

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The monthly meeting convened at 10 am, or as soon thereafter as President Ralph Wood finally succeeded in bringing 32 rowdy gentlemen to order, which he noted took much longer than 175 ladies at their Probus meeting yesterday. (The Men's Probus was invited to hear their guest speaker on the DART program.)

Following O Canada, Gordon Mouland led a singalong, and Willard Buckley took a count of 15 for pork lunch.

**Minutes** of the October meeting were recorded by Willard and published in the Phoghorn. They were accepted on motion of Gordon Mouland and seconded by Ralph Murray.

**Finances:** A vague report noting that nothing has changed, was conveyed by Don Mitchener, who is away.

**Member Illnesses:** It was reported that Wylie McGinley is unwell, that Tom Neill had a stroke, that Clive Douthwright is recovering at home, and that Francis Quinn is in hospital waiting for a special care home.

**Guest → New Member:** John Doyle introduced David Flewelling, retired from Willett Food Group. He paid initial fee and membership, and was pinned.

**President's Comments:**

- The next meeting, featuring the Saint John String Quartet and \$10 turkey dinner, will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Willard should be notified of any changes of mailing or e-mailing addresses.
- The website, [www.sjprobus.ca](http://www.sjprobus.ca), has new material including a photo of Ralph Wood laying a Remembrance Day wreath on behalf of the Club.
- The speaker at yesterday's Ladies Probus meeting has been invited to talk to us at our February meeting.
- Those on the waiting list for the Ladies Probus Club have been polled re joining us as a mixed Club – they all said no thanks.
- A nationwide Probus Day is tentatively set for sometime in March. Cities are encouraged to fly the Probus banner for that day.
- The Ladies Club will host the next Atlantic Regional meeting in the spring.

**Jokes Department:** Carl Tompkins told one from his recent trip to Newfoundland. Ralph Wood read excerpts from "My (Little) Sister's Jokes", refusing to take responsibility himself for their quality or lack thereof – but one joke about "Ducks Unlimited" in Heaven did get a laugh.

**Bequest:** A cheque for \$1000 was received from the Estate of the Late Ross Coates. The best use for this bequest will be discussed.

**60-40 Draw:** Gordon Graham, last month's winner, coordinated ticket sales today. \$69 was won by John McMillan and donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

**Guest Speaker:** Ralph Wood introduced Gordon Dempsey, Club member, who spoke on his career in the RCAF where he rose to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He flew many types of aircraft including Mach2, rescue helicopters, and Hercules 130. There was a Q & A period, and members were invited to share any of their own service stories.

**Meeting adjourned** at noon for lunch. Next meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>, not 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.