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Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on May 15th at the Saint John Boys and Girls club at 10am. Our speaker will be Mr. Bob Youden from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Minutes of April Meeting: The monthly meeting convened at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am, with David Fraser chairing and about 30 members in attendance. After O Canada, Gordon Moulard led a singalong, ending with a Newfoundland song that he made up in memory of Stompin' Tom Connors. Gordon Moulard turns 90 tomorrow; members sang Happy Birthday. Minutes of the March 20th meeting were accepted as published in the Phoghorn: moved by Ralph Wood and seconded by Don Shaw.

Member News: Tor Bordevik is in Cuba. Roger Aske is recovering gradually.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that we have \$1165.27 in the bank, and our paid membership is 74. Membership Chair Ed O'Keefe is back but unavailable today.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 15 for chicken and potato lunch.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood . . . , well, what need one say that has not already been said?

Club Trips: We shall be visiting the new Cruise Ship Terminal on May 21st. A trip to Cooke's Aquaculture may be in the works for the fall, but is limited to 12 members.

60/40 draw: Today's winner was Keith Dow, who donated his \$58 winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker Tracey Friars spoke on "What's Right With The World", a philosophy of positive attitude and an attitude of possibilities as practiced by Dewitt Jones, a National Geographic photographer. This has been presented and used in District 6 and 8 and in the business community since 2006. Its emphasis is on promoting positive mental health. "When we are intentional about celebrating what is right, that gives us the energy to fix what is broken." The presentation included a 20-minute video by Dewitt Jones. Dave Fraser introduced and thanked the speaker, and John McMillan thanked her for her community leadership.

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Adjournment at 11:30 moved by George McCaughey.

Attendance and club membership have been discussed at length both formally at meetings and amongst members. It's becoming apparent that the survival of the club could be in jeopardy unless we improve both. The executive is appealing to members for input on this and any other club related topic. Please think about life without Probud once a month and plan to attend the next meeting so you can voice your views.

Now on a brighter note here are those long awaited May Funnies

On their way to a justice of the peace to get married, a couple had a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside Heaven's Gate waiting on St. Peter to do an intake. While waiting, they wondered if they could possibly get married in Heaven. St. Peter finally showed up and they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know, this is the first time anyone has asked. "Let me go find out." and he left. The couple sat and waited for an answer...for a couple of months...and they began to wonder if they really should get married in Heaven, what with the eternal aspect of it all. "What if it doesn't work?" they wondered, "Are we stuck together forever?"

St. Peter returned after yet another month, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "you can get married in Heaven." "Great," said the couple, "but what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "COME ON!" St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it will take me to find a LAWYER?"

Two attorneys went into a diner and ordered two drinks. Then they produced sandwiches from their briefcases and started to eat. The waiter became quite concerned and marched over and told them, "You can't eat your own sandwiches in here!" The attorneys looked at each other, shrugged their shoulders and then exchanged sandwiches.

An old man who lived alone in Grand Falls wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, who would have helped him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his predicament. Shortly, he received this reply, "For HEAVEN'S SAKE Dad, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the GUNS!" At 4am the next morning, a dozen Mounties showed up and dug up the entire garden, without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened, and asking him what to do next. His son's reply was: "Plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I could do from here."

A precious little girl walks into a pet shop and asks, in the sweetest little lisp, between two missing teeth, "Excuse me, mither, do you keep widdle wabbits?" As the shopkeeper's heart melts, he gets down on his knees so that he's on her level and asks, "Do you want a widdle white wabbit, or a thoft and fuwwy bwack wabbit, or maybe one like that cute widdle bwown wabbit over there?" She, in turn, blushes, rocks on her heels, puts her hands on her knees, leans forward and says, in a tiny quiet voice, "I don't think my python weally giives thwit

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!" So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one. Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!" The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman. The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on ... very tall, long eyelashes, muscular, and then St. Peter chains them together without saying a word. The happy woman says, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity? "The guy says I don't know about you but I stepped on a duck."