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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

It has been said that there are only three places that count for most people.

1. Home is where the heart is and where we lead by example for our family.
2. At work, where we hope to provide for those that count.
3. Where we spend our Social Activities, be it at our place of worship, a special Charity, or a place like PROBUS. To help all these places thrive, we need to get involve not only to attend but sometimes being a leader. This is the time of the year that you could be asked to provide that leadership or by simply stepping forward and let you executive know that you would like to help. *Robert Taylor, Ralph Wood & or myself*, will be approaching members to allow their names to be put forth for the up-coming election for your new Executive in 2018-2019 season. Positions that need to be filled are President- Treasure- Secretary- 1st Vice.

I would like on behalf of all the membership, thank the executive that will not be returning for their dedication and service. Some have been serving for many years Don Mitchener, Willard Buckley, John Doyle, Fenton Keirstead, Robert Taylor. Also, many members of the different chairmen, Ralph Murray- Gordon Mouland- Gordon Dempsey. So far, we have some returning members like Robert Taylor- Tom Craig- Dale Stevens- Ron Pearce- J.C. Robert Lockhart- David Flewelling (health permitting).

We have some great members who could do an outstanding job now and in the future. So here is your chance and call to duty, If I can do it; so, can you.

Regards
President
Ed O'Keefe

PROBUS Club of Saint John

Monthly Meeting

March 21st, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the **PROBUS** club of Saint John was held Wednesday, March 21st, 2018, at the **Boys and Girls Club**. President **Ed O'Keefe** called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., with about 28 members in attendance. After “O Canada”, led by **Gordon Moulant** with **Murray Driscoll** at the piano, we had our normal sing-along replaced by **Rick Waters and Barry Snodgrass**, who entertained us with a variety of Irish songs. **John Doyle** thanked them and present each with our Clubs mug. Birthday greetings were sung to **Glen MacDonald, Gordon Moulant, Gordon Graham and Mack Pike**.

Tor Bordevik reported that March 21st was also **World Down Syndrome Day**, created to raise public awareness for advocating the rights, inclusion and well being of people with **Down Syndrome**.

President Ed welcomed 3 new members into our Club - **Robyn Humphries**, sponsored by Carl Tompkins, **David Jory**, sponsored by Carl Tompkins, and **Bob Goodwin**, sponsored by Ed O'Keefe.

The new members were presented with the New Member binder, name tag, and car decal,

Dr. Michael England read a March 21st, 1922 article from “**Saint John Snippets**”.

Chip Lawton introduced his guest **Bill Robinson**. In member news, it was mentioned that **David Flewelling and Richard Burpee** were both at home recovering from recent operations.

Secretary **Willard Buckley** asked for approval of the Minutes from the February 21st, 2018 meeting, motion from **George McCaughey** and seconded by **Sherman Palmer**. **President Ed**, in the absence of **Treasurer Don Mitchener**, reported we had an excess of revenue over expenses of \$326.91, which, after paying for room rental in May, would leave us with a deficit for the year.

Carl Tompkins and Ralph Wood provided us with humour. Past President **Robert Taylor** mentioned an event 15 year previous, when he was teaching in **China, and Baghdad was bombed**.

John Doyle reminded us of our up-coming speakers; April 18th – **Beverley Franklin** on the Fundy Trail, and May 16th – **Bernie Cormier**, magician and mentalist.

President Ed reported that previous Atlantic Director of **PROBUS**, **Steve Campbell**, was selected to receive the prestigious **John R. Morris Award**. The presentation will be Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, in Shediac. President Ed will be attending and will welcome any others who wish to attend. He also mentioned the **PROBUS flag** raising at **Saint John City hall** the Monday previous, with the **Mayor** in attendance, along with **8 PROBUS** members.

The ticket draw was won by **Dr. Michael England**, who donated the winnings of \$66.00 (\$86.00 less \$20.00 withheld by the Club) to the Boys and Girls Club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

About 19 stayed for optional lunch of Irish stew, with cookies for desert.

Due to family emergency, the guest speaker **Harold Wright** was delayed until lunch had been served. However, he still welcomed by **John Doyle**, who, after Harold's talk on 3 famous Canadians in our history, presented him with our Club mug.

Respectfully submitted
Willard Buckley
Secretary

Pictures for our Monthly meeting in March. This month we also celebrated **St. Patrick's Day**. As in past years, entertainment was provided by ***Rick Waters and Barry Snodgrass***. Well done.



John Doyle presented Rick and Barry with the **PROBUS 25th** Anniversary Mug.

Feedback

A number of our PROBUS members expressed an interest in **Keith Dow's** presentation in February on 'the "**Acadians**". Feedback is always welcome. To accommodate that request, I have asked **Keith Dow** if he could provide a condensed version on his presentation. Here is that reply:

THE ACADIAN EXPULSION 1755 - DISPELLING THE MYTH

The Expulsion of the Acadians in 1755 was a tragedy of epic proportions. In human terms the exile of 7,000 - 11,000 individuals from the Maritime region was a sad affair fraught with misery, fear and danger.

Acadian historians and their fellow apologists view the deportation as a cruel and unwarranted act, illegally carried out by **British authorities in Acadia**. However, this one-dimensional view of our 18th century history fails to acknowledge that Acadians themselves were primarily responsible for the evils which befell them.

The Treaty of Utrecht (1713) was magnanimous to the Acadians. Article 14 stated "Acadians may have the liberty to remove themselves within a year to any other place, with all their movable effects. Those wishing to remain must "**be subject to the King of Great Britain.**" The oath of allegiance was central to this issue.

