



# *The* Phoghorn

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President's remarks:

As you are all aware, this is Canada's 150 Anniversary. It is also **PROBUS Canada's 30th** and our **club's 25th**.

No better time than this to remind ourselves of some of the basics of **PROBUS**.

**P** “ “ Is for, pay our dues on time September, this is the month for that.

**R** " " Regularly attend our meetings and outings. October is our trip to **Connors Brothers**. We need names and who can take Cars.  
Sept. 20 is our 25th Anniversary meeting and Lunch plan to attend.

**O** " " Observe What is going on (i.e. If you know of a sick member let Willard know, and report it at the meeting. If you know of a member who needs a drive volunteer give him a ride.

**B** " " Bring along a guest help our club grow.

**U** " " United by helping out or put your name up for a position on the Executive.

**S** " " Sing be part of our voice so we can be heard.

Your executive is hard at work and some new changes have been made.

## President's Remarks:

It is a sad note that I start this message with the passing of Robert Taylor's wife, Jean, who passed away on August the 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.

On behalf of Robert and his family, we would like to thank all of those members who visited and attended the funeral service.

## SEPTEMBER:

Your executive has been hard at work this summer putting in place plans to help **PROBUS** have a great future in this area.

Our last 25 years will be celebrated at the next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September at the Boys & Girls Club. We will have a sit-down lunch with many special guests. There will be awards and a special gift for all those in attendance at the dinner. Our guest speaker will be **Marlene Pearce**, who is the Atlantic Director for PROBUS.

## OCTOBER:

We have arranged for a trip to the **Connor Brothers Plant in Blacks Harbour**. We will be asking for a show of hands plus who can take their cars. This is a chance to see how an old company can survive in today's world and thrive. It should be a great outing.

## NOVEMBER:

**John Doyle** has arranged to have the **Seafarer's Mission Chaplain** give a talk about his work at the mission. This should be very informative to all.

## DECEMBER:

The great season for giving, so let's all plan to attend the dinner and once again hear the **String Quartet** entertain us with Christmas music from around the world. The date and cost to be announced later in the year.

This will bring us to a new year. So, stay tuned for what promises to be a new beginning.

*ED. O'KEEFE*

## Additional remarks from our President

*Ralph Wood* has done a great job Producing the Fog Horn for many years, our thanks to him. He has been replaced by *Tom Craig*.

So if you have any items that you want to appear contact him at his e-mail [ycart@ rogers.com](mailto:ycart@rogers.com) Also, *Willard* has been doing double duty and was in charge of Membership and is now being assisted by *Dale Stevens*. you should contact him at his e-mail [dstevens@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:dstevens@nb.sympatico.ca) with any requirements in the future.

We should all be thankful for the effort of our former **President Robert** who has put forward a great effort during his term in office.

He now continues as our Past President and has agreed to assist with our program. He takes over the position formerly held by *Ralph Wood* who has completed his ex-tended term as President from 2011-2013 and for this we should all be very thankful.

We are very fortunate to see other executives continue in their present positions. Our Treasure *Don Mitchener* (despite a continuing sickness with his wife Jane).

He will be assisted by *Robert Taylor* (who's wife Jean is also continuing a health battle. *Willard Buckley* will be filling the Secretary office once again this term. Also, *John Doyle* will remain on as 1st Vice-President who as we all know has continued to select a great list of speakers. *Fenton Keirstead* remains as our 2nd Vice-President and will assist *Tom Craig* as Chairman of the house duties.

*Gordon Dempsey* will be Chairman of the Photographer. Our Webmaster, *J. C. Robert Lockhart* once again this year and has held that position since the start of our club. Thanks to his effort we have an on-going sponsor for the yearly cost of our web site. In addition to our previous weeks winner *Ron Pearce* And *David Flewelling* have agreed to help Chair the 60/40 Draw.

As your new President, we are committed to making our club a success but this will only happen if you are also committed to attending as many meetings as possible.

A special thanks to all the staff at the Boy's & Girls Club.

Ed O'Keefe

PROBUS Club of Saint John  
Monthly Meeting  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The ninth regular meeting of our 2016-2017 season was held Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Boys and Girls Club. President *Robert Taylor* called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with some 19 members attending. After the singing of “O Canada”, the sing-along was held without a leader. In Member News, *George McCaghey*, *John Cook* and *Fred Shillington* were mentioned. The Minutes of our April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were read by Secretary *Willard Buckley*, seconded by *Ed O’Keefe*, and approved.

