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Next Meeting - To be held 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club, Wednesday February 17^{th.} Our speaker will be Donnie Snook, Councilor of City of Saint John. He will be talking to us about some of the exciting things going on with his Inner City Kids program in the South end.

Dues

It's Dues time again and unless you've paid for more than one year, \$25 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.

<u>President's Remarks</u> - The monthly meeting of the Probus Club of Saint John was convened at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club, with First Vice President Robert Capson chairing and only about 20 members in attendance due to a snowstorm. In one way, Bob was pleased with the low turnout, so that "there aren't as many here to see me screw up". The meeting opened with "O Canada". Since Clarence Blois was absent, there was no sing-along.

<u>Minutes</u> of December 16th were read by the Secretary and approved.

<u>Member News:</u> It was reported that Wylie McGinley's wife died yesterday, and the Club extended sympathy. Blake McCullough is recovering well.

<u>Finances:</u> Treasurer Don Mitchener reported he received \$250 in dues today, and there is about \$2000 in the bank with all bills paid. He sent Probus Canada dues for 120 members at \$2.50; our current paid membership is 97.

House Committee: Most of those present elected to stay for lasagna and salad lunch.

Phoghorn -Two were reported returned and will be followed up.

New Business:

- 1. Bob reported that pins and brochures have been received. He encouraged members to take brochures for potential new members.
- 2. Bob reported that the Executive met on January 11th to look at the results of Tor's member survey, and looked at two new policies:
- a. A couple of members per meeting to speak about themselves for 3 to 5 minutes; if no volunteers, then calls will be made. Recommended for new members.
- b. Recommended that the 60/40 winners be given their winnings, and they can decide to keep the cash or donate it to the Boys and Girls Club or to another charity of their choosing. Consensus of the meeting was to leave it as is, and to table any motion to the next meeting in hopes of better attendance.

60/40 Draw: Speaker Cathy Taylor drew Clive Douthwright, who won \$52. There was also a draw, won by Gordon Mouland, of a \$15 meal voucher at Lily's Café.

Program: Bob Capson, in his role as Chair of the Hatheway (Lily Lake) Pavilion Board, introduced Cathy Taylor, Facilities Manager and Yennah Hurley, who coordinates Day Tripping. Cathy reviewed several dozen annual community events that Rockwood Park hosts as it seeks to make the Park a family destination. Yenna circulated a list of activities of Day Tripping sponsors, and also a circular on the benefits of Nordic Walking. She demonstrated techniques of Nordic walking and snowshoeing. She mentioned that Nordic walking poles can be bought at Rockwood for \$115, and snowshoes for \$120. She also spoke about the upcoming pond hockey tournament February 5th to 7th. There were questions about police presence in the Park especially during summer, and also about independent users registering in case they run into trouble. Robert Capson noted that the Park hopes to add family movie nights and programs for seniors, youth, and those with disabilities. Robert thanked the speakers.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:40

NOW FOR THOSE ALLEGED FUNNIES

A well known local Minister was anxious to emphasize the sins of alcohol, smoking, and indulgence in chocolate.

The minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead

Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead

Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation -

"What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine, sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said,

'As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!'

That pretty much ended the service --

A group of 40 year old buddies discuss and discuss where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Fallsview restaurant because the waitresses there have low cut blouses and nice breasts.

10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Fallsview because the food there is very good and the wine selection is good also.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Fallsview because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke free.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Fallsview because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Fallsview because that would be a great idea because they have never been there before.

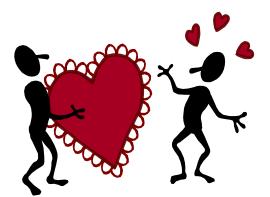
Be My Valentine

A man walks into a post office one day and sees a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them.

His curiosity gets the better of him; he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.



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