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Next Meeting will be on <u>January 18th</u> at our usual venue.

The speaker will be Ms. Michelle Thibodeau, Director of Communications for Canadian Bloodservice of the Canadian Blood Service she will enlighten us all on the many services this vital organization provides.

The December meeting convened at the Boys and Girls Club, with about .... members in attendance.

<u>President Tor Bordevik</u> welcomed members. Following O Canada, Clarence Blois led a sing-along. Which featured Christmas carols and songs.

<u>Minutes</u> of the November 16th meeting were accepted as circulated in the Phoghorn: moved by Robert Taylor and seconded by Don Shaw.

<u>Membership:</u> Peter Jolly introduced Dr. Dick Snow as a guest. Rev. Lloyd Lake, lately hospitalized, was back. The President reported we have about 120 paid members, and we hope that number will keep climbing.

**Phone Committee:** Gordon Graham reported that the committee is considering e-mail instead of telephone for those who have same

**Stories** told by Ralph Wood and Gordon Graham.

<u>Presentation:</u> It was moved by Bob Capson and seconded by Sandy Gregory that we present \$500 to the Boys and Girls Club; motion carried. Presentation was made to Debbie Cooper, Executive Director, later in the meeting.

<u>President's Remarks:</u> We need to promote the web site via pictures of meetings, speakers, etc: Robert Taylor volunteered to send photos on to Robert Lockhart. Members were not receptive to Tor's idea of inviting wives to a Valentine Day get-together or to next year's Christmas lunch. Spring trips will be considered in January.

The Club's 20th anniversary is coming up next September.

**<u>Draws:</u>** Chris Buckley drew for a quart of Appleton rum donated by David Fraser; Don Jobe won it. Carl Tompkins won \$158 in the 60/40 draw.

<u>Guest Entertainment:</u> Saint John String Quartet, introduced by Tor and thanked by Carl Tompkins. Guest soloist was Clarence Blois on the gazoo.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:40. 52 members stayed for turkey dinner (\$10 each).

As you can tell business was kept to a minimum as we were all anticipating the lively Music of the Quartet, always a delight and the best Turkey dinner for the price in town.

## Now for a New Year of the famous fabulous brand new funnies.

Today's word is..... Fluctuations

I was at my bank today; there was a short line.

There was just one lady in front of me, an Asian lady who was trying to exchange yen for dollars.

It was obvious she was a little irritated . . . She asked the teller, "Why it change? Yesterday, I get two hunat dolla fo yen. Today I only get hunat eighty? Why it change?"

The teller shrugged his shoulders and said, "Fluctuations." The Asian lady says, "Fluc you white people too"

## The following one liners are attributed to that great funnyman the late Red Skelton.

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a

little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.

- 2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, and mine is in Texas.
- 3. I take my wife everywhere.... But she keeps finding her way back.
- 4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
- 5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- 6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker.

She said, "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor.

I asked where the car was. She told me, "in the lake."

- 8. She got a mud pack, and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
- 9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"
- 10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
- 11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
- 12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
- 13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

An elderly man was quite unhappy because he had lost his favorite hat. Instead of buying a new one, he decided he would go to church and swipe one out of the vestibule. When he got there, an usher intercepted him at the door and took him to a pew where he had to sit and listen to the entire sermon on "The Ten Commandments." After church, the man met the preacher in the vestibule doorway, shook his hand vigorously, and told him, "I want to thank you preacher for saving my soul today. I came to church to steal a hat and after hearing your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided against it." Preacher: "You mean the commandment 'I shall not steal' changed your mind?" Old Man: "No, the one about adultery did. As soon as you said that I remembered where I left my old hat!

When I Read About The Evils Of Drinking.... I Gave Up Reading

My Grandfather Is Eighty
And Still Doesn't Need Glasses....
He Drinks Straight Out Of The Bottle.