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MEETINGS

General Meetings

2nd Wednesday of month
at 7:30 pm in the
Concord Citizens' Centre

Executive Meetings

4th Wednesday of month
at 7:45 pm in the
Concord Citizens' Centre

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MUSEUM

5 Wellbank Street
Open 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Wednesday & Saturday

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Bus Tour of Haberfield & Infants' Home, Ashfield

Saturday, 25th November: We still have a few seats left on the bus for this outing so if you'd like to join us please ring the secretary as soon as possible. Cost is \$17.00 per person and includes afternoon tea at the Infants' Home.

The bus will leave the museum at 12:45 p.m. SHARP and will return at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Barbecue

Wednesday 12th December - Rhodes Rotary park from 6.00 pm.

All food will be supplied, BYO liquid refreshment. We will have some plastic cutlery and paper plates but please feel free to bring your own cutlery and crockery if you wish - and insect repellent would be advisable.

Cost will be \$10 per head (children free) and bookings are essential for catering purposes. Payment in advance if possible, please.

Future Meetings

January - There will be no general meeting in January.

Wednesday, 13th February at 7:30 p.m. - Speaker will be Des Milligan and his subject "Military Preparedness and the Lack of It". This talk was stimulated by recent events in East Timor. Those of you who heard his last talk on "Growing up in India" will not want to miss this and those who missed him last time have something to look forward to.

Who's Behind The Name?

RAY DOLBY

In 1965 Dolby founded his own company dedicated to the development of new audio noise reduction techniques. Since then consumers have purchased more than 630 million audio products licensed to use Dolby technologies. More than 7,000 feature films have been released with Dolby soundtracks. They have been shown at the more than 43,000 movie theatres worldwide that have

Dolby equipment to play them. There are more than 50 weekly television shows currently running in the United States that are encoded in Dolby Surround Sound.

KING WENCESLAS

There was a King Wenceslas. He was 13 years old when his father, Wratisslaus, died. Until Wenceslas reached maturity his mother, Drahomira, was in command. The boy was put in the custody of his grandmother, Ludmilla. Ludmilla urged Wenceslas to take the throne by force and make Christianity the religion of the land. Hearing of the plan, Drahomira had Ludmilla killed. One of Wenceslas' first acts as king was to banish his mother from Bohemia. He went on to enforce Christianity by beating those who refused to follow. Wenceslas also built churches and worked tirelessly for charity. In the end the king was executed by his brother Boleslaus. Many years later an English man, perhaps holding a Czech coin bearing Wenceslas' face, found he liked the sound of the good king's name, and he fit it into a traditional melody. The song became a favourite timeless Christmas carol.

WILLIAM FRISBEE

In 1871 William Russell Frisbee founded the Frisbee Pie Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Back in 1920 Frisbee pies became popular with students at Yale University. They discovered that not only could you eat the pie, but you could also play with the tin afterward. It was another 30 years before the Wham-O Toy Company, fresh from its success with the hula hoop, would try to market a flying saucer toy. Wham-O called its toy the Pluto Platter. In 1959 a company executive heard about the game they played at Yale and decided to change the product's name to Frisbee.

JACOB SCHICK

He was a miner in Alaska and British Columbia. One winter Schick weathered temperatures of 40 degrees below zero. When it is that cold using water to shave is painful. While a lesser man might have simply grown a beard, Schick began devising a way to shave painlessly without water. Inspired by the repeating rifle, he came up with the Magazine Repeat-

ing Razor. In 1926 he tried to market the razor but it was not a stunning success and he sold the rights to the product in 1930. A year later, Schick was back in business, this time manufacturing the first electric shavers. In 1946 Eversharp Inc. acquired the Magazine Repeating Razor Company and renamed it the Schick Safety Razor Company.

HENRI NESTLÉ

In 1857 46-year-old Henri Nestlé decided to leave the life of a travelling salesman behind and open his own company selling liquid gas for the street lamps of his hometown, Vevey, Switzerland. In the 1850s one in four newborn children did not live through the first year. Nestlé wanted to change this. He felt that the solution was nutritious food that mothers who could not breast feed could give to their babies. To create his product, Nestlé concentrated milk using an air pump and "a new process" that he invented. Nestlé sold his baby food business in 1875, and had no more contact with its operations until his death in 1890. The champion of infant nutrition had no children of his own, and left no heirs.

From the Mouths of Babes

A primary school teacher collected some well-known proverbs to give her class a test. She gave the children the first half and asked them to complete the proverbs. Here are the insightful results:

Better to be safe . . . *than punch a fifth grader*
Strike while the . . . *bug is close*
Never underestimate the power of . . . *termites*
You can lead a horse to water but . . . *how*
Don't bite the hand that . . . *is dirty*
No news is . . . *impossible*
You can't teach an old dog . . . *maths*
The pen is mightier than . . . *the pigs*
Where there's smoke there's . . . *pollution*
Children should be seen and not . . . *grounded*
or spanked
An idle mind is . . . *the best way to relax*
A penny saved is . . . *not much*
If at first you don't succeed . . . *get new batteries*
Happy the bride who . . . *gets lots of presents*

Are You A 'Lefty'?

