

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
January 17th, 2018

The regular monthly of the PROBUS Club of Saint John was held Wednesday, January 17th, 2018, at the Boys and Girls Club. President Ed O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., with about 35 members and guests in attendance. With special guest Barry Snodgrass at the piano, a very nattily attired Gordon Moulard led us in the singing of "O Canada", and 4 sing-a-longs,(without the usual 'one, two, three') culminating in a solo by Gordon.

President Ed mentioned the need for a sick and visiting committee, and asked the members to consider volunteering. It was mentioned Len Kinsella, a previous member, had back surgery, but is walking again; Bill Bambury and Wes Cosman were recuperating at home. Fenton Keirstead thanked the membership for sending him a "Get Well" card the previous month.

The guests were welcomed by President Ed into the Club as members; Chip Lawton, sponsored by George McCaughey; Bob Bustin, sponsored by Tom Craig; Clayton Daye, sponsored by Mack Pike; and John Johnson, sponsored by Chip Lawton. All were presented with a New Member binder, name tag, and car decal.

Secretary Willard Buckley asked for approval of the Minutes of the December 13th, 2017, meeting, as issued in "The Phoghorn" pending any errors or omission. Motion by Gordon Dempsey, seconded by Fenton Keirstead, passed by the membership.

Bill Covert read a January 17, 1879 article from "Saint John Snippets", by David Goss, following up with an item on the opening of the Saint John Harbour Bridge, September 28, 1968.

Seventeen members responded to the lunch count, with ham, scalloped potatoes and veggies, and dessert of carrot cake being offered.

Treasurer Don Mitchener presented the Financial Statement, complete with 2 trivia questions. David Flewelling is to be paid for the cost of providing the new member name tags to date. The Club has a current excess of Disbursements over Receipts for the year of \$53.19. Motion by Fred Shillington to accept, seconded by John Doyle, passed by the membership.

First Vice President John Doyle reminded us of the speakers for the next four

months; February – PROBUS member Keith Dow; March – Harold Wright; April – Beverly Franklin; May – Bernie Cormier.

A truncated version of Allegedly Fabulous Funnies was presented by President Ed.

The Club Draw of \$95.00 (\$115.00 less \$20.00 withheld) was won by ticket seller Ralph Murray.

Ralph Wood introduced our guest speaker, Victoria Clarke, Executive Director of Discover Saint John, although she stated it should be “Greater Saint John” based on what was involved.

An e-mail was sent after the meeting to the membership, providing links to items in her talk. John Doyle thanked Ms Clarke for her talk, presenting her with our Club Anniversary mug.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. for the optional lunch.

Respectfully submitted
Willard Buckley
Secretary