the Banjo Barons. So come prepared to sing and enjoy the Season's cheer. The lunch will be provided by the Boys and Girls Club at \$5 per head and the best bargain in town. As per tradition this is a stag do.

### Dues

**It's Dues time again and unless you've paid for more than one year, \$25 dollars is due - so bring your chequebook or mail the \$25 in to the Treasurer at the address on the mast head. It is important that we get this necessary chore out of the way before the Treasurer gets dunning letters from Probus Canada.**

**President's Remarks** - President Richard opened the meeting at 10 am with the singing of O Canada. This was followed by our usual sing song led by Clarence Blois, and Don Tompkins on the piano with the theme "Autumn". President Brian announced that our membership had reached 145 but we have room for 180 so he urged all members to make a point of recruiting a new member if possible.

Don Tompkins introduced John Fowler as a prospective member so our recruiting drive is off to a good start.

**Secretary** - Robert Taylor then read the minutes of the June meeting which were duly approved.

**Membership** - Two guests were welcomed, and on paying their dues became pinned members. Peter Joli introduced Tom Neill and Tor Bordevik introduced Ujjay Kawatra. Brian then announced that previous guests Bill Fulton and Mike Edwards had also joined the club and were duly pinned. We also welcome back to the fold a longtime member, Ross Coates.

**Treasurer's Report** - was unavailable.

Brian Announced that member Larry Mundeel had passed away in May and a moment of silence was observed in his memory.

**House manager** Gordon Mouland solicited 20 members for lunch of soup and sandwiches.

We then had a general discussion instigated by Sandy Gregory regarding Debbie Cooper, Superintendent of the Boys and Girls Club and her participation in the carrying of the Olympic Torch in the cross Canada relay. Debbie has the opportunity of purchasing the torch and would like to display it in the Boys and Girls Club. Sandy thought it would be nice if the Club could defray the approximate \$ 700 cost. After discussion an appropriate motion was proposed by Bill Brydges and seconded by Randy Griffin and passed unanimously.

Sandy began to collect funds immediately and by the time lunch was over well over \$500 had been collected and now I hear with some help from the Rotary Club, the target has been exceeded. A good job well done Sandy.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 for coffee and socializing.

Upon resumption at 11 am our guest speaker drew the 60/40 draw winner. Bill Bartlett donated the \$114 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Our Speaker, John Eisener from Credit Counselling Services of Atlantic Canada Inc., Which is a non profit counseling service for those with various debt problems, was introduced. John explained to us the various services they provide and the help that they can be to clients. He gave various illustrations of the bad situations people can find themselves in particularly with regard to the misuse of credit and credit cards in particular with their high interest rates. He explained what the service can do to help. He also spoke on the need for more financial management education in schools and businesses and how they are attempting to address this problem. The presentation provoked numerous questions and was enthusiastically received by the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

## Now for the bad jokes, groaners and assorted merriment ...the Alleged Funnies

Men, you may think you have a command of the English language, but when it comes to communicating with women, you may be surprised. Here is our dictionary of Womanese. Master these terms and you'll find your relationship with women greatly improved.

### The Real Definition of Words When Used By Women

**Arguments** Women always have the last word in an argument. Anything a man adds after that is the beginning of a new argument.

**Cats** Women love cats. Men may say they love cats, but when women are not looking, will men kick cats.

**Future** A woman worries about the future -- until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future -- until he gets a wife.

**Success** A successful man is one who makes more money than can be spent by his wife. A successful woman is one who can find that man.

**Marriage** A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

**Dressing Up** A woman will dress up when she goes shopping, empties the garbage, answers the phone, waters the plants, gets the mail and reads a book. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

**Natural** Men wake up looking as good as when they went to bed. Women will somehow deteriorate during the night.

**Children** A woman knows all about her children. She knows about their best friends, romances, secret hopes and dreams, favorite foods, fears and dental appointments. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

**Thought for the Day** Married men should forget their mistakes. There is no need for two people to remember the same thing.

### To Be Six Again

George was a thoughtful husband. He wanted to give his wife something special for her birthday which was coming up soon. As he sat on the edge of the bed, he watched his wife turning back and forth and looking at herself in the mirror. "Reta," he said, "What would you like for your birthday?" His wife continued to look at herself and said, "I'd like to be six again." George knew just what to do. On the big day, he got up early and made his wife a bowl of Fruit Loops. Then he took her to an amusement park where they rode all the rides. Five hours later, Reta's stomach felt upside down and her head was reeling. Never the less, George took her to McDonald's and bought her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Next, it was a movie with popcorn, soda and her favorite candy. As Reta wobbled into the house that evening and flopped on the bed, George asked her, "Well, Dear, what was it like to be six again?" Reta looked up at him. Her expression changed. She said, "I meant my dress size!"

### Why Men Are Happier

Men can play with toys all their life.

Men can wear shorts no matter what their legs look like.

Men have one wallet and one pair of shoes, which are good for every season

Men can choose whether or not to grow a mustache.

Men can "do" their fingernails with a pocket knife.

Note this is a "Male " only publication do not under any circumstances show it to your spouse as not only you but Me as well will be in real trouble for revealing the above secret information.

***Cheers and compliments of the season from the Phoghorn.***