*David Flewelling* showed two proposed version of mugs for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the members for their choice. The mugs with larger horizontal printing were approved.

Annual Meeting

The President's Annual Report was read by *Robert Taylor*. A Copy is to be sent to the members. The Treasurer's Annual Report was presented by Treasurer *Don Mitchener*, showing Receipts of \$1,223.56, Expenses of \$1,108.56, for a surplus of \$115.00, and closing cash of \$1,633.15. Motion to accept was seconded by *Ron Pearce*, and approved.

The Nominations for 2017-2018 were presented by Past President *Ralph Wood*: President – *Ed O’Keefe*, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – *John Doyle*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – *Fenton Keirstead*, Treasurer – *Don Mitchener*. Secretary – *Willard Buckley*, Past President – *Robert Taylor*. After the required 3 requests for further nominations, on motion by *Peter Jolly*, seconded by *Glen Macdonald*, the slate was approved unanimously. Past President *Robert* presented *Ed O’Keefe* with the President's Pin.

President Ed thanked *Robert* for his two years as President, spoke briefly about membership, asking the Executive to meet shortly to discuss Club Development. The Allegedly Fabulous Funnies portion was filled by *Ralph Wood*, *Peter Jolly*, and *Carl Tomkins*.

President Ed presented *Amy Shanks*, Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club with a cheque for \$500.00. For the monthly draw, Amy drew the winning ticket of *Ralph Wood*, who graciously donated the proceeds of \$50.00, (\$70.00 less \$20.00 withheld) to the Boys and Girls Club.

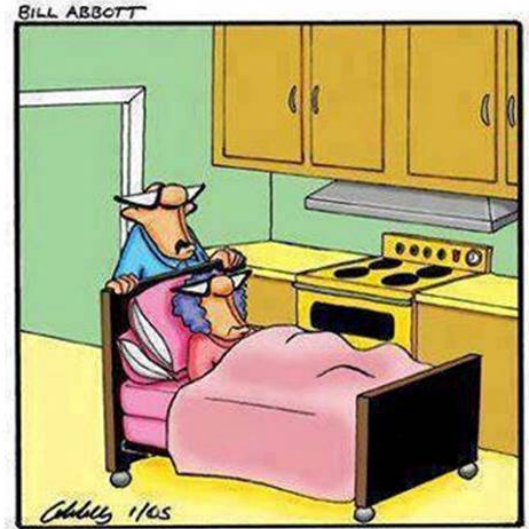
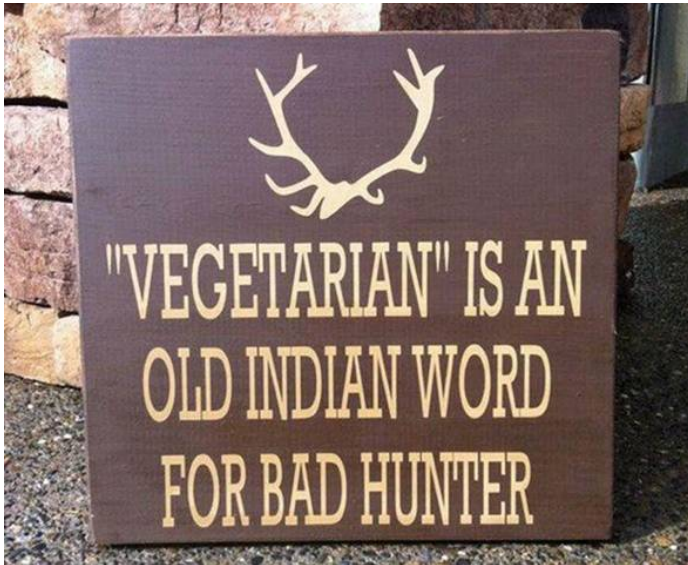
Guest Speaker *David Goss*, who has spent the last 40 years doing Walks & Talks around Saint John, spoke about the early history and folklore of Saint John, mentioning *Benedict Arnold* in particular. President Ed asked for permission from *Mr. Goss* to use excerpts from his newest book “*Saint John Snippets, Day by Day Facts*” at our meetings, to which Mr. Goss agreed. After his talk, about 10 stayed for optional lunch of shepherd's pie.

Respectfully submitted

*Willard Buckley*  
Secretary

## HUMORIOUS CLIPS







Well, this is my first issue of *The Phoghorn*. See you next month. *TOM CRAIG*