

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
November 17, 2021

Call to Order: - **President Don LeBlanc** chaired the meeting. Extended greetings went to **John Johnson, Don Connolly and Mark Fisher**. Nice to see the members return.

We sang O'Canada fully masked.

Memoriams for departed Members – **Ed O'Keefe's** wife is in "The Regional Hospital", **Thor Bordevik** is in Halifax as his Granddaughter is in hospital. **Gord Moulard** has moved to Shannex in Millidgeville, and **Fenton Keirstead** had open heart surgery and is in St. Joseph's Hospital. **Peter Jolly** is at home and although ill, is in good spirits.

Minutes of last meeting – The October meeting was cancelled. The minutes from the September meeting were published in The Phoghorn last month. Moved by **Gord Dempsey** and seconded by **David Flewelling** to pass the minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report – **Robert Taylor** says twenty-eight members have paid their annual dues. Last year we had 50 Members. After paying current expenses there will be \$975.00 in the bank account.

Upcoming Programs – December - The String Quartet will entertain us at the Villa Madonna where the meeting and lunch will take place.

January – **Paul Meier** will be speaking.

February – **Ralph Thomas** will talk about **Black History Month**.

Thirty-two members were in attendance with most planning to stay for lunch.

New Business – **Robert Taylor** attended the **Atlantic PROBUS Meeting** and reported **President Marlene Pearce** will be stepping down in May and they are seeking a new President. **PROBUS Month** has been moved from March to October. October 1st will be **PROBUS Day**.

President Don LeBlanc mentioned that the **Seniors Resource Center** is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to appointments etc. Also, the **Port of Saint John** will be seeking seniors during next year's **Cruise Season** to function as **Greeters**.

PROBUS club member, **Randy Giffin**, would like to attend occasional meetings if someone is coming this way.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – **Carl Tompkins, Chip Lawton and Paul Meier** contributed to some very funny stories. Well done.

History – Don LeBlanc spoke about **Ralph Thomas**, who received **The Sovereign Medal** for Volunteers by **The Governor General**. Ralph is the Coordinator of the New Brunswick Black History Society and President of PRUDE INC.

Don also spoke about the history on how disputes were settled by gun duels, the last of which occurred in Fredericton in the mid 1800's.

It was mentioned that the next meeting will take place at the ***Villa Madonna Retreat House*** in (Renforth) Rothesay. A full ***Turkey dinner*** will be served after the meeting. Tickets are \$25.00 per member. See **Tom Craig** about tickets, required, if you have not done so.

Break for coffee.

Club Draw – **Pat Gallagher** was the winner of \$95.00.

Guest Speaker – **Daryl Wilson** introduction was by **Paul Meier**, a long-time acquaintance. At the conclusion of his presentation, Daryl was presented with a small gift and thanked by **Wes Cosman**.

Daryl was appointed Auditor General of New Brunswick in 1997. A highlight of his presentation was Daryl's thought that opposition parties should hold the party in power to account for their actions and promises rather than just opposing all decisions of the ruling party.

Well done Daryl!

Meeting adjourned for lunch. Some thirty-two members stay for lunch.