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Next Meeting - To be held 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club April 21st Our speaker will be Ms Roshini Kassie, Manager of out reach for the NB Lung Association. She will be speaking on their "Simple Program" This is a program that promotes the recycling of older, less environmentally friendly vehicles thus reducing pollution and carbon footprint.

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.

President's Remarks - 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 the meeting. The meeting opened with "O Canada followed by some Irish songs led by Gordon Mouland; a rousing time that any drunken Irish man would be proud of - sober ones might have second thoughts.

Bob informed the meeting that the new director from the Maritimes for Probus Canada board was Stephen Campbell from Moncton. Bill Brydges said he was a good guy and would represent the Maritimes well.

Minutes of February meeting were read by Carl Tompkins in his usual witty style in the absence of Robert Taylor, our secretary, who was away. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Guests - Lou Duffley introduced his guest, Mike Duffley, who could well have been his son or brother but I'm pretty sure it wasn't Lou's dad. I should take better notes.

Finances - Treasurer Don Mitchener, having returned from Mexico, assured us that club finances are in good shape with over \$2000 in the account and all current bills paid.

House Committee - Gordon Mouland got virtually the whole room to sign up for lunch of traditional Paddy's fare of corned beef and cabbage, which was a real treat for connoisseurs of boiled dinners. Vice President Bob stated that he hoped to have a field trip lined up for the near future, very possibly to Lily Lake and particularly the newly renovated pavilion. He had also gotten several people volunteering to give personal profiles and these will be scheduled shortly.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 for coffee and socializing.

Upon resumption at 1 o'clock, Vice President Bill introduced Mr. Bill Merryfield of Wellington Capital who was prevailed upon to draw the 60/40 ticket. It was won this month by Ralph Fudge who donated the \$24 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Merryfield gave us a talk on Project Stone Hammer which is a new concept for places of interest, similar to the UNESCO designated areas, but in this case not necessarily all in the same geographical location - but spread at various sites in a region, but again under the auspices of UNESCO. The name of the project comes from three geologists from the 1800's. It would cover a billion years of stories from prehistoric fossilized forests near Norton to the social and ever changing industrial history of the region. Mr. Merrifield will be leading a delegation from the area to a UNESCO conference in Malaysia where they hope to earn the UNESCO backing. This would be the first designated area in North America if successful, and could be a big generator of tourist interest.

A very interesting talk once we grasped the concept.

VP Bob thanked Mr. Merryfield and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Now for those alleged funnies

At this time of the year when monetary things seem to pile up with Property taxes, Income tax deadlines etc, I thought the topic of money should be good for a few laughs. After all weeping doesn't seem to do much good.

Santa Claus, the tooth fairy, an honest lawyer and an old drunk are walking down the street together when they simultaneously spot a hundred dollar bill. Who gets it?

The old drunk, of course; the other three are mythological creatures.

A woman was cleaning her husband's dresser drawers when she found 3 golf balls and a box with \$2000 in it. She waited for him to come home from the golf course to ask him why these things were hidden in his dresser drawer. The husband said I'm sorry I hid this from you but the truth is every time I cheated on you over the last 30 years I put a golf ball in the drawer.

The wife was very upset at first but after thinking about it said "I guess 3 times in 30 years is really not that bad!

Oh by the way what is the \$2000 in the drawer?

The husband replied "Well every time I got to a dozen balls I sold them."

An old man was on his deathbed, and wanted to be buried with his money. He called his priest, his doctor and his lawyer to his bedside. "Here's \$30,000 cash to be held by each of you. I trust you to put this in my coffin when I die so I can take all my money with me."

At the funeral, each man put an envelope in the coffin. Riding away in a limousine, the priest suddenly broke into tears and confessed, "I only put \$20,000 into the envelope because I needed \$10,000 to repair the roof of the church." "Well, since we're confiding in each other," said the doctor, "I only put \$10,000 in the envelope because we needed a new X-ray machine for the paediatrics ward at the hospital which cost \$20,000."

The lawyer was aghast. "I'm ashamed of both of you," he exclaimed. "I want it known that when I put my envelope in that coffin, I enclosed a check for the full \$30,000!"

There was a little boy named Johnny who used to hang out at the local corner market. The owner didn't know what Johnny's problem was, but the boys would constantly tease him. They would always comment that he was two bricks shy of a load, or two pickles short of a barrel. To prove it, sometimes they would offer Johnny his choice between a nickel (5 cents) and a dime (10 cents) and John would always take the nickel ... they said, because it was bigger.

One day after Little Johnny grabbed the nickel, the store owner took him aside and said "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. They think you don't know the dime is worth more than the nickel. Are you grabbing the nickel because it's bigger, or what?"

Slowly, Little Johnny turned toward the store owner and a big grin appeared on his face and he said, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I have saved \$20.

There is a man who has three girlfriends, but he does not know which one to marry. So he decides to give each one \$5000 and see how each of them spends it.

The first one goes out and gets a total makeover with the money. She gets new clothes, a new hairdo, manicure, pedicure, the works, and tells the man, "I spent the money so I could look pretty for you because I love you so much."

The second one went out and bought new golf clubs, a CD player, a television, and a stereo and gives them to the man. She says, "I bought these gifts for you with the money because I love you so much."

The third one takes the \$5000 and invests it in the stock market, doubles her investment, returns the \$5000 to the man and reinvests the rest. She says, "I am investing the rest of the money for our future because I love you so much."

The man thought long and hard about how each of the women spent the money and decided to marry the one with the biggest breasts.

Lawyer: "Judge, I wish to appeal my client's case on the basis of newly discovered evidence."

Judge: "And what is the nature of the new evidence?"

Lawyer: "Judge, I discovered that my client still has \$500 left."

"Daddy," a little boy asked his father. "How much does it cost to get married?"

"I don't know, son. I'm still paying for it."



Welcome
to
Spring!!