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President's Message

Winter months can be a drag- weather, roads, deep cold, etc. - keep people at home. As you may have noticed we have not scheduled any of our traditional events in the months of January, February and March. The reasons are varied but attendance is the main cause. However, we have noticed that when we do schedule something after a hiatus people have gotten used to not going out so this does nothing to increase attendance.



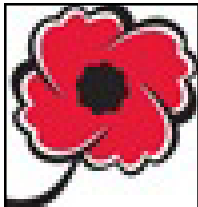
Meanwhile we have continued normal business with Club 55 carrying on with the job. They continue to have exercises, cards, coffee as usual and their February meeting was ended with a Luncheon.

We are on the money with our new monitor showing ads from other organizations and displaying our events. It is now up and running with local advertisements on as of the 16th of February.

Now for the surprise mentioned in last month's Bulletin. Two years ago we brought the ``Johnny Cash Tribute`` to Richmond. Attendance was such that we did not have enough space for all who wanted tickets. As a result, we have re-scheduled the show again on the 23rd of March. Tickets can be purchased from Brian Goss, 613-838-4269 at home or at the Branch. Members have also recommended we look into several other tributes such as The Buddy Holly Tribute and the Neil Diamond Tribute. These have been successfully held at other Branches but, first things first, and we will see how this one goes.

Brian Goss

Poppy Update



The Poppy Meeting scheduled for January 2019 was cancelled due to bad weather so an update will be provided in April or May when our Poppy Chair has returned from the sunny south!

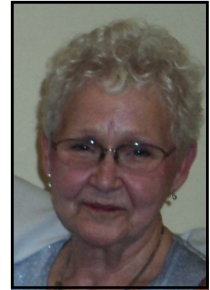
We have a new Reflections this month from Fr Michel Dubord - enjoy!!



Membership Report

Most of our members have renewed, but there are still a few who have not done so yet.

Please let me know if you intend to renew your membership, so the records may be kept up to date. Also, if you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let me know.



I am usually at the Legion on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, if you want to drop in there to pay your membership. Otherwise, my phone number is 613 838 3721 and e-mail address is smorris1@bell.net

Shirley Morris

Friday Night Darts

Darts is moving quickly to the end of another very successful season. Playoffs will be starting very soon and the final night will be Friday April 26 which will feature the championship game, awards presentations and dinner.

There seems to be some question regarding the disposition of the dart fees that are paid by the players and I would like to take this opportunity to say that each year at Christmas we provide a variety of finger foods on the final night before the two week Christmas break as well as the awards given out and dinner provided on the final night of the season. Each year every player gets a token of appreciation for their support usually at the final night dinner and this year each full time player received a Legion toque.



The remaining funds are turned over to the branch to pay for the use of the hall - heat, hydro and clean up all needs to be paid for.

We are still striving to reach a satisfactory arrangement with the many spares that fill in from week to week and those of us organizing darts continue to try to solve this conundrum.

It was insinuated that the funds were kept by those running the dart league and nothing could be further from the truth - "volunteer" is exactly what we all do in all the roles we fulfill.

If at any time anyone has any question about the dart league, please feel free to contact me directly and I will be happy to give the correct information.

Wendy Ryan

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that a fibre-optic cable can carry more than 25 trillion bits of information per second? What the heck does that mean and what is fibre-optic (also known as optical fibre) anyway? The following is a primer on the subject that may help explain its origin, makeup and use. Fibre-optic cables have been laid underground throughout many areas, including Richmond, and installed in many homes with the promise of faster internet, telephone and television transmission and cleaner reception.

The principle of guiding light and electronic signals through glass cables is not new. In the early 1840s, scientists and inventors were experimenting with the concept. Early results were entertaining but yielded few practical applications. By the late 19th and early 20th centuries, doctors used light guided through glass rods to illuminate body cavities and during dental procedures. In the mid 1950s, the first glass-cladded fibres were produced. Previously, optical fibres were covered with impractical products such as waxes and oils. Another decade would follow before the first practical application of data transmission. NASA was one of the first organizations to use optical fibres to transmit data in its television cameras sent to the moon.

