



# Phoghorn

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## Happy New Year

Next Meeting Wednesday January 21st\_ 10am at Saint John Boys & Girls Club  
The speaker for this month will be Mr David Nickerson and his topic will be Funeral planning. This is not a topic any of us like to contemplate, however it's something that is inevitable and a little planning can go a long way to ease the pain for our families.

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

The monthly meeting was held a week early, as Santa Claus had the audacity to book the Boys and Girls Club on our normal meeting date. President Ralph Wood welcomed the 35 members present. "O Canada" was as usual led at far too high a pitch by our resident choirmaster Gordon Moulard. The usual sing-along was shelved in lieu of some Christmas songs later.

Minutes of the October meeting were published in the Phoghorn. They were approved as moved by Robert Taylor and seconded by Len Kinsella. *[Member suggestion – go back to reading them; sometimes they're funnier than Ralph Wood's jokes.]*

Guests Members: John Doyle introduced retired florist Fenton Keirstead, who joined and was pinned. Laurie Hossack introduced Burton Purcell, who was pinned but has yet to pay dues.

Member News: Clive Douthwright is at Hospice. Sadly, Gordon Moulard's wife Mabel passed away since we last met.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener filed a report which shows a balance of \$2539.02, including the \$1000 bequest received last month. 40 members have paid. The report was approved as moved by Ralph Wood and seconded by Frank Ervin.

Communications: Ralph thanked Willard Buckley for keeping members up to date via e-mails.

Phoghorn: For the first time this was published by the Boys and Girls Club. They promised to get it out earlier in future.

### Jokes Unlimited:

Ralph had 12 pages (he said) of one-liner Christmas jokes. Members allowed him to get through only half of them before they mutinied and headed for the coffee urn.

### 60/40 Draw:

Many arm's lengths of tickets were sold, and the pot was \$107.25 – it had to be a Scotsman who paid the \$.25 for ¼ of a ticket.

**Gordon Dempsey** was the winner.

**Christmas Cheer:**

Our usual Christmas draw was won by Stewart Hansen.

**Presentation:**

The Club presented \$600 to Amy Shanks, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club. She promised it would be used for Christmas gifts for needy children. She told of one child who received a gift from the Club and re-wrapped it so he would have something to open on Christmas morning.

**Christmas Tie Competition:**

Willard had notified members by e-mail to show up in a Christmas tie. Amy Shanks judged Dale Stevens' to be the best. A group photo was taken for the web site, so members can form their own opinion.

**Guest Performers:**

The Saint John String Quartet was introduced by Carl Tompkins. Their music was a winter theme. Ralph Wood thanked them and presented each with a bottle of homemade wine.

**Next Meeting**

January 21st

John Doyle will arrange a speaker to talk about pre-planning of funerals.

**Luncheon**

Most members stayed for our traditional turkey dinner catered and served by the Boys and Girls Club.



Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.

Now for some Fabulous Stolen Funnies all brand new for the New year

Due to persistent moans and groans about my jokes I've decided at least for this month to give attributes to all the funnies, so please don't blame me – complain to the original author.

'My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now and we don't know where the hell she is.' (Ellen Degeneres)

'His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork.' (Mae West)

'One-armed butlers – they can take it but they can't dish it out.' (Tim Vine)

"Posh hotels have a turn-down service. I had never heard of this and there was a knock at the door and a woman said, 'I've come to turn down your bed.' To which I said, 'Well many women have in the past. Why should you be any different?'" (Michael McIntyre)

'I thought I'd begin by reading a poem by Shakespeare, but then I thought, why should I? He never reads any of mine.' (Spike Milligan)

'I knew a transsexual guy whose only ambition is to eat, drink and be Mary.' (George Carlin)

The wife's mother said: 'When you're dead, I'll dance on your grave.'  
I said: 'Good. I'm being buried at sea. (Les Dawson)

'Two cannibals were eating a clown – one said to the other, 'Does he taste funny to you?' (Tommy Cooper)  
'A man can sleep around, no questions asked, but if a woman makes nineteen or twenty mistakes she's a tramp.' (Joan Rivers)

'I was in love with a beautiful blonde once, dear. She drove me to drink. That's the one thing I'm so indebted to her for.' (W C Fields)

'A few decades ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs. Now we have no Cash, no Hope and no Jobs. Please don't let Kevin Bacon die.' (Bill Murray)

'The New England Journal of Medicine reports that 9 out of 10 doctors agree that 1 out of 10 doctors is an idiot.' (Jay Leno)

'When I die, I want to go peacefully like my grandfather did – in his sleep. Not yelling and screaming like the passengers in his car.' (Bob Monkhouse)

'You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.' (George Burns)

'Men don't care what's on TV. They only care what else is on TV.' (Jerry Seinfeld)

'Where there's a will – there's a relative!' (Ricky Gervais)