



The Phoghorn



Merry
Christmas

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Next Meeting -

The next meeting will be held on December 15th at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am. This month our Christmas festivities will feature as usual, the Saint John String Quartet and a Christmas sing-a-long led by our choir master Clarence Blois and his Karaoke machine. The Boys and Girls club will be serving their Christmas lunch, a bargain at \$10. We will have a special guest, the young Japanese student Ms. Yukako Tsukamoto who charmed and enthralled all those present at last month's meeting.

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 November monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with about 45 members present. President **Bob Capson** chaired the opening of the meeting, but had to leave for personal reasons, so VP **Tor Bordevik** took over. After O Canada Clarence led the usual sing song.

Debbie Cooper of the Boys and Girls Club presented the club with a card of thanks for our efforts regarding the Olympic Torch which was also exhibited prior to its installation in the club's trophy case.

A moment of silence and remembrance was observed for late departed members Jim Turnbull and Dick Marsden. On a happier note we welcomed back Don Shaw who is rejoining the club.

Minutes - Secretary Robert Taylor presented the minutes of the October meeting and also the June Rockwood Park meeting, both passed unanimously.

There was some general discussion on flowers for widows of members and how this might be funded. It was reported that nine members had paid their dues at the meeting.

Details of the Renforth Seniors' Club were given. It meets on Tuesday afternoons for cards and a social time at the Macguire Centre.

Don Lester solicited 25 members for lunch of Turkey soup.

Member Richard Burpee then gave us a short biographical talk. It turns out Richard is an ace volunteer and one wonders how he ever had time to do any work or see his wife and family. An interesting talk Richard. You're not only a good Probud member but a great community asset.

Carl Tompkins regaled us with a typical Tompkins groaner joke. Members are encouraged to see if they can out groan Carl at future meetings.

ProbudCanada

Reports that national membership now stands at 28,400 members in 213 clubs with 5 new clubs recently formed. It also reprinted one of our "Alleged Funnies" so Phoghorn Funnies has now achieved national status. Today Canada - tomorrow the World.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 for coffee and social time.

Upon resumption the 60/40 draw was won by Ron Lester who donated the \$84 to the Boys and Girls Club. **Rev. Lake** then introduced our speaker **Ms. Yukako Tsukamoto**, a Rotary International exchange student who is attending UNBSJ majoring in political science. This charming young lady told us of her city of Kobe and her travels to date which have included stays in India and the US, besides Canada. Her talk was illustrated by a slide presentation and she fielded many questions from members. It was an excellent presentation which was received with great enthusiasm by members.

Bill Brydges thanked her in his own inimitable style. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for lunch.

Now for those Infamous, but nationally recognized Funnies

Tired of constantly being broke & stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary, and then arranging to have her killed. A 'friend of a friend put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$5,000. The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money. Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single dollar bill that rested inside.

Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, & reluctantly agreed to accept the dollar as down payment for the dirty deed. A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Super Wal-Mart store. There, he surprised her in the produce department & proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath & slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well. However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras & observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could even leave the store. Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested.

The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared...[\(see end of the Funnies for the answer\)](#)

Travelling down the interstate and needing to use the restroom, I stopped at a rest area and headed to the restroom.

I was barely sitting down when I heard a voice from the other stall saying; "Hi, how are you?"

I'm not the type to start a conversation in the restroom and I don't know what got in to me, but I answered, somewhat embarrassed, "Doin' just fine!" And the other person says: "So what are you up to?" What kind of question is that? At that point, I'm thinking this is too bizarre so I say: "Uhhh, I'm like you, just travelling!" At this point I am just trying to get out as fast as I can when I hear another question. "Can I come over?" Ok, this question is just too weird for me but I figured I could just be polite and end the conversation. I tell them "No..I'm a little busy right now!!!" Then I hear the person say nervously: "Listen, I'll have to call you back. There's an idiot in the other stall who keeps answering all my questions.

Cell phones, don't you just love them !

A couple was walking down the street the other night, when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining," he said to his wife. "No, that felt more like snow to me," she replied. "No, I'm sure it was just rain, he said." Well, as these things go, they were about to have a major argument about whether it was raining or snowing. Just then they saw a friend named Rudolph walking toward them. "Let's not fight about it," the man said, "let's ask Rudolph whether it's raining or snowing."

As he approached, the man said, "Tell us, Rudolph, is it raining or snowing?"

"It's raining, of course," he answered and walked on. But the woman insisted: "I know that felt like snow!" To which the man quietly replied: "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Now you've been so patient I'll tell you what that newspaper headline read.

MURDER AT WALMART

(You're going to hate me for this...)

'ARTIE CHOKES 2 for \$1.00 @ WAL-MART!'

*So before you rush off to Walmart I'll wish you and yours a very happy Festive season
and may Santa be good to you.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!