An optical fibre is a flexible and transparent material made by drawing silica (glass) or plastic slightly thicker than a human hair. Fibres can be drawn to great length or joined without loss of transmission signal, unlike copper wires which are prone to loss due to resistance and electromagnetic interference. In addition, periodic booster stations are required when using copper wires to maintain the signal over long distances. Glass fibres are extremely useful in telecommunication and computer networks because they are flexible and can be bundled as cables. Light can be transmitted through fibre with much less loss than electrical cables, which allows long distances to be spanned without booster stations. Optical fibres can support many propagation paths that carry a variety of signals. A single optical fibre can carry over three million voice calls or ninety thousand TV channels.

In addition to providing enhanced telephone and television services, fibre optics are used in a variety of other applications. In cases where metallic conductors are detrimental to instruments, such as a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), optical fibres are preferred. Medical endoscopes built with optical fibres are used to view human organs through small orifices or for minimally invasive surgical procedures. Industrial bore scopes are used to inspect hard to reach internal objects in engines and other machinery. A variety of sensors can be created from fibres to measure temperatures, pressures and stresses. Optical fibres are now found in myriad commercial products including toys, commercial signs, art displays and artificial Christmas trees, to name a few.

The use of optical fibres is advantageous in innumerable ways, many of which improve our health and well-being. On a more practical basis, these fibres are less susceptible to tapping, thereby reducing the risk of data breaches and unauthorized use of personal data. Moreover, there is no great secondary value for them and unlike copper cable and wiring, no one is likely to dig them up or cut them down for resale at a scrap yard.

Now you know!

Jack Lemyre

Good friends are the rare jewels of life. Hard to find and impossible to replace. (Author unknown)

ALL CANADIANS CAN JOIN THE LEGION

From a young age, every Canadian knows what a poppy means.

That little red flower makes a public and personal statement about our veterans' service and sacrifice in times of conflict, both historic and recent. When we wear our poppies, attend memorials, observe the silence and place wreaths on a cenotaph, we are celebrating, honoring and remembering the precious gift veterans have given us. And the driving force behind it all is The Royal Canadian Legion.

With 1,400 branches nationwide, the Legion works tirelessly throughout the year to help support our veterans, as well as those currently serving. The Legion collects and distributes funds for medication, food and housing, community needs and more, maintains a public profile, fosters remembrance, and organizes its members - now 270,000 strong.

As one might expect, membership is largely comprised of veterans and their families. But you may be surprised to learn that you don't need to be affiliated with the military to join.

Nujma Bond, the Legion's manager of communications, says that a full 25 percent of Legion membership has no familial connection with a veteran. "People are joining because they really believe in the mission," she says, "...serving our communities, serving our veterans and promoting remembrance."

The Legion is especially interested in reaching out and engaging young people. In 2018, It launched the Bells of Peace, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. As part of this initiative, students are encouraged to research a specific veteran and place a flag on their gravesite. "By learning a little bit about a veteran from any line of duty," explains Ms. Bond, "they also learn about what has shaped their country."

This preservation of history and protection of heritage is a mandate the Legion shares with Arbor Memorial. Ms. Bond says: "There are often very strong relationships between the Legion, branch members, and the local cemetery because there is a common bond in terms of family history, and military history. When you have initiatives or dedications related to veterans, oftentimes, it will be a joint effort in making that commemoration a reality."

Beyond purchasing your poppy this November (now available in digital form too), how can you offer ongoing support throughout the year? Here are a few ideas:

- * Become a member of the Legion by visiting www.legion.ca or stopping in at your regional branch.
- * Volunteer for varied events hosted at the local level, such as community dinners, games nights, or visiting with veterans.
- * Put aside some time for a walk through a local cemetery and take a moment to stop before the resting place of a fallen soldier, cenotaph or plaque.
- * Attend memorial services.
- * Read and consider the names on a Wall of Remembrance.

(With thanks to Arbor Memorial Services)

Jack Lemyre

Richmond Hub Articles

REASONS TO BE A PART OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN RICHMOND

First off, perhaps you are saying to yourself, ``Why would or should I join the Legion? `` The answer is taken from an article in the Stittsville News, November 2000. What applies then is still true today only that Richmond is going to double if not triple in size and the chance to set the bar in community service is possible now.



It all begins at the Branch. By joining the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL), you will have the opportunity to make new friends, become involved in your community and develop and share your leadership skills. You will help to perpetuate the Remembrance of those who gave so much for the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today, and the proud heritage of this great Canadian organization will be enriched by the enthusiasm, energy and new ideas that you bring to it.

