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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 20th at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am. We will have a new slate of officers for the coming year for approval and installation. Our speaker has not been confirmed at this time

Dues

Dues are always due unless you've already paid for this year - \$25.00 by cheque to the treasurer at the address on the masthead please.

Presidents Remarks

The first meeting of the new Probus season was attended by some 40 members. The meeting was chaired by President Brian Mitchell who welcomed members back. After the singing of O Canada, Clarence Blois led the sing-along.

Brian Mitchell introduced Bob James and he was pinned as a new member. John Fowler, who joined last January, was also pinned. It was reported that Ken Taylor passed away during the summer. Bill Brydges had a medical procedure during the summer, and is recovering – he was present today. Brian reported that there are now 208 Probus Clubs in Canada, with 28,300 members. He announced that the kitchen staff of the Boys and Girls Club are seeking sponsors for a United Way run. Also, the Club has many packages of ruled paper, which fell off a truck enroute to Staples, available for people to take – Robert suggested that food banks would welcome some.

Minutes of June Meeting

It appears that due to some new computer program, which involves cloud computing, the minutes have temporarily disappeared into cyber space but we have every hope that they will somehow magically get found and presented in due course.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that our “pecuniary resources are substantially diminished” on account of having to pay extra for the lunches at Camp Gagetown in May. Brian Mitchell asked that members who went should pay \$10 each. Don filed a statement showing that our total receipts last year were \$3050.16, total expenses were \$3830.86, and closing balance on June 30th was \$294.76. Twenty-eight memberships at \$25 were renewed today, and nine were double-paid last year.

Frank Irvin

Announced that the Royal United Services of NB are welcoming new members. Their next talk is on the Fenian Raids. Anyone interested please contact Frank.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 for coffee and socializing.

Upon resumption, Tom Neil won the 60/40 draw and donated the \$104.85 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Telephone Committee

Duane Lister is still looking for two volunteers for a very easy job.

Tor Bordevik introduced Daryl Wilson and Susan Harris, who updated us on the operation of the gas pipeline which opened in July 2009. Brunswick Pipeline has been occupied with restoring the landscape in various parts of the city. They spoke of safety measures in construction and operation (especially measures to prevent rust corrosion), mock emergency exercises, dealing with pressure drops, community involvement, and some of Emera's other holdings. A question and answer period followed, and then Peter Jolly thanked the speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.



Now for the Funnies

You may have noticed the odd typo, the spelling mistakes,
Well I'm pleased to say they will now be a thing of the past ,
You see I've discovered a spell checker on my pc.
Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew

Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other, outside the operating room.
The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"
The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."
The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze!"
The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?"
The first kid says, "A circumcision."
And the second kid says, "Whoa! I had that done when I was born. I couldn't walk for a [year!](#)"

An Irishman , a Mexican and a Blonde Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building.
They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, 'Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building.'
The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, 'Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too.'
The blonde opened his lunch and said, ' Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too.'
The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.
The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped too,
The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.
At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, 'If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!'
The Mexican's wife also wept and said, 'I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! Everyone turned and stared at the Blonde's wife. She said the idiot makes his own lunch.

