

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
January 19th, 2011

The meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with President Bob Capson chairing and about 35 members in attendance. After welcome and O Canada, Gordon Moulard led the sing-along.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by Don Mitchener.

Member News: Bob Capson welcomed back Ken Briggs. Bill Brydges sent greetings; he is convalescing at home. Fred Chatwin was reported to be in hospital and waiting for a nursing home bed. Ralph Murray lost the sight of one eye but can still drive.

Member Profile: Robert Taylor termed his travels more remarkable than his career. He spoke of his teacher exchange to the UK, he and Jean teaching in Beijing, and their round-the-world trip. He spoke of his hobbies of swimming and music and his “second careers” in driver education and taxi driving.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that 88 members have paid so far for this year; he sent dues for 97 members to National. He reported our bank balance is \$1400. He filed a copy of his report with the Secretary. He moved and Glen Macdonald seconded acceptance of his report; motion carried.

Membership: Ed O’Keefe is in Florida, so there was no report. Bob Capson expressed concern about the drop in membership.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright ordered 21 lunches of beef stew.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood told some gardening jokes. Overheard was the comment, “they’re getting worse every month!”

Club Program: Bob Capson noted that he is awaiting confirmation on future speakers. He asked for consensus as to whether members would prefer a Club trip on a meeting day or another day; the majority favored another day.

New Business: Bob Capson announced the 3rd Probus Rendezvous is at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre from September 13th to 15th. A copy of the program is in the Secretary’s Rendezvous file, and the information will be posted on our web site, www.sjprobus.ca

After coffee, Dave Srague drew Bob Capson as the winner of the **60/40 Draw**. He donated \$81 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bob Capson introduced Don Mitchener, who spoke about the necessity of creating an “In Case of Death” file, to inform others on such matters as:

- What is the code to turn off your alarm system?
- What are your funeral plans?
- Who are your creditors and what do you owe them?
- What are your computer passwords and your PIN's?
- What is stored in your sentry box and deposit box, and where are the keys?
- Is your joint account beneficiary actually named?
- Do you have a will, and where is it kept?
- Where are your saved tax returns, your passport, your insurance policies?
- What does your collection of keys open?
- Is there a list of your valuable assets, from artwork to timeshares?
- If your spouse has died, did you re-register your deed to single ownership?
- Is there a death certificate and enough copies?

Don credited Deloitte for portions of his presentation. He said he would e-mail pointers to members and put them on the web site. Following a question and answer session, Bob Capson thanked the speaker, and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.