



# The Phoghorn



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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at our usual venue of the Boys and Girls Club on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Ms. Tracie Friars, Public Relations Officer for the School District. Tracey will be speaking to us about “What is Right with the World”.

**Last Meeting:** The March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at our usual venue with President Tor Bordervik in the Chair. Following the welcome and our national anthem, the sing song was cancelled because our President was not in a musical mood. Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

There were no visitors or guests. There was considerable discussion on membership, membership lists, etc. and President Tor said there would be an Executive meeting in the near future to bring forward new ideas to address the situation and bring back recommendations to the membership. The method of cancelling meetings was discussed and it was agreed that using a combination of CBC PSA service along with e-mail/telephone if possible.

**President Remarks:** Tor spoke highly of the send-off party for Debbie Cooper from the Boys and Girls Club. He also announced a visit to the Cruise Terminal on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Long-time member Laurie Hossack introduced his book “History of Saint John’s St. Andrew’s Society from 1903 – 2012” a companion to the previously published history 1798 – 1903. See Laurie for a copy @ \$38.00 or two for \$50.00. This excellent book is already on the New York Times Best Seller list.

President Tor wished everyone a Happy Easter and hoped they had recovered from St. Patrick’s Day. This was followed by some side splitting humour from Peter Jolly, Gordon Graham and Ralph Wood. Clive Douthright solicited 15 for a ham lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 for coffee.

On resumption, Tor introduced Amy Shanks who is taking over from Debbie Cooper as head of the Boys and Girls Club. Amy drew the 60/40 ticket of a member who donated his winnings to the Boys and Girls Club and will remain anonymous. Amy then, with the aid of a slide presentation, outlined all the multitude of activities and her hopes and aspirations for the future. After a question period, Amy was thanked by President Tor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Now for some extremely important business and will require your undivided attention? I'm referring of course to the topic on which I get the most questions and remarks upon, some of which are not even derogatory and that topic is Probus Saint John's world famous . . . . Funnies.

Don't make these mistakes . . .

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year he didn't buy her a gift. When she asked him why, he replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started . . . .

My wife walked into the den and asked "What's on the TV?" I replied "Dust." And that's how the fight started . . .

A woman is standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, "I feel horrible, I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." The husband replies, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect." And that's how the fight started . . .

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been for a long time!" she said. So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?" And that's how the fight started. . .

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started . . .

#### The Back Pew

A pastor's wife was expecting a baby, so he stood before the congregation and asked for a raise. After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the pastor's family expanded; so would his paycheck.

After 6 children, this started to get expensive and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the pastor's expanding salary.

A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the pastor's additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost. After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, "Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us."

Silence fell over the congregation. In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice, "Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers."

The entire congregation said, "Amen."