Community Service. You can serve your community by assisting with the many Legion programs in support of youth, seniors, the disabled and others. The Legion also provides bursaries and scholarships to students from Secondary School to post-secondary and university levels and is the largest single supporter of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. It is also a major supporter of sea, army and air cadets.

Leadership. You will have the opportunity to grow within this great organization. The Legion needs members who can take on the leadership challenge. If this is where your interests lie, you can become involved by serving on the branch executive. You may even wish to go to higher levels such as zone, district, provincial or even the national level. Every Dominion President over the past 75 years started out as a branch member.

Social Activities. Most branches have recreational facilities and may have licensed lounges. Members can enjoy a wide variety of social events, such as dances, dinners, barbeques, entertainment and a host of other special events.

Member Participation Sports. The Legion has sporting events such as darts, curling, cribbage and golf with competitions ranging from local, provincial to national levels.

Legion Magazine. Your membership includes a subscription to the Legion Magazine which is published five times a year. It contains articles on various topics including history, current events, and general interest stories, as well as keeping members up to date on the many and varied Legion activities.

SHOUT OUT FOR MEMBERSHIP

It's no secret that methods of getting one's message out is changing or has already changed. We can no longer depend on the paper method of recruiting new members to our Legion. As a result, we are putting our message on the Richmond Hub, describing what the Legion is and does today.

Also, as with other service organizations we are aging, and membership is dropping. To this end we are describing what the Richmond Legion is and how they are part of the Richmond and District community. If the local Branch were to close, the many activities, donations, and sponsorships would also cease.

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We wish to attract a younger presence, one more in line and knowledgeable with today's norms. We have a vibrant Seniors Club and can accept new members and ideas. To that end we ask that you review our Branch Bulletin at richmondlegion.ca and consider membership in the Richmond Legion.

Richmond is growing, approximately 1000 new homes and we can be on the fore front of the community services. I hope you will be a part of this.

Is it all Fund Raising at the Legion?

The prime reason for Fund Raising at the Branch is twofold.

First, we have the Poppy Drive dedicated to raising funds for Our mission which is to serve veterans and their dependents, promote remembrance and act in the service of Canada and its communities. This takes place each year in the Poppy Drive plus receiving personal donations throughout the year.

Second is raising funds to help support local community organizations, seniors, youths and groups in need.

Now this is not all work as we have dinners, dances, BBQs, sports and comradeship meetings such as coffee hour, movies, cards and cater to private events such as receptions, birthday parties, and NFP meetings.

Ten years ago, a member, **Becky Marr-Johnson**, wrote the following – Service organizations that provide activities and events, and a focal place for the community at large, are the cement that holds a community together and gives it a heart.

Richmond Legion Branch 625 was formed 45 ago with approximately 20 members. Most of its members were WWII era or Korean War ear veterans. Its stated purpose was and is per its Mission Statement – Our mission is to serve veterans and their dependants, promote remembrance and act in the service of Canada and its communities.

Today this branch has about 120 members. A significant percentage are rarely seen. A small percentage participate actively and consistently in positions and roles needed to keep the Branch and its activities up and running.

What do We Donate to and Who do We Sponsor?

The Branch, Ladies Auxiliary and Club 55 donate to the following organizations including donations to Provincial Command:

DONATIONS from Regular Activities

Ontario Provincial Command: Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation – donations from Legion Branches amounted to over \$15 million to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.

Ontario Command Bursaries: donations from Legion Branches results in a total of 11,032 awards totaling over \$5 million. Each successful application is worth \$750.00 and is not submitted by the local Branch but by the applicant.

As well as:

Friends of Hospice - Richmond

Donations to local charities

Donations to local Community Projects

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Ottawa Hospital Foundation – Example Heart & Stroke, Canadian Diabetes, and Kidney Foundation
Queensway-Carleton Hospital Foundation
Snowy Owls Cadets & Manotick Cadets and other Youth Programs
CAD Winter Sports Clinic
Seniors Christmas Dinner
Youth Education Public Speaking
South Carleton and Sacred Heart School Bursaries – three \$1000 Branch Bursaries

In past years we have assisted the Richmond & Munster Soccer, Minor Hockey teams, T-Ball

Today our sponsorships have assisted the Ladies Slow Pitch team, Air Cadets, Army Cadets, and in the future, there are plans to establish a Junior Dart League.

