



# THE PHOGHORN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What does **PROBUS** mean to you?

We should all feel that being a member of an organization like **PROBUS** is a once in a lifetime experience.

Because, it affords a last chance to further a cause that will nature friendships, knowledge and awareness of what is happening around us.

To keep alive this cause in the future, we need to bring new people to the cause and help them understand why & how **PROBUS** can be helpful to them.

The future belongs to those who prepare for it. Just think, if we were not members, we would miss out on the Fellowship—The Knowledge—Imparted by our great speakers, the places we have been and most of all the chance to help the CHILDREN who depends of the Boys & Girls Club.

So, lets put our shoulder to the PROBUS wheel and make 2018 a year to remember.

*ED O'KEEFE*

**PROBUS Club of Saint John**

Monthly Meeting  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the **PROBUS Club** of Saint John was held Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, at the Boys and Girls Club.

**President Ed O'Keefe** called the meeting to order at 10.05 a.m. with some 28 members and guests in attendance. With Murray Driscoll at the piano, Gordon Mouland lead us in singing "*O Canada*", and the sing-a-long.

We stood for a minute of silence in memory of **Lester Mott**, long time PROBUS member. President Ed mentioned he had presented the Mott family with Lester's PROBUS name tag.

Secretary **Willard Buckley** asked for approval of the Minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting, as issued in "**THE PHOGHORN**", pending any errors or omissions. There being none, Fenton Keirstead made motion for approval, seconded by Gordon Dempsey, passed by the membership.

President Ed thanked Tom Craig for the February issue of "**THE PHOGHORN**", complete with pictures and story on the "*Probus*" coin. He also mentioned that as **March is PROBUS** month, and the PROBUS flag would be flown at City Hall, Saint John, on March 19<sup>th</sup>. As the Women's PROBUS Club have half ownership of the flag, they are to be invited for the flag raising as well. Secretary Willard to pass on the invitation.

Bill Covert read a February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1828, article from "*Saint John Snippets*", by David Goss, as well as a June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1877 report on the Great Saint John Fire.

Brian Mitchell reported **Bob James** is waiting for a nursing home placement; George McCaughey mentioned **Len Kinsella** is recovering from back surgery; David Flewelling report on **Bill Banbury**, suggested Bill would not be able to return to **PROBUS**.

As Treasurer **Don Mitchener** was unable to attend, there was not a *Financial Report*, but President Ed stated there was no change from the January report.

**John Doyle** reminded us of the speakers for the next 3 months: **March** – Irish month with **Harold Wright** and entertainment from **Barry Snodgrass and Ron Watters**; **April** – **Beverly Franklin** on the *Fundy Trail*; **May** – **Bernie Cormier**, magician and mentalist.

Due to illness, Dale Stevens was unable to attend, but sent a report on Membership, noting 10 new members (Tony Brooke, Clayton Daye, Harry Follett, John Johnson, Chip Lawton, Don LeBlanc, Sherman Palmer, Gary Watson and Chester Young), as well as 7 returning members (Bob Capson, Murray Driscoll, Dr. Michael England, Frank Ervin Ron Lister, Frank Setchell and Jim Young).

President Ed noted we had 2 guests – **Robyn Humphries and David Jory**, both agreeing to membership at our March meeting.

**Carl Tompkins** amused us with his Allegedly Fabulous Funnies.

**David Flewelling** won the draw of \$83.00 (\$103.00 less \$20.00 withheld).

Our special speaker was introduced by Don LeBlanc, who is one of our own **Keith Dow** and spoke on the events surrounding the 1755 expulsion and 1764 return of the **Acadians**. An active question period followed. **Gordon Dempsey** thanked **Keith** for his detailed account, presenting him with our Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mug.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. About 19 members stayed for the optional lunch of roast beef and vegetables, along with desert.

Respectfully submitted  
**Willard Buckley**  
Secretary

***“The Month of MARCH is PROBUS Month”***



**Carl Thompson** at the podium with *Fabulous Funnies*



**Willard Buckley**, Secretary recording the proceeding of our meetings, Fine job at that!



**Don LeBlanc** introduced our guest speaker this month, **Keith Dow**, who is also a PROBUS member.



**Bill Covert** reading from the “**SNIPPETS**” book about events that happen on this date, but about 50 to 100 years ago.



**Keith Dow** during his presentation on the **Acadians**



**A memorial card was placed in front of the podium of our deceased PROBUS member, Mr. Lester Mott**





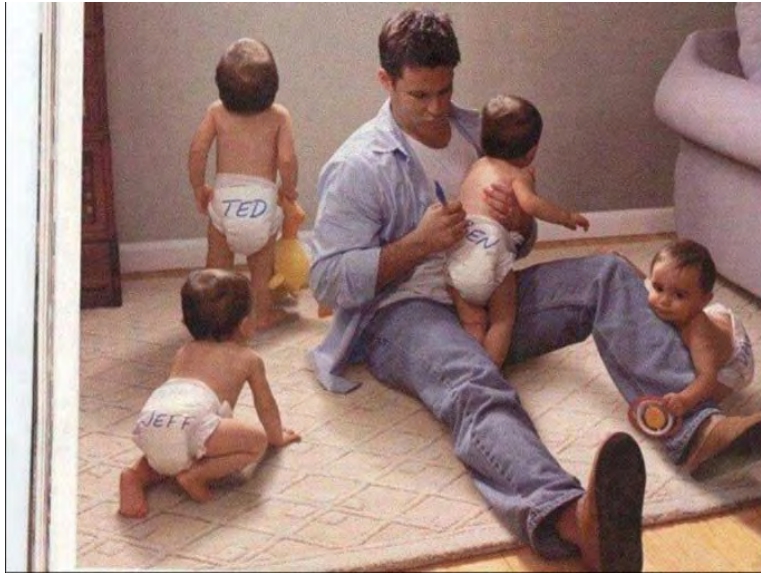
**Gordon Dempsey** presenting a *Probus Anniversary Cup* to *Keith Dow* for his presentation on the “Acadians”.



**INTERESTING PICTURES.** How did this happen? Maybe **Randy** can tell us.



This is a perfect answer for his problem. Must be a *PROBUS* member



This is a picture of the Space Shuttle as it passes through the clouds during launch, leaving Earth, fantastic. Obviously, this was captured by the American plane nearby or a satellite.



## **INTERESTING FACTS!**

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work:  
Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.  
Hence, we have 'the rule of thumb'

**111,111,111 x**

**111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321**

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? A. One thousand

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

## **Don't delete this:**

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## **A couple of Funnies:**

### **Tricky Parking - Divine Intervention?**

O'Malley was driving down the street thoroughly worked up because he had an important meeting and he couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up me Irish Whiskey.'

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

O'Malley looked up again and said, 'Never mind, Lord, I found one.'

### **Mary and the Priest**

Cresley Irwin goes up to Father O'Reilly after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, Cresley my dear?"

She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. Me husband passed away last night."

The priest says, "Oh, Cresley, that's terrible. Tell me, did he have any last requests?"

She says, "That he did, Father ..."

The priest says, "What did he ask, Cresley?"

She says, "He said, "Please Cresley, put down that damn gun."

**HAPPY SAINT PADDIES DAY!**



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**March 13, 2018**

**Tom Craig**