Three months later **Queen Anne** sent a warrant to **Governor Nicholson** of Nova Scotia granting to Acadians "willing to continue our subjects to return and enjoy their said lands and tenements without any molestation, as fully and freely as other of our subjects do or may possess their lands or estates, or to sell the same if they shall rather choose to remove themselves.

However, Acadians steadfastly refused to take an unqualified oath of allegiance and from 1713 to 1755 continuously - with their Aboriginal allies - harassed the legal British authority with outrageous acts of treason and terrorism.

It is interesting to note that the British granted to the Acadians rights and privileges that were not available to them had they remained in France under the reign of **LOUIS XIV**, ie. freedom of religion, (The Edict of Nantes which granted some freedom to French Protestants was abolished in 1685), land ownership and the right to elect deputies.

In a Memorial submitted to the Governor and Council on July 28, 1755 Chief Justice Jonathon Belcher recommended the expulsion order noting that Acadians will "return to their perfidy and treacheries with more rancor than before, on removal of the British Fleet and troops."

The Acadian story is one of pathos and hardship, a people held captive by the struggles promoted by 18th century European politics,

- Nationalism is negative and self-destructive, patriotism is positive and contributes to stable and productive societies.

Keith Dow

Well done Keith!

The month of March was **PROBUS MONTH**. As per tradition, our **PROBUS flag**, which is partly owned by the **Ladies PROBUS Club**, was flown in front of the Saint John City Hall during the week of March 19th to 24th.

Our Saint John Mayor **DON DARLING**, was present with 8 members of the men's group. It was a breezy day with the temperatures around -10 which felt like -20 C. In no time at all, it was flying. We then retreated to a cup of hot coffee inside. The flag was retrieved about 10 days later.



Mayor Don Darling attaches the flag to the pulley system

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Gordon Mouland has the honor to raise the flag with Sherman Palmer holding the flag off the ground.



This is the view at the foot of King St. as seen for the 3rd floor of City Hall building



The flag as seen at City Hall in Saint John NB



On the steps of City Hall, from left to right, front row, *Mayor John Darling, Gordon Mouland, Willard Buckley, Sherman Palmer, Dale Stevens*
 Back row: *Tom Craig, President Ed O'Keefe, Robert Taylor, Donald LeBlanc*

Willard Buckley provides an interesting take on PROBUS!

For your April issue of *The Phoghorn*, here is a wonderful little bit of trivia. In **Cornwall, England**, is a village named **Probus**, named after its 15th century church, the **Church of St. Probus and St. Grace**, dedication to **Saint Probus**. Yes, **Probus** does have a **PROBUS club** - the **PROBUS club of Probus**.



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The March monthly meeting saw three new members joining **PROBUS**. They are left to right: **Robyn Humphries**, **Bob Goodwin**, **David Jory**. **Welcome**.



Gust speaker, Harold Wright looks at a paper that was 100 years old, given to him by Willard Buckley. Tom Craig . and John Doyle were looking on.

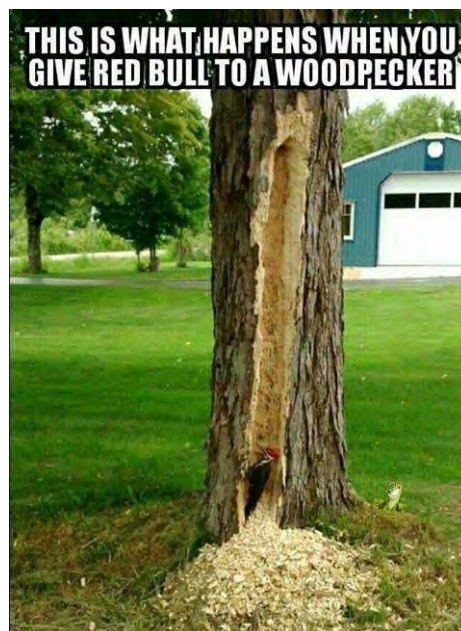


Some of the members during the presentations. Front Row Gordon Mouland, George McCaughey and John Doyle.

On Tuesday, April 03/18, there was a picture and a write up concerning skiers. The article was in the Telegraph Journal and carried the head line; ***"The not-quite-over-the-hill gang"*** The importance of this is, it contained two members of **PROBUS!** **MACK PIKE** and **FRED SHILLINGTON**. In the picture below, *Mack Pike* 89 years old, is on the left side of the group. On the far-right side is *Fred Shillington* 78, and his wife *Dawn* 80. All this proves, as they said, *"your never too old to ski"*.



INTERESTING SIGNS



HOW TO START A FIGHT!

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...
The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.
When she asked me why, I replied,
"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"
And that's how the fight started.....

My wife and I were watching Who Wants to Be A Millionaire while we were in bed.
I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have sex?'
'No,' she answered.
I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'
She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes.'

So, I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."
And that's when the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant.
The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.
"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."
He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"
"Nah, she can order for herself."
And that's when the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.
She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 165 in about 2 seconds."
I bought her a bathroom scale.
And then the fight started.....

**I was in a job interview today when the
manager handed me his laptop and said
"I want you to try to sell this to me."**

**So, I put it under my arm, walked out of
the building, and went home.**

**Eventually, he called my mobile and said
"Bring it back here right now!"**

I said "\$200, and it's yours."

*Tom Craig
April 13/18*

Question for all: is this print size too small or just right or needs to be bigger?

Saint John at Dusk