DONATIONS from Poppy Funds

Grants for Ex-Service Personnel and their Dependents.
Money spent on Medical Equipment and Research – direct donation from Richmond Legion.
Money used for Seniors` Programs - not including funds spent on Veterans Programs.
Additional funds spent on Veterans Programs.
Provide funding for Provincial Service Bureaus.
Perley-Rideau Veterans Hospital – direct donation from Richmond Legion.
Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust Fund were awarded in the amount of \$666,000 as a result of donations from Legion Branches.

Plans

There is a Long-Range Planning Committee with plans for the following:

Upgrade the outside of the Hall with sidings on the Front and East side.

Using the local hockey arena as a guide develop appropriate murals to be installed.

Turn the acre in the rear of the property into an Exercise Park suitable for all ages and Community use.

When Mattingly builds next to our property, we wish to connect to the sewer system.

Remove the septic tank and develop the West side of the building.

Would like to develop a Facebook and Twitter account with experienced help.

APPRECIATION

This concludes a series of articles describing the Royal Canadian Legion. These articles were submitted to dispel the myths and/or misinformation about the Royal Canadian Legion and to describe the local Legion in Richmond.

Our appreciation goes out to the Richmond Village Association and the Richmond Hub for giving us the opportunity to submit the articles. Special thanks go to the Hub`s Publisher/Editor, Mr. John Shearer for his assistance in editing our efforts and his suggestions in composition and structure.

Thanks to Brian Goss for preparing and submitting these articles...



A New Reflection

Sermon Outline: Luke 2:22-40 (2019)

Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18

I'm sure that many of you are aware that Matthew and Luke are the only two Gospels that contain a birth narrative of Jesus and that both stories are quite distinct – they are two very different stories. This holds true as well immediately following the birth of Jesus. For example, we have in Matthew's Gospel Mary, Joseph and Jesus fleeing for their lives into Egypt until after the death of Herod and although wanting to return to their home in Bethlehem weigh all the options and risks and decide instead to journey on into Galilee and settle in Nazareth. In the meantime we have Luke's Gospel telling us that on the eighth day of Jesus' life he is circumcised and thus given a name and an identity. Then following the fortieth day of his life he is "Presented" in the Temple in Jerusalem, a ritual requirement for the first born which recognized that the first fruits of creation belonged to God. We notice that not only do the storylines differ but so does the "tone" – In Matthew's account – the overall context is dangerous, frightening and life-threatening while in Luke's story things appear to evolve much more orderly and leisurely as the family obediently fulfills their Jewish ritual obligations. Despite the contradictory nature of both accounts one particular theme that they both allude to and hold in common and which is reflected from the very start in the birth narratives is an interplay between darkness and light – it is even represented in two very familiar Christmas carols, "star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright" in Matthew and "while shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around" in Luke. The interplay continues with the looming shadows of death and violence at the hands of King Herod the Great and his son Archelaus and the light of divine guidance in the form of a dream to Joseph in Matthew's Gospel. And in our Gospel lesson for this morning from Luke, the experience of darkness over an oppressed people subjected to Roman tyranny, the unethical behaviour of many religious officials and Jewish authorities and the light of hope of divine justice which wise old Simeon is able to immediately discern in baby Jesus. He then celebrates by praising God with what many of us have recognized as the "Nunc Dimittis" – Latin for the first few words of the Song or Canticle of Simeon, "Now, lettest thou thy servant depart". Some of you might even remember the days of reciting the "Nunc Dimittis" during Anglican Evensong or Compline church services. I recently attended a funeral where the Nunc Dimittis was sung by the choir just prior to the prayers of Commendation – darkness and light – the pall of death and the light of eternal life. This symbolism of darkness and light is ancient and can be found throughout scripture – darkness can be associated with blindness, night, despair, feeling lost, death, and evil.

Light on the other hand is seen as the antidote to darkness – in the light we're able to see, we can find our way, in the light there is life, it's an image of salvation. In Jesus, Simeon sees Salvation – God's light or as John's Gospel states unequivocally, Jesus embodies the "true" light – he is the "light of the world".

