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President's Message

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a happy and safe holiday season. We had a great Christmas Party despite the weather and I extend the Club's appreciation to the entire committee for a job well done.

It seems each year that the days fly by more quickly. Last year, 2009, was no exception. We all had another birthday which would probably be best left uncounted and in many cases, especially over the holiday season, our belt lines expanded to greater proportions. Fortunately, our belts can accommodate these changes by being released one extra notch at a time.

Each January most of us embark enthusiastically into a New Year with the promise to address and ultimately resolve at least one of our personal foibles. But alas, are people actually successful in achieving their New Year's resolutions? In my case I have never failed!

I have a plan which I will share with you. In order to meet our challenges we must first determine where our errors or omissions in character development lie. An internet definition defines a resolution as a commitment an individual makes to a project or the reforming of a habit, often a lifestyle change that is generally interpreted as advantageous. In other words it is a project someone else feels would be good for us and we promise to do our best to achieve the impossible. Failure, abject failure, is usually the outcome unless we feel the achievement of

the goal will have a positive influence on our lives.

I am here to help you. A resolution can be met if simple steps are followed. The first thing to do is to identify what you want to achieve. Reflect and state your resolution as a goal. Put your goal in writing in the form of a plan, complete with procedural steps and indicators of success. And most important, allow yourself flexibility – this is the key, your trump card. It provides the means to your end - it allows you to alter your plan whenever and however you wish, thereby keeping you at all times within the parameters of your plan. So, you don't need to do anything, and, while so doing, you experience success. Voila! Well done! Try following these steps and they will lead you to overcoming any trepidation you may have with a difficult resolution. Let me know how you make out next year!

I look forward to 2010 and all of the events your club has planned or will plan to meet your needs. Remember, we are here to have fun. Your Management Team requires your input to plan activities you will enjoy! The welcome mat is always out for anyone to attend a Management Committee Meeting at 8:30 on our General Meeting days. Please take advantage of this offer. Also, please keep bringing guests to our meetings to share in the fun.



Bruce

Social Activities and Events



Lunch Bunch: The next lunch is on January 20th. Restaurant to be announced.

Bridge Club 2 will be at Julius Varga's on January 14th and at Diane Morrison's on January 28th.

Best Western Dinner Theatre: Steel Magnolias will be presented by the Northumberland Players on Feb. 5th. The story is about a gaggle of gossiping ladies in a 1980's Louisiana small- town beauty parlour.

A Volunteer Fair will be held on February 17th. Round table discussions and information sessions will be held with different volunteer organizations from Northumberland County. It will be an opportunity to see what the different organizations do and what assistance they need. Further information will be provided at the next meetings.

Drinks and Appies. Anyone wishing to host a Drinks and Appies please leave your name and date you are thinking of with Gloria Ashcroft. A host is needed for February, April and June.

Diane Morrison - Co-ordinator

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League base ball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first- base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered with a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'

'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face...

'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet.'

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too . Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that.. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes,

The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast ?'

Wisdom

As explained by Cliff Clavin, of Cheers.

One afternoon at Cheers, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm.

Here's how it went:

" Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?

Speakers and Entertainment

- Jan. 6th Women's Barbershop Quartet
- Jan. 20 What is Tai Chi Marja Webster
- Feb. 3rd Belinda Clarke ND . . Naturopathic health methods
- Feb. 17 Volunteer Fair

Please advise John, Rose, Rick or Bryan about any suggestions you have for speakers and entertainment.

John Fazekas : Convenor



ATHEIST HOLIDAY

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God' thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language.
 Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

From The Astrology Department : What Are You?

CAPRICORN - The Go-Getter (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Patient and wise. Practical and rigid. Ambitious. Tends to be Good-looking. Humorous and funny. Can be a bit shy and reserved. Often pessimistic. Capricorns tend to act before they think and can be Unfriendly at times. Hold grudges. Like competition. Get what they want.

The Pastor's Ass

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won.

The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and it won again.

The local paper read:

PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper headline read:

BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS.

This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the pastor to get rid of the donkey. The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day:

NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

The bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10. The next day the paper read:

NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.

This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read:

NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The bishop was buried the next day.

The moral of the story is being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery even shorten your life. So be yourself and enjoy life. Stop worrying about everyone else's ass and you'll be a lot happier and live longer!

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?

Christmas Party



The Organizing Committee



Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway ?

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