

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**17 February 2010**

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with Vice President Bob Capson chairing and about 25 in attendance. Bob welcomed members, and “O Canada” was followed by an “a capella” sing-along led by Clarence Blois.

**Minutes** of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved on motion by Robert Taylor, seconded by Bill Brydges.

**Members:** There were no guests. New member Bill Fulton was pinned. Dave Fraser reported that he visited Blake McCullough, who is becoming more mobile and is in good spirits.

**Finances:** Don Mitchener sent a report by e-mail, showing a current balance of \$2221.79 and 110 paid-up members.

**Phone Committee:** Duane Lister reported that “all is well”.

**House Committee:** Gordon Moulard counted 13 for lunch of corn chowder and rolls.

**Phoghorn:** Ralph Wood reported that circulation is “through the roof”. The publication is “red all over” (as he brandished a red envelope).

**Program Plans:** Bob Capson reported that March is open: perhaps Colin Whitcomb or a suggestion from members. In reply to question, he said he is trying for early spring for a tour of the LNG facility.

**Atlantic Director:** It was reported that nominations came from Halifax and Moncton, and Art Buck continues in the position. (It must be a Past President of a Club).

**Member Profiles:** (as suggested in Tor Bordevik’s survey): David Fraser related his experiences in World War II in the UK as a war orphan, and his career in shipbuilding.

**Announcements:** After regaling members with the top ten reasons why men prefer guns over women, Bob Capson announced that copies of the current membership list are available. The meeting adjourned for coffee and conversation.

**60/40 Draw:** Guest speaker Donnie Snook drew the name of Bill Brydges, who announced it was his first win ever; he won \$60. Dave Sprague filed an updated history of 60/40 draws with the Secretary.

**Guest Speaker:** Robert Taylor introduced Councillor Donnie Snook, who spoke about his work with Inner City Youth Ministry over the past eleven years, and about the

Chicken Noodle Club, which was founded by Rev. Chris vanBuskirk in 1989. The Club has now expanded from two to five days a week at St. John the Baptist Church (after St. James Broad Street closed), and now also operates at Portland United Church and Glen Falls two days a week; total registration across the city is nearly 500 children. Over the years, after-school programs, recreation programs, anti-poverty initiatives, and ministry to single-parent families have been added. Tor Bordevik thanked Donnie and gave him a gift certificate to Lily's Café.

**Suggestion** from Bill Brydges to have a greeter at meetings, especially so new members will have someone to talk to.

**Adjournment** at 11:30 to March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.