Last Sunday in our Gospel narrative we had a foretaste as to where that Light was going to shine - what needed to be brought to the Light so that healing, reconciliation and divine justice could be achieved. This Light was going to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, liberty to the oppressed and proclaim a period of "Shalom" – a period of restoration for all people. That really is "Good News" isn't it! Darkness and light are very much a part of the human condition whether literally or figuratively speaking. We who live in the Northern Hemisphere have a first-hand experience of "darkness and light" following the winter solstice, as the days, at a snail's pace begin to get longer. Today February 3rd, sunrise was at 7:21 AM and will set at 5:12 PM and by next month on the same date the sun shall rise at 6:37 AM and set at 5:52 PM – close to a 45 minute difference. A few months from now on the 3rd of May sunrise will be at 5:48 AM and will set at 8:11 PM a few hours difference. As the days grow longer our spirits slowly

begin to lift, we begin to enthusiastically anticipate the coming of Spring and we generally begin to have much more energy.

Those who suffer from SAD – Seasonal Affective Disorder and use Light Therapy Lamps will soon be able to pack their units away in storage again until the late Fall. Darkness can take a variety of different forms, some of which can ensnare us and hold us emotionally captive for even as long as our life-time here on Mother earth. These forms can be “life-limiting – diminishing the quality of our lives – they prevent us from fully appreciating life. They prevent us from learning and growing from our life experiences. They prevent us from awareness of God’s presence within and around us in each and every “present moment”. It can be the darkness of uncertainty about what the future will bring at work or at home or in the world or the darkness of constantly worrying about children or grandchildren or aging parents or a nagging suspicion that something is not quite right physically but you can’t quite pinpoint it. It could be the darkness of the fear of job loss or the despair of long term unemployment or the darkness that accompanies depression or chronic illness. Another form of darkness is best expressed in a book entitled “Anam Cara” which means “soul friend” in Gaelic, author John O’Donohue, who is widely known for popularizing Celtic and Creation based Spirituality writes, “It is a startling truth that how you see and what you see determines how and who you will be...To the fearful eye, all is threatening. To the judgmental eye, everything is closed in definitive frames. To the resentful eye, everything is begrudged. To the indifferent eye, nothing calls or awakens. To the inferior eye, everyone else is greater, more beautiful, brilliant and gifted than you. To the loving eye, everything is real. Love is the light in which we see light. If we could look at the world in a loving way, then the world would rise up before us full of invitation, possibility and depth. To recognize *how* you see things can bring you self-knowledge and enable you to glimpse the treasures your life secretly holds.”

I find what John O’Donohue is saying quite thought provoking, insightful and offers hope to those who have sadly grown accustomed to walking around in the dark. The dark for some is familiar and safe territory - it might be all someone knows or where one feels a real sense of personhood and self affirmation – some folks might even say that negative attention is better than no attention at all. But regardless of whether were speaking of folks who are afraid of life, folks who are quick at passing judgements, who are resentful of others, those consumed by apathy, or those who lack self-compassion, John O’Donohue suggests that we can indeed change, there is within us the ability to transform the way that we see things – we all have the innate ability to see things through the lens of the “loving eye” and in doing so not only do we discover the “treasure” of the light of Christ within ourselves, we recognize like Simeon the face of God in the other.

Jesus Light of the world
When we are afraid and unsure,
comfort us with the light of your Presence.
When loneliness chills us,
Warm us with the light of your Love.
When the road ahead seems dark,
guide us with the light of your Way.
When we don’t understand and our thoughts are unclear,
fill us with light of your Wisdom.
When we seem like a candle consumed,
replenish us with light of your Life.
Then so filled with your Light, use us,
So that we with you may be light for the World.

Fr. Michel

Twists & Turns

Anyone want to take a shot at the odds of this ever happening again?

For those who have served on a jury, this one is something to think about. Just when you think you have heard everything! Not even Law and Order would attempt to capture this mess. This is one of those stories which comes under the heading of, "twist of fate" that you wouldn't be able to sell to a book editor!

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science (AAFS), President Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death.

Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to that effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly. Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers, and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned. The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject 'A' but kills subject 'B' in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.'

When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded. The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist...

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

From Brian Beyer

A FASCINATING SHORT SEA STORY

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:

Two different days,

Two different months,

Two different years,

Two different seasons

But in two different centuries - all at the same time.

~ GO NAVY ~

From Brian Beyer



THE PROFESSOR'S LESSON

There were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. They were all so confident that the weekend before the finals, they decided to have a big party. They had a great time but after all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday.

