

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting

Call to Order – 10:03 am, March 16, 2022 – Welcome, Don LeBlanc opened the meeting with a moment of silence in honour of the people of Ukraine.

Our musical guests, Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters led the singing of O Canada. They then treated us to 20 minutes of Irish music. PROBUS has been fortunate to have Barry and Rick perform for us over the years. It really picks up our own spirits. Most of the Club sang to their familiar Irish music.

Minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's Report – We did not approve either report, both were presented in the Phoghorn Newsletter for February.

Membership – New Member inductions – President Don welcomed Bev Harrison and Gerald O'Brien into the Club and presented them with their name tags. Over 30 members attended the meeting and most planned to stay for lunch.

Up coming Programs – Sarah Gander, a Social Pediatrician will be our speaker in April.

John Doyle suggested an outing to The Huntsman Marine Lab in St. Andrews for possibly June 8. We could share rides and stay for lunch. The idea was well received. We will firm up the details over the next two meetings.

President Don discussed planning a special event for our 30th Anniversary perhaps have our September meeting at another venue.

President Don gave a short history talk regarding our Irish History in Saint John.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – contributions were made by Don LeBlanc, Paul Meier and Don Tompkins. Don Tompkins spoke about a free concert on You Tube in honour of the Ukraine effort. Donations are being accepted to help out. The You Tube Title is Concert for Ukraine. The performance was March 14, 2022 by The Metropolitan Opera.

Club Draw – Frank McCarey was the winner of \$78.00. .

Guest Speakers – Two guests were introduced by Willard Buckley, Harold Wright, a Saint John Historian and Mike Adams who is a grandson of David Goss. Mike has been joining Harold and David and eventually plans to take over a lot of their speaking engagements.

Harold's presentation dealt with the Irish History of Saint John. Harold also spoke about two very successful businessmen, Robert Evans and Mike Agar.

Tom Craig thanked Mike and Harold and gave them a small gift from PROBUS.

Bev Harrison spoke briefly about the naming of St. Patrick Street and the place names in New Brunswick which originated in Ukraine.

A toast to the Irish was made by Gord Dempsey. John Doyle thanked Gord.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.