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Next Meeting - To be held 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club Wednesday, May 20th. Our speaker will be Ex Mayor of Saint John, Norm McFarlane. Norm will be speaking on his views of Saint John's current situation as he sees it, and will no doubt be as interesting as his last visit when in office.

Dues outstanding - *Don't forget* - if you haven't paid your dues please bring your chequebook, or mail the \$25 in to the treasurer at the address on the masthead.

April Meeting - Was held in the great hall of Saint John's new Cruise terminal. No formal business was conducted, no singing, no reports. President Richard made a few brief opening remarks suggesting jokingly that the large attendance of approximately 80 members was due to the enticement of a "free lunch". We can assure members that the \$5.00 lunch at regular meetings is also excellent value and entirely optional.

Gordon Moulard, a past Port Manager for many years, went on to introduce our host for the day - Capt. Gordon Mann - Harbour Master. He warned him jokingly of the large number of members who had been active in various aspects of the port in the past. Captain Mann commentated on a video presentation which outlined the highlights of The Port's present cargo and revenue mix and how it has adapted and will adapt in the future to changing economic conditions. Capt Mann emphasized just how important the work of the "Welcoming Committee" was and the general friendliness of the local population to our visitors. The cruise ships this coming season will see approximately 190,000 cruise ship passengers to our port, bringing a major economic stimulus to local businesses and the Port.

After the informative presentation members were split into three groups to tour the terminal and Port Authority's offices, which are incorporated into the terminal. After the tour it was very apparent that this new high tech terminal is a major new star on the Saint John waterfront and will enhance the Saint John experience of our visitors.

We were then entertained to an excellent buffet lunch of Seafood chowder and sandwiches, courtesy of the Authority. After lunch President Richard thanked Captain Mann for an excellent tour and asked him to convey our thanks to Capt Al Soppitt, the CEO of the Port Authority who unfortunately was absent on Port business.

Of Interest

In these days of climate change and concern for our environment here are a few websites that might be of interest

Greenpeace

<http://support.greenpeace.ca/enviro-org-vr1.php?qclid=CluA-ojotJoCFQObFQodnnv5bg>

World Wildlife Federation

<http://wwf.ca/>

Earth hour

<http://wwf.ca/earthhour/>

Environment Canada

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=FD9B0E51-1>

Environment New Brunswick

<http://www.gnb.ca/0009/index-e.asp>

Growing a vegetable garden

<http://www.verdant.net/food.htm>



And now for the Funnies (Alleged, of course)

1) NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) POLICE # 1

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

6) POLICE # 2

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

7) ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

8) DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

9) SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

10) BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear'

One day, a grandpa and his grandson go golfing. The young one is really good and the old one is just giving him tips. They are on hole 8 and there is a tree in the way and the grandpa says, "When I was your age, I would hit the ball right over that tree." So, the grandson hits the ball and it bumps against the tree and lands not too far from where it started. "Of course," added the grandpa, "when I was your age, the tree was only 3 feet tall."

