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Next Meeting Wednesday December 16th at 10:00am at The Boys And Girls Club

As this is our traditional Christmas Luncheon meeting we will be having another Probus Tradition. The Saint John String Quartet will entertain us with festive music.

I'm including the minutes of the October meeting as they have yet to be approved

Minutes of October meeting

The second meeting of the 2015-2016 season assembled at the Boys and Girls Club at 10:00 am, with President Robert Taylor chairing, and about 20 members in attendance. After opening with "O Canada", a moment of silence was held in memory of past member Bob Reeves.

Gordon Moulard led a lively sing-a-long. Minutes of the Annual and regular meeting of September were approved, moved by Willard Buckley and seconded by Ed O'Keefe. About 12 indicated they were staying for hamburger soup and dessert.

Treasurer Don Mitchener reported about 30 members had paid their dues. Seconded by Gordon Graham and approved.

Past President Ralph Wood surprised all with one actually humorous joke. He then reported on our November 18th meeting, to be held at the new Shannex complex at 10:30 am, with complimentary lunch. As well, our December 16th meeting with the Saint John Quartet and Christmas lunch.

President Robert reported our Web Site will be brought up to date, and also a short history of our club, mentioning new members are necessary.

The draw of \$57.00 was won by Fenton Keirstead, and donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

President Robert introduced our speaker, Bill MacMackin, who spoke on The Greater Saint John Field House Project, to be created at Exhibition Park. It will have an estimated capital cost of \$27,000,000, in two phases. Mr. MacMackin spoke on the facilities, the improvements and benefits. An active question and answer period followed. President Robert thanked our speaker. Meeting adjourned 11:59 am.

Submitted – Willard Buckley, Secretary

Minutes of November Meeting

The third meeting of our 2015-2016 season was held in the Marco Polo Room at Shannex Parkland Seniors residence in Millidgeville.

With our PROBUS banner prominently displayed, at 10:45 am President Robert Taylor called the meeting to order. With about 42 members and guests in attendance, President Robert led us in singing "O Canada", followed by a moment of silence in memory of past member Don Jobe. President Robert reminded us of our special Christmas meeting December 16th, with members asked to advise Secretary Willard Buckley by December 9th, if they would be attending. After members introduced their guests,

we met our hostess Ms Mary Beth Cronin. The normal agenda for the meeting was shortened, so a tour of the premises could be held.

After the tour, we reconvened in the Marco Polo Room, for sandwiches and pastries, courtesy of Shannex.

At about 12:30 pm, the meeting was informally adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Buckley, Secretary

Presidents Remarks

Just wanted to say thank you to those foolhardy members who have chosen to let me steer the ship of Probus this coming year. (Dry-docking or sinking the ship is definitely not an option.) A bit about myself for those who maybe don't know me as well as others: I taught for 30 years in St. George, Saint John High, England and China. After retiring I kept working part-time for ten years, first in driver education and then driving taxi in the KV. I've been with Probus for about a dozen years, nine of those as Secretary. I've also been involved with the choral community and as an income tax volunteer. And other stuff, too, but hey, this isn't meant to be a resume.

I said at the September meeting that membership growth is our top priority. First we have to get our present members wanting to turn out each month -- i.e. this may require some program renewal, and then we have to have each member try to bring in a new member by next June (oops, sorry, I should say May now that we've scrapped the June meeting).

See you all at our next meeting November 18th The Treasurer will be on hand to collect your \$30 dues (plus \$20 initial fee from any new members).

Robert..

It's the Christmas Season so its time for those Fabulous Festive Funnies

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other were their looks. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on Christmas day their father oaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game.

The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get

broken.” answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin’s room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure.

“What are you so happy about?” he asked. To which his optimist twin replied,

“There’s got to be a pony in here somewhere!”

One beautiful December evening

Huan Cho and his girlfriend Jung Lee were sitting by the side of the ocean. There was a romantic full moon, and Huan Cho said, "Hey baby, let's play Weeweechu."

"Oh no, not now. Lets just look at the moon", said Jung Lee.

"Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and

I play Weeweechu. I love you and it's the perfect time,"

Huan Cho Begged.

"But I had rather just hold your hand and watch the moon."

"Please Jung Lee, just once...

play Weeweechu with me."

Jung Lee looked at Huan Chi and said, "OK, we'll play

Weeweechu."

Huan Cho grabbed his guitar and they both sang...

"Weeweechu a Merry Christmas,

Weeweechu a Merry Christmas,

Weeweechu a Merry Christmas,

and a Happy New Year."

At a monastery high in the mountains, the monks have a rigid vow of silence. Only at Christmas, and only by one monk, and only with one sentence, is the vow allowed to be broken. One Christmas, Brother Thomas is allowed to speak and he says, "I like the mashed potatoes we have with the Christmas turkey!" and he sits down.

Silence ensues for 365 days.

The next Christmas, Brother Michael gets his turn, and he says "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy and I hate them!"

Once again, silence for 366 days (it's leap year).

The following Christmas, Brother Paul rises and says, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap. Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother, please." said the young lady.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What do

you want me to bring her? "
Without blinking she replied,
"A son-in-law!"



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