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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Next Meeting January 18th at the Boys and girls club when our speaker will be Coleen Mitchell who will be talking to us on Energy issues

Minutes of December meeting
PROBUS Club of Saint John

Monthly Meeting

December 14th, 2016

The fourth regular monthly meeting of our 2016-2017 season was held Wednesday, at the Boys and Girls Club. President Robert Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with some 24 members in attendance. After "O Canada", Gordon Mouland was cajoled into leading the members in a Carol sing-a-long. A moment of silence was held in respect for departed member Dennis Knibb. Minutes of the October 19th meeting was read by Secretary Willard Buckley, seconded by Peter Jolly, and passed. President Robert introduced guest and prospective member Andrew McPherson. Members Bob James, George McCaughey, Dave Fraser and Frank Irwin were mentioned as either not being hale or recovering. Treasurer Don Mitchener reported 3 more members had paid dues, for a total of 30 members paid; about \$275 revenue over expenses, with \$75.00 to be paid for insurance. For upcoming programs, Vice-president John Doyle reported Coleen Mitchell for January, Don Mitchener for February, and a St. Patrick's program for March.

In the President's report, President Robert mentioned a fund raising request from Air Cadets 527 (denied); National will be having their 30th Anniversary; and our club will be having our 25th Anniversary in September, 2017. As we are required to have permanent mailing address and e-mail, they are in place, and are – Club Mailing Address – c/o Boys and Girls Club, 1 Paul Harris St., P.O. Box 2441, Saint John, N.B., E2L 3V9; Club e-mail – anything@sjprobus.ca. It was moved by Ralph Wood, seconded by Gordon Moulard that our Annual Meeting be moved to May, approved. A contribution of \$500.00 was given to Amy Shanks, Boys and Girls Club.

The 60/40 draw raised \$82.00, with \$20.00 withheld and Jim Shillington the winner, graciously donating the winnings to the Boys and Girls Club, until May meeting.

After coffee and conversation, guest musicians The Saint John String Quarter, represented by David Adams, violin; Danielle Sametz, violin; Sonja Adams, cello; Chris Buckley, viola, entertained us. At 11:45 a.m., we adjourned for special seasonal dinner, with some 22 members partaking.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley

Secretary

Presidents Remarks

Happy New Year to all!! I trust you had an enjoyable Christmas season, starting with the music and the wonderful dinner at our December meeting. Hopefully the year ahead will bring you many causes for celebrating life and good health. **Certainly there will be no shortage of celebrations as Canada marks first its "growing up" as a nation at Vimy Ridge on April 9th, 1917, and then its 150th birthday on July 1st.** (Jean and I were privileged to be at Parliament Hill for the 125th.)

PROBUS, too, will be celebrating during this year. It was 30 years ago in March that Canada's first PROBUS Club was formed in Cambridge, Ontario, and to mark that occasion PROBUS Canada has declared March as PROBUS month. Later in the year (September) our own Saint John Club, the 26th in Canada to receive its charter, will celebrate a quarter-century. Our own plans will be formed as the winter and spring proceed.

Our "25 New Members in our 25th Season" campaign has not produced the desired results so far. We have only 30 members who have paid so far for 2016-17 -- if you cannot attend meetings, you can always mail in your \$30 dues -- see the address elsewhere in this Phoghorn. We offered a partial rebate on your fees if you brought in a new member -- in January you can still get a \$5 rebate. So think about it -- what friend can you bring along and introduce them to our Club?

NOTICE OF MOTION

At our December meeting we passed a motion to change our Annual Meeting and election of officers from September to May. A member wondered if this would be a By-Law change, and I said I thought not. I was wrong, so we have to follow procedure whereby we use the January Phoghorn and the January meeting to give notice of motion, and then we can vote on it again at our February meeting. So this is official notice that at our February meeting a motion will be

introduced to change our Annual Meeting from September to May in accordance with national PROBUS custom. Hopefully the mover and seconder (Ralph and Gordon) of the December motion will be agreeable. To pass, it requires a 2/3 majority of the members present and voting.

Robert Taylor President

About this time you're expecting those Fabulous Funnies aren't you? Well I wanted to start the New Year with a clean sheet so please turn the page.

A new year a new leaf and a resolution.

2017 will be a banner year for

Fabulous Funnies they will exceed by far past titillations, so are your ribs ready for tickling ,chuckles ,guffaws and other expressions of mirth .

Some one liners donated by Tom Craigthanks Tom(you will accept the blame for these of course).

Teacher: Where do you find the English Channel?

Student : Our tv doesn't get that channel.

Which building has most stories ...the Library of course.

Thousands of years ago Cats were worshiped as GodsCats have never forgotten

Its better to be thought of as a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

(It hink Tom was thinking of me on the last one*L*)

New year resolutions

Take a walk each day ,or at least think about it

Become a Jazz singer in Venezuela (fairly easy to keep)

Stop associating with people who ask me about my New Year resolution

“Now there are more overweight people in Canada than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average, which means you have met your New Year’s resolution.”

“Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.”

Time for a Shaggy dog story.

A knight on his travels in days of yore stops at a lonely Monastery and asks for a glass of milk and a pickle. He did this for 10 years ,same Monastery same request. A frustrated and inquisitive Monk asks him “Every year you come hear and ask for a glass of milk and a pickle, WhyI ask you ?”

The knight replies its a Knight's secret but seeing you're a monk in this remote monastery I will tell you .and he did.

Doctor: "I'm sorry but you suffer from a terminal illness and have only 10 to live."

Patient: "What do you mean, 10? 10 what? Months? Weeks?!"

Doctor: "Nine."

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.

My wife’s cooking is so bad we usually pray after our food.

Pessimist: "Things just can't get any worse!"

Optimist: "Nah, of course they can!"

An elderly man was on the operating table awaiting surgery to be performed by his son, a renowned surgeon. Just before they would put him under, he asked to speak to his son: "Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."

A guy asks his neighbor in an apartment building: "Mr Trepper, you live directly above me and you have the same 2-room apartment as I do. How many rolls of wallpaper did you buy when you moved in?"

"We got 18 rolls," answers the neighbor.

Two months later the guy meets his neighbor again and says, "It's really funny – I put the wallpaper on everywhere and I still had 10 rolls left over."

Neighbor smiles, "Yeah, so did we."

A judge enters the court room and starts the proceedings, saying: „Before this process starts in earnest, there is one thing I have to clear first. The plaintiff gave me \$ 10,000 so I would rule in their favor. The defendant gave me \$ 12,000 so I would rule in their favor. To make this case a fair one, I'm hereby returning \$ 2,000 to the defendant.“

I'm certain there are female hormones in beer. When I drink too much, I talk nonsense and I cannot control my car.

Wife arrives home late at night from a business trip and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. But she notices four legs instead of two peeking from under the blanket!

Seized by a fit of rage, she reaches for the baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket until the screaming stops.

Still in shock, she lurches to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Oh welcome home darling," he says, "my parents came for a visit, so I let them have our bedroom. I hope you said hello."