Still feeling a little hung over, they decided that rather than take the final exam Monday morning, they would go to the Professor after the exam and explain why they missed it. They said that that they had visited friends over the weekend but on the way back had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final exam. The professor agreed that they could take the exam the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam.

The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them each a test booklet. They all quickly answered the first question correctly for 5 points. "Cool," they thought, each in his separate room, "This is going to be easy". Then they turned the page. On the second page was written:

For 95 points: Which tire?

From Jack Lemyre

Humour

When two Newfies get laid off: Paddy and Mick worked together in St. John's and both were laid off, so they went to the unemployment Office. When asked his occupation, Paddy answered, "Panty Stitcher. I sew the elastic onto ladies cotton panties and Thongs." The clerk looked up panty stitcher on his computer...And finding it classified as unskilled labor, he gave him \$80 a week unemployment pay. Mick was next and when asked his occupation replied, "Diesel fitter." Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick \$160 a week. When Paddy found out he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained, "Panty Stitchers are unskilled and Diesel Fitters are skilled labor." "What skill?" yelled Paddy. "I sew the elastic on the panties and the thongs. Mick puts them over his head and says: "Yep, diesel fitter!"

Elderly Agnes's Letter of Thanks (I know this is a repeat but it still makes me laugh!)

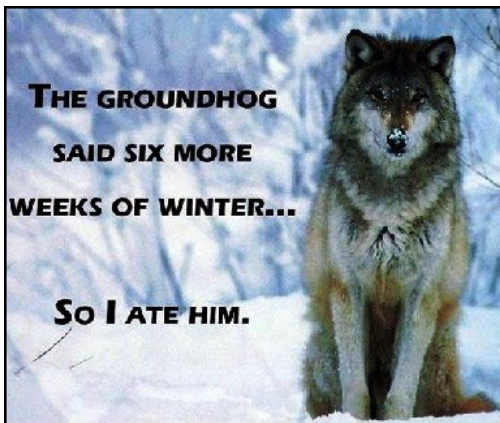
When we get older we think differently. This letter was sent to the Principal's office after the school had sponsored a luncheon for the elderly. An elderly lady received a new radio at the lunch as a door prize and was writing to say thank you. This story is a credit to all humankind..... especially if you are familiar with the elderly. Forward to anyone (including those younger) you know who might need a lift today. Dear Kean Elementary, God bless you for the beautiful radio I won at your recent senior citizens luncheon. I am 94 years old and live at the Springer Home for the Aged. All of my family has passed away. I am all alone now and it's nice to know that someone is thinking of me. God bless you for your kindness to an old forgotten lady. /My roommate is 95 and has always had her own radio, but before I received one, she would never let me listen to hers, even when she was napping. The other day her radio fell off the night stand and broke into a lot of pieces. It was awful and she was in tears. Her distress over the broken radio touched me and I knew this was God's way of answering my prayers. She asked if she could listen to mine, and I told her to kiss my ass. Thank you for that opportunity. Sincerely, Agnes

A very successful attorney parked his brand new Lexus in front of his office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he was getting out, a truck came along too closely and completely tore off the driver's door. Fortunately, a cop in a police car was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the Lexus with his lights flashing. Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the attorney started screaming hysterically about how his Lexus, which he had just purchased the day before, was completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how any car body shop tried to make it new again. After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life." "How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer. The cop replied, "You're so busy bitching about your new Lexus that you don't even realize that your left arm is missing! It was severed when the truck hit you!" "OH, MY GOD!!!" screamed the lawyer "My Rolex !!!!"

OF COURSE
SIZE MATTERS
NO ONE WANTS
A SMALL
GLASS of WINE

Yeah
I've got
O.C.D

OLD,
CRANKY
AND
DANGEROUS.



THE GROUNDHOG
SAID SIX MORE
WEEKS OF WINTER...

SO I ATE HIM.

***You never appreciate what
you have till its gone... Toilet
Paper is a good example.***

THEY WALK DOWN THE
AISLE IN THEIR UNDERWEAR
AND IT'S CALLED "ART" AND
"FASHION."

WHEN I DO IT I'M "DRUNK"
AND "NOT ALLOWED BACK
IN TARGET."

There are times
when my greatest
accomplishment
is just keeping
my mouth shut.

