

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**September 2016**

During the 2015-16 season we had our usual run of excellent programs as arranged by Vice President John Doyle. Our speakers included Jennifer Palmer, Bill MacMackin, Darren McLeod, Harold Wright, and our own Don Mitchener and Tom Craig. As well, the Saint John String Quartet made their traditional appearance at our Christmas meeting, and we were treated to tours at the new Shannex in Millidgeville as well as the new Regional Y. Last but not least, our PROBUS flag was flown at City Hall for a few days in early April.

We welcomed two new members, Tom Craig and Jim Young. We suffered the loss (through death) of several former members, David Lester, Bob Reeves, Don Jobe, Tom Neill and Roger Aske. Our membership numbers settled at 47, a decrease of three from the previous year.

Many thanks to our Executive for their leadership during the past year: Vice President John Doyle, Secretary and Membership Chair Willard Buckley, Treasurer Don Mitchener, Past President and Phoghorn Editor and Coordinator of the Allegedly Fabulous Funnies Department Ralph Wood, House Committee Gordon Moulant and Ralph Murray, Inimitable Choirmaster Gordon Moulant, Photographer Gordon Dempsey, and Webmaster Robert Lockhart. They have all made my work as President easy.

A year from now we shall celebrate a quarter-century since our PROBUS Club was chartered as # 26 in Canada. PROBUS Canada now has over 33,500 members in 238 Clubs and growing yearly. We each have a mission to help with that growth by sponsoring new members. Our strategy will be revealed later today.

A final note that Steve Campbell has retired from the national board of PROBUS, and the new Atlantic Regional Director is Marlene Pearce of the SE NB Women's Club. She plans a Regional Meeting for later this month.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, 2015-16 President.