It is estimated that a mere 7% of the population is left-handed.

In ancient times Aztecs gave medicine for kidney problems with the left hand, and medicine for liver problems with the right hand.

In ancient Peru it was believed by the Incas that being left-handed was a sign of good luck.

In Chinese tradition the yin, or right side, lives in harmony with the left side, the yang. Neither side dominates the other.

The Egyptians thought it was good luck to enter a house left foot first.

In medieval heraldry a "sinister bend" or a left-handed stripe across a coat-of-arms was the mark of a bastard, a "son of the left hand."

Wearing a medal on the left side of the body became a custom thanks to the crusaders. They chose to wear their emblems close to their hearts.

When looking at Michelangelo's David, look at the hand David held his sling in. It seems David was a lefty.

On a "qwerty" keyboard, there are 1,447 English words that are typed solely with the left hand. There are only 187 words typed with the right hand alone.

Twenty percent of all Mensa members are left-handed

Some Well Know "Lefties"

Alexander the Great, Benjamin Franklin, Charlie Chaplin, Billy the Kid, Boston Strangler, Leonardo da Vinci, Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, H.G. Wells, Lewis Carol, Helen Keller, Rex Harrison, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Henry Ford, Joan of Arc, Nicole Kidman, Tom Cruise, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Babe Ruth, Shirley MacLaine, Albert Einstein, Sylvester Stallone, Bob Dylan, Dwight F. Davis, Fidel Castro, Queen Elizabeth II of England, Pablo Picasso, Arnold Palmer, Rock Hudson, Gary Sobers, Phil Everly, Brad Pitt, John McEnroe, Oprah Winfrey, Martina Navratilova, Jerry Seinfeld, Michelangelo, David Bowie, Bill Clinton, Diego Armando

Maradona, Prince Charles of England, Bob Dylan, Mark Twain, Judy Garland, Steve McQueen, Goran Ivanovic

A Collection of Memories

We all have some possessions,
collected through the years;
Some bring happy memories,
others bring the tears.
Not many from our childhood,
we didn't bother then,
We were far too busy learning
and counting up to ten.
When maturity came through
we started to collect.
Some we threw away later,
the special ones we kept.
And as the years went speeding by,
we were loath to part with any,
So by the time we reached old age,
in our collection there were many.
Knick knacks from the seaside,
gifts from far and wide.
Birthdays, Christmas, holidays,
we looked at them with pride.
Every spring we'd get them out
determined some would go,
But memories kept flooding back
as we sorted them, you know.
We couldn't bring ourselves to do it,
our resolution was all gone.
How many did we throw away?
I'm afraid the answer's NONE!

Points to Ponder

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do?

Draw out every cent, of course!!!!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is **TIME**.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow".

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today. As time waits for no one. .

Trish's Trivia

Can You Match the Group to It's Name?

Ape	Sounder
Ass	Clowder or Clutter
Bacteria	Rag
Badger	Brace or Clash
Bear	Pace
Bee	A Clutch or Chattering
Bird	A Brood or Peep
Boar	Shrewdness
Buck	Flock, Congregation or Volery
Caterpillar	Culture
Cat	Cete
Chicken	Bed
Chicks	Swarm, Grist or Hive
Clam	Army
Colt	Sleuth or Sloth

Get ready for Christmas now - it's closer than you think.

Special Fruit Cake

(Read instructions carefully)

1 cup butter	1 cup sugar
4 large eggs	1 cup dried fruit
1 bottle whisky	1 teasp. baking soda
1 cup brown sugar	1 tabs lemon juice
1 tabs nuts	

Sample whisky to check for quality

Take large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat

Turn on electric mixer, beat one cup of butter

in a large fluffy bowl. Add one spoontea of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whisky is still OK. Cry another tup.

Turn off the timer. Break two leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the Whisky again to check for tonsisiticity.

Next sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares? Check the Whisky.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one battlespoon of brown sugar, or whatever colour you can find. Wix mel. Grease the oven. Turn the cake pan to 350 gredees.

Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the Whisky again and BO TO GED.



*to you
and
yours
from all
of us*

Dates for the Diary

Saturday, 24th November -
Haberfield Tour and visit to The
Infants' Home, Ashfield

Wednesday, 28th November - Execu-
tive Meeting

Wednesday, 12th December - Christ-
mas Barbecue at Rhodes Rotary
Park - from 6:00 p.m.

December - No Executive Meeting

January - No General Meeting

Wednesday, 23rd January - Execu-
tive meeting.