Points to Ponder

THE MONEY PIT:

Older homes are always an adventure. I guess I should consider myself lucky that my house hasn't had many plumbing issues over the years. But, true to form, when I have one, it's a doozy! At first, I thought it was a blocked toilet in the basement. A day later, my laundry sinks nearly overflowed as I ran the washing machine. Out came the trusty plunger. A hearty effort on the toilet seemed to work. Until I flushed it the second time. Water, water everywhere. Out came the trusty mop.

Plunging the laundry sinks seemed to do the trick, until I did another load of laundry.

I avoided the basement for another day until I could arrange for a plumber. By the time he arrived, it was quite apparent that there'd been a sewer backup – the bathroom sink was disgusting, and there was a wet spot on the rec room carpet, the source of which was a short-term mystery.

Who knew that carpet installers would put a temporary plug and some old rags in a floor drain and carpet over it? And not mention it to the homeowners. This crime was perpetrated about 15 years ago, so once again, I should probably consider myself lucky. The luck ends here.

Several hours and many dollars later, my house smelled awful, but everything seemed to be working. Fans were running to dry out the carpet, and I was pondering how to mend it without redoing the entire room. I pretty much avoided the basement for another day – didn't want the dog to get involved in the new and delightful odours. But, I thought, I should probably flush the toilet, just to be sure. Replay that water, water everywhere thing.

Plumber returns. More snaking. Camera involved. Unidentifiable obstruction. Snake gets well and truly stuck. During all this, other badly connected pipes are discovered. Lots of guessing about the location of a cleanout. More carpet lifted. Thankfully, I recall a metal grate on the floor of my cold room. Pipes don't seem to be directed that way, plumber says, but he'll have a look. Guess what? Under the grate lurked a backwater valve. Its "flapper" had broken and that was the obstruction. All bolts broken in removal of cap, but offending "flapper" removed. Raises many questions, not the least of which is who runs piping all around the house instead of taking a direct route? Building codes probably didn't exist back then, or were ignored. I've always thought the house was somebody's DIY project.

I'd like to say "so endeth the saga," but I did say it was a doozy, didn't I?

The old-fashioned valve design is now illegal, so plumber will be back again to replace it, many more dollars later, but preferably before all that snow melts.

WAITING FOR THE TRAIN:

As we face the real possibility of another missed LRT deadline, at least one member of city council thinks it's "counterproductive" to keep setting deadlines for the opening. Would she be so magnanimous if she hired a contractor to build her a multimillion-dollar dream house, signed a contract with firm deadlines, and then was told it would be "ready when it's ready?" How much leeway is she prepared to accept? Would "not in your lifetime" work for her?



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BUMPY RIDE:

Let's all agree that some pretty dandy potholes keep appearing on the bridge. The contractor repairs them – probably not as promptly as some would like. Those who rant about them on Facebook may feel better afterwards, but have accomplished nothing. Why not complain to the people who can actually do something about it? Your councillor's office, 311 – take your pick. And if the whiners think the problem will go away faster the more they rant, forget it. There's a long way to go yet.



NO WONDER WE'RE FRUSTRATED:

It's difficult enough to plan outings in the winter, but three or more different forecasts sure don't help – stretching from Armageddon to scattered flurries. On Feb. 10, the warnings began. By Feb. 11, there was a winter storm watch carried by Environment Canada and The Weather Network (online version – the TV version is always different.)

Environment Canada was in the Armageddon camp, calling for 30 to 40 centimetres of snow, with high winds, beginning midday on Feb. 12 and continuing through the next day. The Weather Network had the identical warning, but its hourly forecast only showed scattered flurries beginning at 3 p.m. CBC Radio was calling for 10 centimetres of snow, with no mention of a storm watch or the high winds and blowing snow. Which one to believe?

Do you cancel an appointment that might put you on the roads at the dreaded midday, or do you carry on, believing the 3 p.m. scattered flurries prediction? We put a man on the moon 50 years ago, people. Why are we so bad at weather forecasting? At the very least, why can't the "experts" all agree?



So, the storm finally began around 3 p.m. on Feb. 12. Not my definition of flurries. It had to be a serious storm – even intrepid curlers stayed home

Lynne Owen

POSTER FOUND IN A CHURCH IN FRANCE (TRANSLATED)

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear the "Call of God". However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter and choose a quiet place to talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

From: Jack Lemyre



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