

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN

MONTHLY MEETING

March 18th, 2015

T'was another stormy morning – 42 cm more snow overnight (bringing the season total in Saint John to 473 cm) and the schools closed for their 12th storm day. Probus soldiered on, as we had military guests coming, one from Camp Gagetown and one from Dieppe. The guests didn't call to say they weren't going to brave the roads, so our meeting wasn't cancelled. Exactly three (count'em on one hand!) members turned out – the President, the Secretary, and one Charter Member, John Cook. Major Stephen LaPlante and Lucy Gagnon arrived in time for their 11 am presentation on the DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) program. We had an informal discussion instead, and then enjoyed a turkey dinner which the Boys and Girls Club had prepared. Plans are to invite our guests back for a fall meeting. Oh, and Ralph Wood did read us one of his jokes – just one.

When members come to the April meeting, they will notice that our Probus banner has been found and put up. Planned speakers for the spring meetings are: Daniel Lutes of the Saint John Learning Exchange on April 15th (hopefully by then it *will* be spring!), Janet Scott of Enterprise Saint John on May 20th, and TBA on June 17th.

On the following Monday (March 23rd), half a dozen of us and three Ladies Probus Club members showed up at City Hall for a scheduled noon flag-raising of our newly designed Probus flag. The Clerk's Office said the flagpole was not accessible due to snow, so they would raise the flag when they could – later that day? Another day? Did any members drive past City Hall and see it in place? We made sure to point out to the ladies that our Club, a quarter the size of theirs, had twice the turnout for this non-ceremony.

Respectfully submitted, if somewhat tongue-in-cheek,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.