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<u>Next meeting</u> is March 21st at our usual venue. Our speaker will be Ellen Tucker of Freedom Tours who is going to seduce you into taking a trip to some exotic location.

The February meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 AM, with President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Following welcome and O Canada, Clarence Blois led a sing-along.

<u>Minutes</u> of December 14th, 2011: Membership report should have indicated 80 paid members, not 120. Minutes as amended were approved on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by Ralph Miller.

<u>Member News</u>: Today is George McCaughey's 55th anniversary; he thought he might take advantage of a post-Valentine sale on roses.... Dr. Glen Macdonald will be turning 90 on February 26th, with an open house at Riverside on the 25th.

<u>Member Profile</u> was given by Gordon Graham. He was born in Toronto in 1930 but moved to Scotland at age 18 months. He was a marine engineer and worked for Gulf Oil, as a superintendent with Kent Lines, and a Coast Guard inspector for 19 years.

Phone Committee: Gordon Graham needs four to six people to call 23 members who don't have email or don't want e-mail notifications.

House Committee: Clive Douthright booked 18 for chicken pot pie lunch.

New Business:

- Dave Fraser announced that there will be a second Atlantic Regional meeting in May, with a focus on sharing ideas, allowing visitors between Clubs, etc.
- Clarence Blois noted there is no Rotary banner (our sponsor club) in the room; he has one he can donate.

President's Comments:

- The web site needs pictures.
- The Club Historian position should be revived for our 20th anniversary in September 2012. It was suggested our Archives might be stored at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Committee chairs need backups for when they are away; it was suggested each Chair approach someone.
- Should we bring in political background speakers? Member consensus was no except maybe city reps, or maybe yes if equal time is given to all parties.

<u>60/40 Draw:</u> Speaker Bobby Hayes drew Lou Duffley who won \$69 and donated it to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bobby Hayes of the Joshua Group. Don Shaw introduced him. He spoke of the work of himself and about 30 volunteers with kids who "never asked to be born into poverty". He told dramatic stories both sad and funny. Part of the program is to send kids to summer camps at Circle Square Ranch, a safety net. The Group is seeking (and close to finding?) a safe haven in the city where skills and work ethics can be taught. A "Love Grows" campaign is seeking \$400,000 to be able to set up a dining hall to provide meals seven days a week, plus activities. For further information, see the web site <u>www.joshuagroup.ca</u> Mr. Hayes was thanked by Tor Bordevik.

Now for those very special Funnies and seeing as it's St Patty's season I think we'll give the green beer Guinness and Shamrock jokes a rest and concentrate on my favorite colour, yep you've guessed it"Blonde"

A brunette goes to the doctor. "Doctor, I don't know *what's* wrong with me. I touch my face, it hurts. I touch my leg, it hurts. I touch my chest, it hurts." "Are you a natural brunette?" he asks. "No, I'm blonde."Thought so. Your finger's broken."

Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw the sign that said Disneyland LEFT. They started crying and turned around and went home.

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, 'Which do you think is farther away... Florida or the moon?' The other blonde turns and says 'Hellooooooooo, can you see Florida ?????'

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the Mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, 'What's the story?'

He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor' She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!'

The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!' The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. 'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian.

To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night.... It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?' She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?' 'HELLLOOOOOOO.....,' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs'!

OK OK OK - for all you Irish guys threatening me with murder

After a night at the bar An Irish man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he is going. Well now that you stopped me, "I am on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human body." The policeman asks, "Really? And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?"

"My wife", comes the reply.