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Next Meeting Wednesday May 20 th 10am at Saint John Boys & Girls Club

Speaker

Our Speaker this month will be Mr Bernard Cormier Cultural affairs officer for the city of Saint John, Bernie will talk about Culture in our city and assures me he just may have a few tricks up his sleeve.

Minutes of the April Meeting

In the absence of our Secretary minutes were taken by Vice President Willard Buckley.

The Meeting was opened by a lusty rendition of O Canada followed by our usual Sing Song lead by our esteemed Choirmaster Gordon Moulard who also took orders for lunch.

Treasurer Don Mitchner reported we are quite handsomely in the black. Gordon Dempsey introduced a guest Mr Bob Gainforth another ex aviator like Gordon.

President Ralph explained that there were no minutes for the March Meeting as only 3 stalwarts and our guest speaker were in attendance so we had an informal round table discussion with Major Lapalme on the Dart which has since deployed to Nepal to assist with the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes. The President gave a little comedy relief with only a few groans of protest before we adjourned for coffee.

After the break George McCaughey introduced Ms Danya Lutes from the Saint John Learning Exchange who drew John Cook as the 0/40 winner. She went on to explain what her organisation was all about, quite a lot it seems providing upgrading courses of several types helping over 500 clients a year to among other things get their GED and learn skills which will help them in the work place. They have even formed two small companies. One a cleaning company the other a Catering company who by coincidence provide us with our excellent monthly lunches. An extremely well presented by a lady who is obviously enthusiastic about the great work the Exchange is doing. The Speaker was thanked and invited to lunch.

Presidents Remarks

Monday May 4th was the annual regional meeting which was well attended by clubs across the Maritimes. Our own club had 5 members in attendance. We discussed many topics pertinent to Probus from membership fees to speakers and programmes. Our new Probus flag was displayed prominently and as a result several clubs have adopted it and orders placed. The Saint John Ladies Club who were the hosts did an excellent job and the breakfast and lunch were absolutely excellent.

All in all a very worthwhile meeting ably chaired by Steve Campbell from Moncton who is Past President and director of Probus Canada.

We held a management meeting on May 13th in which several topics were discussed but primarily the slate of nominations for the new season. We are very much open to volunteers so if you feel so inclined please step forward to make 2015/2016 another successful Probus year.

Treasurers Report

Don Michener reports that as of May 15th 2015 we have a balance of \$1781.17 on hand.

(A spread sheet of the accounts will be available at our next meeting)

Now for the inevitable FabulousFunnies

Several years ago we had a competition for Shaggy Dog Stories so I decided it was now time to revisit the "Dogs".....no groaning please.

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cosy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call (404) 874-7421 and ask for Petra.

Over 10,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 6-week old black Labrador puppy.

A man is taking a walk in Central park in New York. Suddenly he sees a little girl being attacked by a pit bull dog. He runs over and starts fighting with the dog. He succeeds in killing the dog and saving the girl's life.

A policeman who was watching the scene walks over and says, 'You are a hero, tomorrow you can read it in all the newspapers, 'Brave New Yorker saves the life of little girl'.

The man says, 'But I am not a New Yorker!'

'Oh ,then it will say in newspapers in the morning, "Brave American saves life of little girl", ' the policeman answers.

'But I am not an American!' says the man.

'Oh, what are you then?'

'The man says: - 'I am a Saudi!'

The next day the newspapers says, 'Islamic extremist kills innocent American dog.'

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man (see above) who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?' No, I had to stop drinking years ago, 'the homeless man replied.

'Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?' the man asked.' No, I don't waste time fishing, 'the homeless man said. 'I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.'

'Will you spend this on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?' the man asked. 'Are you NUTS!' replied the homeless man. 'I haven't played golf in 20 years!'

'Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?' the man asked.' What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?' exclaimed the homeless man.

'Well, 'said the man, 'I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife.' The homeless man was astounded.' Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.'

The man replied, 'That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf, and women.'

