



The Phoghorn



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Next meeting 10am Wednesday September 16th at our usual location.

Our speaker will be from Hon. Blaine Higgs Provincial Minister of Finance who no doubt will be talking of money and the lack of it. We will also have as a special guest Mr. David Campbell, Vice President of Probus Canada and director for the Atlantic region. This will kick off our 20th year in grand style and will be followed by a special luncheon catered by the Boys and Girls Club at a very reasonable price of \$12.

Members are reminded membership dues, as our year starts in September, are due as of this meeting. So please remember to have a cheque for our treasurer. Failure to pay promptly is liable to mean that you may be deprived of the monthly treasury of humour the Phoghorn and the Funnies and of course news of the club.

Minutes of June 20th meeting

Minutes of May 16th were summarized by the Secretary, who moved their acceptance and Don Shaw seconded; motion carried.

Member News: Richard Burpee was back today after spinal surgery. Robert Capson is scheduled for open heart surgery tomorrow; a card was circulated to sign. Francis Quinn was reported to be in hospital. Ross Coates was reported to have moved to Shannex. Mildred Brydges expressed thanks for our support and \$50 memorial for Bill Brydges.

In Memoriam: A moment of silence was observed in memory of our founding President, Bill Brydges, who died on May 28th, and our former pianist Ray Willis, who passed away in Ontario on June 15th. Tom Condon's passing on April 7th was also noted.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener filed a report showing total revenues of \$2150 and total expenses of \$2251 for the year.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported we have 88 paid members. He circulated forms for members to encourage new people to join. He stated he has no information on Stewart Hansen and Robert Richardson. Forms should go to the Secretary for recording and then to the Membership Secretary. Ed also stressed the importance of keeping him updated if we change our e-mail addresses; five have bounced back to him recently.

House Committee: Dave Lester booked 20 for seafood chowder and rolls.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood, Gordon Graham, and Frank Ervin each told jokes. Of these, Gordon's got the best marks.

Notice of Motion was given to amend the By-Laws so that Club dues increase to \$30/yr. This will be voted on at the September meeting.

Nomination Committee: Brian Mitchell and Robert Capson (when he is able) are seeking a 2nd Vice President and a Secretary. Dave Fraser reminded members that the Secretary's job used to be for one year and then they moved up.

Presentation: Debbie Cooper was presented a cheque for \$500, along with an alert that we may have to reduce our support next year if membership, and hence our finances, do not recover.

60/40 Draw: Don Mitchener won \$71 which he donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Tor introduced and later thanked Graeme Stewart-Robertson, Project Manager of ACAP Saint John (Atlantic Coastal Action Plan). Graeme spoke about the 5- to 10-year Marsh Creek Restoration Initiative. Marsh Creek runs from Renforth Bog to the harbour. He noted that, since the Ice Age departure, sea level rise and coastal subsidence are causing the water to rise 20 cm per century, which increases the likelihood of

flooding during severe weather events. The Initiative involves Harbour cleanup, which should be finished by year-end, so that no raw sewage will be flowing into Marsh Creek or the harbour, as compared with 23 million litres a day in 1993 and 16 million in 2010. The Initiative also looks to the composition and health of the fish population above and below the tide gates. There are opportunities for sustainable development in many directions, to change the Creek from a liability to an asset. The 2nd Annual Marsh Creek Eco-Challenge was just held on June 23rd; its goal is to showcase the majority of the Creek which is in good shape.

Here it is - restored and refreshed after a fabulous summer satiated with more BBQ than St Hubert's, the new side splitting FUNNIES once again

One Sunday morning, a priestError! Filename not specified. decided to do something a little different. He said 'Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever single word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that comes to your mind -- the pastor shouted out 'CROSS.' Immediately the congregation started singing in unison, 'THE OLD RUGGED CROSS.' The pastor hollered out 'GRACE.' The congregation began to sing 'AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound.' The pastor said 'POWER.' The congregation sang 'THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD.' The Pastor said 'SEX' The congregation fell into total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other afraid to say anything. Then all of a sudden, way from in the back of the church, a little old 87 year old grandmother stood up and began to sing 'MEMORIES.'

This morning on the highway, I looked over to my left and there was a woman doing 110 kms per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner. I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane still working on that makeup. As a man, I don't scare easily, but she scared me so much I dropped my electric shaver which knocked the donut out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel it knocked my mobile phone away from my ear which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed and burned Big Jim and the Twins, ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers and disconnected an important call.

Bloody women drivers!!

Why is it good to have a blonde passenger? You can park in the handicap zone.
Why was the blonde upset when she got her Driver's License? Because she got an "F" in Sex.
What do you call an unmarried blond in a BMW?A: Divorcee

NOTICES:

From Dave Fraser: Re visit to St. Andrews Aquarium – Details to be discussed at meeting Sept. 19

From President Bordevik: Please see page following.

PLEASE SEE MESSAGE BELOW:

ON AUGUST 23, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT CONCERNING THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS SENT THEIR REPLY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ANSWERED, PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY INFORM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

On 23-Aug-12, at 11:44 AM, Saint John Probus Club wrote:

To all Saint John Probus Members:

Message from President Tor Bordevik:

"Further to the previous message on the Anniversary Meeting, please be advised that the cost of the lunch will be \$12.00. As I said before Charter Members will not be charged. The Boys and Girls Club need to know the number of members who will be attending so it is important that we have your confirmation of attendance at least a week in advance of the 19th September meeting.

Those members contacted by email should reply to this message and Cathy will in turn advise Gordon Graham.

Telephone committee members are asked to pass this message to their contacts, confirm numbers and also advise Gordon Graham.

Thanks"