

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
November 17th, 2010

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club with Vice President Tor Bordevik chairing – he demonstrated total ignorance (or perhaps disregard) for Robert's Rules of Order. There were about 45 members in attendance. Tor welcomed members, and there followed O Canada and a sing-along led by Clarence Blois.

Debbie Cooper, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, showed off the Olympic Torch that she was presented with after its run through Saint John last November 24th – it is now housed in a display case. Thanks were expressed to Sandy Gregory and the Club for building the display case.

Membership News: A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dick Marsden and Jim Turnbull. Ed O'Keefe introduced Don Shaw who rejoined the Club, paid and was pinned. It was reported that Fred Chatwin is in hospital.

Minutes of the October 20th meeting were circulated in the Phoghorn. Robert Taylor moved and Don Shaw seconded their acceptance – motion carried. The Minutes from June 16th were received; Robert summarized them and moved their acceptance; Lloyd Lake seconded and motion carried.

Finances: Don Mitchener was away. Robert reported nine memberships paid today.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe brought copies of the recently updated list. He circulated a list to gather spouses' names. He announced that a Seniors Club meets at the Bill Maguire Centre in Renforth on Tuesday afternoons.

Phone Committee: Duane Lister reported he needs one caller.

House Committee: Dave Lester booked ##? for turkey soup, rolls and sandwiches.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood replaced his report with a couple of off-colour Newfie jokes.

Speakers: Tor noted that suggestions on speakers or other Club programs are welcome. It was suggested we use some Club members as speakers. The following were suggested:

- Peter Jollymore re St. Andrew and St. David housing project
- Jim Young, a coin expert, suggested by Ed O'Keefe
- Bernie Cormier – magician act – suggested by Ron Doucet
- Cindy Donovan of Loch Lomond Villa, suggested by Richard Burpee, a Board member
- David Goss, suggested by Robert Taylor.

Member Profile: Richard Burpee was with Civic Hydro, which has become Saint John Energy, for 40 years, ending as President and CEO. He referred to the Groundhog Gale, the Riviera gas explosion, and the Ice Storm as challenges. He is currently Chair of the Loch Lomond Villa Foundation and the local SPCA. He has volunteered or had leadership positions with, among others, the Union Club, Shriners, United Way, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Carleton Curling Club, and the Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation.

60-40 Draw: Ron Lister won \$84 which he donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Yukako Tsukamoto, a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at UNBSJ. She was introduced by Rev. Lloyd Lake and thanked by Bill Brydges. (Notes on her talk are supplied by Ralph Wood in the Phoghorn.)

Next Meeting December 15th. Members will be called, as turkey dinner will be served. Program will be the Saint John String Quartet.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.