



The Phoghorn

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This year, our **Thanksgiving** falls on October 09, 2017. The issue of **The PHOGHORN** usually comes out about one week before our meeting. I decided to stick with the theme of **Thanksgiving** even though it has passed by the time you read this. Hopefully you had a peaceful and relaxing time with family and friends during that period. We have much to be thankful in this country.

Our September meeting of **PROBUS** also was the **25th Anniversary** of our club in Saint John. It was well attended with a count of 44 persons in attendance. Many past presidents and members that were not always able to attend, were in the large group of enthusiastic attendees. Our special speaker of this event was **Mrs. Marleen Pearce**, *Atlantic Director PROBUS*, Canada.

Our new President **Ed O'Keefe**, was in charge of the proceedings for this event.

Message from our President--*Ed O'Keefe*

Our membership

From all reports we seem to have had a very good first meeting of the new year.

We had one new member and we expect to have 4-5 members introduced in October.

By the time you read this message our THANKS GIVING will have come and gone. It is the hope of your executive and committee chairman that you and your families had a happy and celebration.

We are having an outing in place of our regular meeting. Details of this will follow as they become available. The date is October 18th and they would like us to be there at the guard house at 9:30am.

The tour will be offered in groups of 7 and at the end we will meet for lunch at a place of your choice. We will meet at the Brennan's Funeral Home parking lot on Paradise Row and park your car at the back of the lot.

The time for some of our members to travel south is fast approaching. As a reminder check out the Travel Insurance rates arranged by PROBUS/Johnson Insurance. Free enrollment ends Oct.31.

Above all have a safe trip and enjoy. we will see you on your return.

Official minutes from September meeting:

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
September 20th, 2017

The first regular meeting of our 2017-2018 season was held Wednesday September 20th, 2017, at the ***Boys and Girls Club***. *President Ed O'Keefe* called the meeting, which was our **25th Anniversary**, to order at 10:04 a.m., with about 44 members and guests present.

Murray Driscoll at the piano led us in the singing of “**O Canada**”, and continued playing for the sing-a-long with *Gordon Mouland* doing a solo and letting the rest of us join in for 4 songs.

President Ed immediately introduced ***Chester Young*** as a new member, pinning him and presenting him with his name tag and New Member binder. Other guests were ***Harry Follett***, introduced by *Dale Stevens*; ***Don LeBlanc***, introduced by *President Ed O'Keefe*; and ***Sherman Palmer***, introduced by Past President ***Robert Taylor***. *President Ed* presented *Robert Taylor* with the Past President pin. *Robert Taylor* thanked *Ed* for his support in bringing the 25th anniversary to completion.

President Ed would like a volunteer to create a *Sick and Visiting committee*. Treasurer ***Don Mitchener*** reported on our finances as of June 30, 2017, showing receipts of \$1,263.56; expenses of \$1,172.56, an excess of revenue over expenses of \$91.00, and closing cash of \$1,609.15.

- First Vice President ***John Doyle*** reminded the members of our trip to ***Blacks Harbour*** for our October 18th meeting; representatives from ***the Seafarer's Mission*** for our November 15th meeting; and the ***Saint John String Quartet*** for our December 13th program. It was suggested by *John Doyle* that members meet by 8:30 a.m. at 111 Paradise Row, for car pooling and departure to Blacks Harbour.

President Ed and Past President *Robert* presented the **PROBUS 25-year pins** to *Gerald Barnett, John Cook, Frank Ervin and Mack Pike*. Other recipients *Duane Lister and Gordon White*, were unable to attend, and will receive their pins later. *President Ed* reminded members of the **PROBUS** insurance program.

Secretary *Willard Buckley* asked for approval of the minutes of the May 17th, 2017, meeting as issued in “***the Phoghorn***”, motion by *Gordon Dempsey*, seconded by *Bill Covert*, approved by the members.

Bill Covert read a section from “***Saint John Snippets***”, a book by *David Goss*.

In member news, it was mentioned that *Bill Bambury* was not well.

Before being introduced by Past President *Robert Taylor*, guest speaker ***Marlene Pearce*** drew the winning ticket held by *Bill Harrington*, who graciously donated the winnings of \$77.00 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Marlene Pearce, Atlantic Director PROBUS Canada, spoke of her early career with PROBUS, and up to the present. She is in her 2nd year as Director, as well as Secretary, PROBUS Canada. She belongs to the ***Moncton Women's Probus Club***, which has a membership of 365, with some 175-180 at a meeting. She mentioned that to help raise the notice of PROBUS Clubs, a licence plate wrap with the PROBUS name would be introduced. She also presented our Club with a 25-year certificate.

President Ed thanked *Marlene* for her talk, presenting her with our new 25th anniversary mug.

The names of the 21 Past Presidents of the ***Saint John PROBUS Club*** were read, with 10 of the Past Presidents, *Carl Tompkins, Mack Pike, Ralph Murray, Gordon Mouland, George McCaughey, Richard Burpee, Bob Capson, Tor Brodevik, Ralph Wood and Robert Taylor* in attendance.

After the meeting, congratulatory certificates were received from ***MPP Wayne Long***, through his representative, and from the City of Saint John, by ***Deputy Mayor Shirley McAlary***.

About 36 members and guests stayed for optional lunch, which included the 25th anniversary mug. *President Ed* provided the dessert, a fine cake emblazoned with the ***PROBUS*** logo.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley

Secretary



Present Ed O'Keefe opens the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the **PROBUS** Saint John NB



Gordon Mouland leads the sing a-long



Marlene Pearce, of **PROBUS**, Atlantic Director/Sectary, as Guest Speaker at our 25th Anniversary.



Members of the **PROBUS** Saint John, during ceremonies.



New member **Charles Young** becoming a new member of PROBUS with **Dale Stevens** looking on



Members received their 25-year pins. Front row, left; **Mack Pike, Gerald Barnett**. Back row; **President Ed O'Keefe Frank Ervin, John Cook, Robert Taylor**.



Plaque with names of Past Presidents:
,1993 Bill Bartlett,1994 Mack Pike, 1995, Blake McCullogh, 1996 Dennis Knibb, 1997 Gordon Fairweather,1998

Bob McLean, 1999 Bill Brydges, 2000 Ralph Murray, 2001

Gordon Moulund Sr, 2002 Patrick Toole, 2003 Tom Jarrett, 2004 Carl Thompkins,2005 George McCaughey, 2006 David Lester,2008 Dave Fraser, 2009 Richard Burpee, 2010 Brian Mitchell, 2011 Bob Capson, 2013 Thorbjorn Bordevik, 2015 Ralph Wood, 2016 Robert Taylor, 2017 Ed O'Keefe.



Past presidents; on the left, front row; **Make Pike, Ralph Wood, Marlene Pearce, Torbjorn Bordevik, Carl Thompkins**, Back row; **Richard Burpee George McCaughey, Ralph Murray, Gordon Moulund, Gerald Barnett, Robert Taylor**



William (Bill) Covert talking to Marlene Pearce with Dale Stevens on the right



Present Ed O'Keefe and Robert Taylor with Don LeBlanc



*Willard Buckley, **PROBUS Club's Secretary**, presenting a **PROBUS** coffee mug to **Marlene Pearce**, **Atlantic Director/Secretary of BROBUS Canada***



Representing the City of Saint JOHN is **Deputy Mayor Shirley McAlary**



President **Ed O'Keefe** gets ready to cut the cake for all members to enjoy.



PROBUS Canada, Certificate of Congratulations to the PROBUS CLUB of Saint John, on the 25th Anniversary.

Tom Craig October 10, 2017

