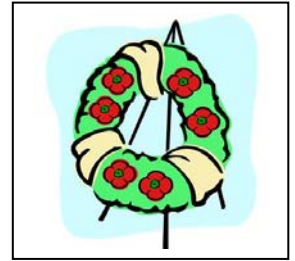




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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 17th at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am. Our speaker will be Rotary International exchange student from Japan Ms Yukako Tsukamoto who is studying at UNBSJ.

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.

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with about 37 members present. President Brian Mitchell chaired the opening of the meeting.

Nomination Report: Past President Richard Burpee presented the proposed slate of officers for 2010-11: Past President Brian Mitchell, President Bob Capson, First Vice President Torbjorn Bordevik, Treasurer Don Mitchener, Secretary Robert Taylor, Membership Secretary Ed O'Keefe, Telephone Committee Duane Lister, Webmaster J. C. Robert Lockhart, Phoghorn Editor Ralph Wood. There being no further nominations, it was **moved** by Frank Ervin and **seconded** by Clarence Blois that this slate be accepted; motion **carried**. Brian Mitchell presented Bob Capson with a President's pin, and Bob reciprocated with a Past President's pin. Bob Capson then assumed the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Following "O Canada", a moment of silence was observed in memory of Ken Taylor and Jack Myles who passed away recently. Clarence Blois led a singalong.

Minutes of the September 15th meeting were accepted on **motion** of Robert Taylor, **seconded** by Ed O'Keefe.

Member News: Brian Mitchell introduced Michael Dunphy as a guest; Michael has moved from Kingston, Ontario, where he was a Probud Club member.

The deaths of Bill Camlin during the summer and Ken Kierstead in April, were noted. It was **moved** by William Brydges and **seconded** by Frank Ervin that deceased members' name tags be given to their widows; motion **defeated** 12 to 14. It was suggested that funds be raised to send flowers and cards to widows.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener presented an updated financial report (**attached**) showing a current bank balance of \$1259.76 and 35 members paid for 2010-11. (*Update e-mailed to Executive later showed a balance of \$1944.76 and 58 members paid*).

There was discussion about the agreed price for the Gagetown trip (\$25 from members and \$24 + tax on \$49 from Club subsidy) being raised by \$10. Bob Capson is to investigate the invoice and report back next month.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported we have 144 members. He wants to add spouses' names to the list. He will have an updated list available to distribute next month. Member input pointed out the need for younger members to give us younger leaders in due course.

Phone Committee: Duane Lister reported he still needs two volunteers; each volunteer makes twelve calls when needed.

House Committee: Dave Lester enrolled 25 for chicken tortilla for lunch. Clive Douthwright will take over this function after cruise season which ends October 29th.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood wants members to let him know if they want to move from regular mail to e-mail for the monthly newsletter.

New Business: It was suggested to restore a joke at the end of the meeting to liven things up somewhat. Rev. Lloyd Lake obliged today with a report of a cat and a mouse trying out life in Heaven.

Coffee Break.

60/40 Draw: Police Chief Bill Reid drew Bill Bambury's ticket; Bill donated his \$78 winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bob Capson introduced Police Chief Bill Reid, who spoke on Crime Reduction Economics. He spoke of a paradigm shift from reactive policing to proactive that occurred in 2009. The emphasis is on crime prevention by an Intelligence Led Policing Model. Only 40% of crimes are reported, under 30% are recorded, only 2% get to the court stage, and only 4 in 1000 result in a sentence. Senior officers of the department have to include strategies in their biweekly reports. Two examples: education through the "Lock it and Pocket" program; or using a methodone program as a less costly alternative to drug-induced crime and resultant legal costs. The emphasis has moved from cost-based assessment to social and quality of life based assessment. The police can even catch criminals by tracking their bragging on Facebook (so, too, can prospective employers!). Following a question and answer period, Chief Reid was thanked by Wes Cosman.

Now for those Infamous Funnies

A retired corporate executive, now a widower, decided to take a vacation. He booked himself on a Caribbean cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life, that is, until the ship sank. He soon found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing, only bananas and coconuts. After about four months, he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up to the shore. In disbelief, he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

She replies, "I rowed over from the other side of the island where I landed when my cruise ship sank."

"Amazing," he notes. "You were really lucky to have a row boat wash up with you."

"Oh, this thing?" explains the woman. "I made the boat out of some raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm tree branches, and the sides and stern came from a Eucalyptus tree."

"But, where did you get the tools?"

"Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into ductile iron I used that to make tools and used the tools to make the hardware." The guy is stunned.

"Let's row over to my place," she says. So, after a short time of rowing, she soon docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat. Before him is a long stone walk leading to an exquisite bungalow painted in blue and white. While the woman ties up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumb struck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Sit down, please." "Would you like a drink?"

"No! No thank you," the man blurts out, still dazed. "I can't take another drop of coconut juice." "It's not coconut juice," winks the woman.

"I have a still. How would you like a Pina Colada?" Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk. After they exchange their individual survival stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable. Would you like to take a shower and shave? There's a razor in the bathroom cabinet upstairs."

No longer questioning anything, the man goes upstairs into the bathroom. There, in the cabinet is a razor made from a piece of tortoise bone. Two shells honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside a swivel mechanism.

"This woman is amazing," he muses. "What's next?" When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but some small flowers on tiny vines, each strategically positioned, she smelled faintly of gardenias. She then beckons for him to sit down next to her.

"Tell me," she begins suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've both been out here for many months. You must have been lonely. There's something I'm certain you feel like doing right now, something you've been longing for, right?" She stares into his eyes. He can't believe what he's hearing. "You mean..." he swallows excitedly as tears start to form in his eyes, "You've built a Golf Course Too?"

California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.

The new wine will be marketed asPINO MORE

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on. So He called one of His angels and sent the angel to earth for a time.

When he returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.'

God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion.'

So God called another angel and sent him to earth for a time. When the angel returned he went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good.'

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.