

Probus Meeting March 20, 2019
President Ed O'Keefe in the chair

Meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Ed.

Singing of O'Canada was led by *Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters* accompanied by *Murray Driscoll*. Barry and Rick had a sing-along of Irish Tunes for 20 minutes.

Memoriams for departed: No recent departed. *Mike England* reported *David Cassidy* had hip surgery and is recovering. ***Gordon Mouland*** will have his 97th birthday in one month so we sang Happy Birthday.

History of Saint John: *Mike England* read from *David Goss' Snippets*, happenings around this date in history – The *Saint John Forum* burned to the ground March 20, 1967. The Forum had been the principal ice rink in Saint John from 1931 until The Beaverbrook Rink opened in 1959. Construction began on *The Saint John Airport*, March 19, 1949. The first flight was in December 1951.

Speaker: Our scheduled speaker, ***Mary McDevitt*** unfortunately was delayed, however, ***George Whittle*** from *The Seaside Lawn Bowling Club* gave a presentation. The Club is at 510 Fundy Drive in Saint John West. George has been bowling for two years and finds it is a great social sport. The season is May to October. No equipment is required, and it takes about 1 1/2 hours. They usually have tea or coffee after. There are four lawn bowling clubs in New Brunswick. All are welcome to come and try out. If you decide to join the first-year fee is \$100. George left information and invitations to try the sport.

Upcoming Programs: *John Doyle* says future guest speakers are ***Bill McMackin*** for April speaking about the new Field House, May – ***Karen Hughes*** regarding the ***Stone Hammer Geo Park*** and in September we will have ***Derrick Stanford***, the CEO of The Saint John Airport followed in October by ***Emily Murphy*** speaking on Rockwood Park.

Treasurer's Report: ***Robert Taylor*** says we have \$1860 in the bank.

Minutes: ***President Ed*** reported the minutes were published in ***The Phoghorn Newspaper***. Moved by *Sherman Palmer* and seconded by *Ralph Wood* to accept minutes as published. Motion carried.

50-50 Draw was made by guest *George Whittle* and won by *Sherman Palmer* in the amount of \$94.00. Sherman donated 50% to the *Boys and Girls Club*.

President's Report: Ed O'Keefe reported he is planning to open a new Probus Club in Sussex in the Fall. He asked the Club to forward any names of potential members to his email which is eokeefe@rogers.com or by phone at 506-944-4475. Our Club will sponsor the new club in Sussex.

Lunch: 19 planned to stay for lasagna and Caesar salad.

Fabulous Funnies: Several groaners were presented by *Carl Tompkins, Robert Taylor, Ralph Murray, Ralph Wood* and *Mike England*.

Break for Coffee & Conversation.

Several stepped up to give short presentations as our speaker did not arrive. *Tom Craig* spoke about his work, much of which was with *Lantic Sugar*. He recently spent three weeks in Vancouver consulting for *Rogers Sugar* who are having production problems.

Sherman Palmer spoke about the ***Seniors Resource Center*** where seniors can obtain helpful advice regarding health, finances, nursing homes and income tax preparation help.

Chip Lawton spoke about ***The Pacific Coast Highway***.

We adjourned early for the optional lunch of lasagna.

Chip Lawton, recording secretary

