

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
March 21st, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the PROBUS club of Saint John was held Wednesday, March 21st, 2018, at the Boys and Girls Club.

President Ed O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., with about 28 members in attendance. After "O Canada", led by Gordon Mouland with Murray Driscoll at the piano, we had our normal sing-along replaced by Rick Waters and Barry Snodgrass, who entertained us with a variety of Irish songs. John Doyle thanked them, and present each with our Club mug. Birthday greetings were sung to Glen Macdonald, Gordon Mouland, Gordon Graham and Mack Pike.

Tor Bordevik reported that March 21st was also World Down Syndrome Day, created to raise public awareness for advocating the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome. President Ed welcomed 3 new members into our Club - Robyn Humphries, sponsored by Carl Tompkins, David Jory, sponsored by Carl Tompkins, and Bob Goodwin, sponsored by Ed O'Keefe. The new members were presented with the New Member binder, name tag, and car decal,

Dr. Michael England read a March 21st, 1922 article from "Saint John Snippets".

Chip Lawton introduced his guest Bill Robinson. In member news, it was mentioned that David Flewelling and Richard Burpee were both at home recovering from recent operations.

Secretary Willard Buckley asked for approval of the Minutes from the February 21st, 2018 meeting, motion from George McCaughey and seconded by Sherman Palmer. President Ed, in the absence of Treasurer Don Mitchener, reported we had an excess of revenue over expenses of \$326.91, which, after paying for room rental in May,

would leave us with a deficit for the year.

Carl Tompkins and Ralph Wood provided us with humour. Past President Robert Taylor mentioned an event 15 years previous, when he was teaching in China, and Baghdad was bombed.

John Doyle reminded us of our up-coming speakers ; April 18th – Beverley Franklin on the Fundy Trail, and May 16th – Bernie Cormier, magician and mentalist.

President Ed reported that previous Atlantic Director of PROBUS, Steve Campbell, was selected to receive the prestigious John R. Morris Award. The presentation will be Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, in Shediac. President Ed will be attending, and will welcome any others who wish to attend. He also mentioned the PROBUS flag raising at Saint John City hall the Monday previous, with the Mayor in attendance, along with 8 PROBUS members.

The ticket draw was won by Dr, Michael England, who donated the winnings of \$66.00 (\$86.00 less \$20.00 withheld by the Club) to the Boys and Girls Club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

About 19 stayed for optional lunch of Irish stew, with cookies for desert.

Due to family emergency, the guest speaker Harold Wright was delayed until lunch had been served. However, he still welcomed by John Doyle, who, after Harold's talk on 3 famous Canadians in our history, presented him with our Club mug.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley

Secretary