



Phoghorn

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Next Meeting Wednesday November 19th 10am at Saint John Boys & Girls Club

Speaker

Our Speaker this month will be member Gordon Dempsey who will be speaking on his Military career with the RCAF interesting and I'm sure members will find it very interesting, Gordon spent a considerable time navigating a C130 Hercules all over the world. After Gordon's presentation As this is the time of the year when we remember all those who have served our country we would like any other member with service stories to share them with us.

Next Month is our annual Christmas luncheon, cost is \$10 our entertainment will be our perennial favourite The Saint John String Quartet . The date has been changed to December 10th as on December 17th Santa is due to arrive for the Boys and Girls Club Christmas party and because Santa's schedule is so tight his date can't be changed so please note the change on your calendars

Remembrance day November 11th

At 11am on November 11th I placed a wreath on behalf of the club at the Cenotaph in Kings Square (pictures on our website)

Minutes of October meeting

In the absence of our Secretary on family matters Minutes were recorded by V.P. Willard Buckley, thank you Willard .

26 members in attendance. President Ralph opened the meeting with "O Canada" followed by Gordon leading the usual Sing Song . The Minutes of the previous meeting were passed unanimously with one correction in that Jim Shillington was not in attendance.

There was then a general discussion on alternatives including the possibility of reforming the club as a joint Male/Female club. A show of hands favoured such discussions 15 /10 with the Ladies club which has a waiting list of some 25 ladies . It was also decided to extend an invitation to the Ladies on the waiting list to our Christmas meeting. Members were solicited for Speaker suggestions, currently we need speakers for February to June 2015

President Ralph asked for a volunteer editor for the Phoghorn he has been doing it now for almost 10 years. It is not a too onerous job and anyone with minimum computer skills could do it in a couple of hours per month and as a bonus you get to publish your own jokes.

Then followed some jokes from various members on which I dare not comment.

House Manager Gordon got 12 names for lunch of Corn Chowder

Meeting adjourned for Coffee at 1035 am .

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Don reported his computer was temporarily down so no report was available however our financial report published in last months Phoghorn was virtually unchanged when our bank balance was approximately \$1300.

President Ralph noted that based on last year's expenditures we need about 46 members to be financially viable and to date we have not reached that number.

Upon resumption our speaker Don Mitchener drew Gordon Graham's name as winner of \$32 in 60/40 draw, he donated the proceeds to the Boys and Girls club

Don who needs no introduction to members is a retired CA and tax expert he spoke extensively on personal finances and particularly the Tax aspect giving numerous tips on how to take advantage of various quirks in the tax laws. He also advised members to keep their spouse fully advised on their family affairs and to talk to your Financial Adviser on tax measures. Don fielded many questions on various aspects of his presentation and others too.

President Ralph thanked Don for his very informative talk

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1157am

Now for those inevitable Funnies

Funny War Stories

A guy was telling about this girl Sue who disguised herself as a man and joined the army.

"But, wait a minute," said his friend, "She'll have to dress with the boys and shower with them, too, won't she?"

"Sure," replied the guy.

"Well, won't they find out?"

The guy shrugged. "Who's gonna tell?"

An Air Force cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland. They were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircraft's sewage holding tank.

The Aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving, and the Airman performing the job was extremely slow in getting the tank pumped out.

When the commander berated the Airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the Airman responded: "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Greenland, and I am pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

Military etiquette

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, SIR!

Communication Breakdown...

The reason the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines squabble among themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For example, take a simple phrase like, "Secure the building."

- The Army will put guards around the place.
- The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.
- The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.
- The Marines will kill everybody inside and make it a command post.

Jeep in the mud

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside.

"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

God to remember

- Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.
- Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer to do anything.