Once upon a time, Clara and Jenny were talking when Clara asks Jenny how many times she's been married, and the reply was 4.

'Four times!' exclaims Clara, 'why so many?'

So Jenny replies, 'Well, I first got married when I was very young, and I married this wonderful man who was a banker.

However, one day just a few weeks after we were married, his bank was robbed and he was shot and killed.'

'Oh my word, that's terrible,' Clara said.

'Well, it wasn't that tragic. Soon after that, I started seeing another man who performed in the circus. He was really a great guy, but he lived pretty dangerously because he performed his high-wire act without a net. Well, a few weeks after we got married, he was performing a show and suddenly a gust of wind came by and knocked him off his wire and he was killed.'

'Your second husband was killed too? That's horrible.'

'Yes, it was terrible, but at the funeral I fell in love with the minister and we got married soon after that. Unfortunately, one Sunday while he was walking to church, he was hit by a car and killed.'

'Three? Three husbands of yours were killed? How could you live through all that?'

'It was pretty tough, but then I met my present husband. And he's a wonderful man. I think we'll live a long happy life together.'

'And what does your present husband do for a living?' Clara enquires.

'He's a mortician,' responds Jenny.

'A mortician? I don't understand something here. First you marry a banker, then a circus performer, then a minister, and now a mortician? Can you explain such a diverse grouping of husbands?'

'Well, if you think about it it's not too hard to understand.....Well it's

One for the money...

Two for the show...

Three to get ready...

And four to go

So this moth goes into a podiatrist's office. The doctor asks the moth, "What seems to be the problem?"

The moth says, "Doc, I don't know where to start. I feel like my whole life has been a waste of time. I've been at the same job for twenty years and I don't just hate it, I'm revolted by it. I can barely summon the strength to drag myself in every day but I have no choice because I'm in debt up to my compound eyes. The idea of doing this job for years more just makes me sick. I've grown apart from my wife. She's no longer the woman I loved, and I can barely stand to be around her but I feel guilty for feeling that way about her. Doc, it just eats me up inside. My daughter's shackled up at eighteen with a guy I can't stand who's terrible for her and she dropped out of school, but she won't listen to reason and it breaks my heart. And my son... Doc, I just don't know if I love my own son, because he reminds me of everything I hate about myself. I look into his eyes and see the same disgusting, sniveling cowardice I know everyone sees in mine. I can't even work up the courage to pull out my gun and blow my own goddamned brains out. I feel like my entire life is nothing more than a fragile web of lies just barely holding me back from the screaming abyss."

The podiatrist says to the moth, "You do seem to have a lot of problems, but I'm just a podiatrist. You need to see a therapist, a psychiatrist even. Why did you come to me?"

And the moth says, "The light was on."

OK now you can groan !!

Probus Club of Saint John
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the period from July1 2013 to June 30, 2014
(Comparative Figures for the year ended June 30, 2013)

	2014	2013	
Opening Cash July 1, 2013	236.03	309.68	
Receipts			
Membership 2012-2013	30.00	2190.00	
Membership 2013-2014	2130.00	60.00	58.00
Membership 2014-2015	30.00		
Interest	0.05	0.07	
	2190.05	2250.07	
	2426.08	2559.75	
Expenses			
Bulletins, postage and supplies	358.72	839.30	
Website Maintenance	67.12		
Probus decals/pins/name tags	178.86	57.80	
Boys and Girls Club	1000.00	1000.00	
Moncton Probus Meeting	100.00	189.12	
Donation	200.00		
Probus Assessment	155.00	187.50	
Speakers		50.00	
Postage			
Engraving			
Cancelled cheque			
	2059.70	2323.72	
Closing cash 30-Dec-99	\$366.38	236.03	
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses reflected by change in cash for the year.	130.35	(73.65)	
Balance above	\$366.38		
Boys & Girls Club	500.00		
Bank Balance June 10, 2014	\$866.38		