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Next Meeting will be on February 15th at our usual venue. The speaker will be Bobby Hayes of the Joshua Group.

The January meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with Vice President Don Shaw chairing and about 35 members in attendance. Following welcoming comments and “O Canada”, Clarence Blois led a sing-along.

Minutes of the December 14th meeting were approved as moved by Robert Taylor and seconded by Don Mitchener.

Guests: John McMillan introduced Stewart Hansen, retired from Irving, who obtained his GED at age 56. Dave Lester introduced Steve Ball, retired from UNB.

Finances: Don Mitchener reported that we have 73 paid members and \$943 in the bank. A bill for the Phoghorn has been received.

Phone Committee: Gordon Graham reported he has been having computer troubles. There are only 26 members who have no e-mail and need to be called. He suggested a helper for when the committee chair may be away on vacation.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 12 for shepherd’s pie.

Phoghorn: Cathy Porter of UPS apologized for the on-line edition being sent late. Ralph Wood reported that we currently e-mail 61 copies at 25 cents and mail 47 copies at 59 cents (soon to be 61 cents). Considering formatting, printing and envelopes, each monthly issue costs about \$66. If we were to e-mail all copies and make a dozen available at meetings, the monthly cost would reduce to \$40, which would translate to a savings of \$260 per year.

Spring Trip: Don Mitchener reported on arrangements for a trip to Huntsman Marine in St. Andrews in May. A charge of \$25 is suggested to cover admission (to the Aquarium only) and lunch; transportation will be discussed further.

60/40 Draw: Lou Duffley won \$74 which he donated to the Boys and Girls Club in exchange for a tax receipt for the full amount.

Guest Speakers were Cathy Anderson, Michelle Thibault and Tom Bishop of Canadian Blood Services. They extended thanks to Don Shaw and Ken Gould, who will each give their 700th blood donation on January 31st. Don said the media asked him, would he still donate if CBS moves out of Saint John – he replied, certainly. The speakers spoke of the need for blood, sometimes up to 50 units for emergencies and surgeries. Blood has a maximum shelf life of five days. There is an aging donor base, so younger donors are needed, especially males of various ethnic backgrounds. You need a doctor’s clearance if donating for the first time after age 61. There are 43 permanent sites across Canada with 25,000 clinics. You can donate whole blood, or platelets, plasma, stem cells, etc. To donate, call 1-800-2donate. Further information may be obtained at www.blood.ca. Don Shaw introduced and thanked the speakers.

Now for the Funniest Funnies You Can Imagine



A Blonde Goes to Heaven

A Blonde was sent on her way to Heaven. Upon arrival, a concerned St Peter met her at the Pearly Gates. 'I'm sorry,' St Peter said; 'But Heaven is suffering from an overload of godly souls and we have been forced to put up an Entrance Exam for new arrivals to ease the burden of Heavenly Arrivals.' That's cool' said the Blonde, 'What does the Entrance Exam consist of?' Just three questions' said St Peter. Which are?' asked the Blonde.

'The first,' said St Peter, 'is, which two days of the week start with the letter 'T' '? The second is 'How many seconds are there in a year?' The third is 'What was the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?' Now,' said St Peter, 'Go away and think about those questions and when I call upon you, I shall expect you to have those answers for me.' So the Blonde went away and gave those three questions some considerable thought (I expect you to do the same). The following morning, St Peter called upon the Blonde and asked if she had considered the questions, to which she replied, 'I have.' Well then,' said St Peter, 'Which two days of the week start with the letter T?' The Blonde said, 'Today and Tomorrow.' St Peter pondered this answer for some time, and decided that indeed the answer can be applied to the question. Well then, could I have your answer to the second of the three questions?' St Peter went on, 'how many seconds in a year?' The Blonde replied, 'Twelve!' Only twelve?' exclaimed St Peter, 'How did you arrive at that figure?' Easy,' said the Blonde, 'there's the second of January, the second of February, right through to the second of December, giving a total of twelve seconds.' St Peter looked at the Blonde and said, 'I need some time to consider your answer before I can give you a decision.' And he walked away shaking his head. A short time later, St Peter returned to the Blonde. 'I'll allow the answer to stand, but you need to get the third and final question absolutely correct to be allowed into Heaven. Now, can you tell me the answer to the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?' The blonde replied: 'Of the three questions, I found this the easiest to answer.' 'Really!' exclaimed St Peter, 'And what is the answer?' 'It's Andy.' Andy??' Yes, Andy,' said the Blonde. This totally floored St Peter, and he paced this way and that, deliberating the answer. Finally, he could not stand the suspense any longer, and turning to the blonde, asked 'How in God's name did you arrive at THAT answer?' Easy' said the Blonde, 'Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited til his billy boiled....' And the Blonde entered Heaven... .. you're singing it now , aren't you...??

Miscellaneous

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If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking, how come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?

