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President Ed O'Keefe
In the chair

President's Report for 2017-2018 Year

The year started with an Executive meeting on June 15, 2017, held at the Quispamsis Library.

The first thing that became obvious was that we had strayed from several **BASIC** operating principals.

1. New Members not being given the attention that it needed for a successful outcome.
2. Chairmen and committee members had not been given adequate instructions on their position.
3. The old telephone committee needed to be reactivated and was called (Staying Connected).
4. Pins for years of service had not being given on a timely occasion.

So, we set in motion plans to correct this.

Firstly, new members were to be given a **PROBUS** binder and contained these items.

1. A **New Membership certificate** + **2 PROBUS** information sheets + **Members Pin** + **1 PROBUS CAR DECAL**. All these items to help promote the **PROBUS** cause.

In addition, enclosed were two copies of a new membership application, list of members, list of current executives, copy of the bylaws. All this to help the new member to feel part of the club.

2. Each member of the executive was given a **PROBUS** binder which contained these items.

New members application, and **PROBUS** information form + tabs to help each person better manage their position.

This included a description of their duties, club history, our 25th ann., club history, their reports, membership, newsletter, minutes. of meetings.

3. We needed to revise the telephone committee and revised it as (**Staying Connected Committee**)

We asked 4 members to contact one page of the membership each month 2-3 days before the meeting. the results saw an immediate increase in attendance.

4. We revived the issuance of the service pins and at the first meeting this year presented 23. We believe this will go a long way in recognizing the importance of service and named this P.O.G (PROBUS OLD GUARD).

Even though we had 4 departed members this past summer we saw the return of 10 former members and 12 new members added to the roster for our efforts.

Regards

Edward O'Keefe

President

Gentlemen:

By the time you read this, our summer will have lost all of the heat & humidity so many of us like to complain about. (me included).

Let's us all remember that we are so lucky to live in this great part of the country and more important **CANADA**, as we speak our minds fight for what we think is right, without fearing the risk of being put in harm's way. We now have the great opportunity of seeing one of the best seasons unfold in front of our very eyes.

I am looking forward, as I am sure you are, to having another great year at **PROBUS**. As things change for us. We can will only get out of **PROBUS** exactly what we put into it. So once again. I am asking one of our members to step up and fill the vacant spot of **Secretary**. Don't be bashful as we have a lot of great people on the executive to help you along.

Your executive will be putting forward several changes that you will be asked to voice your opinion, and to declare them passed or not, at the September 19th meeting. However when you read the amendments please don't wait to voice your opinion at the meeting, but rather send thoughts to Tom Craig at ycart@rogers.com or Robert Taylor at robnjean88@gmail.com. I ask this because my email will be out of service for a short period. We ask this because we have a jammed pack meeting and will not have a lot of time for discussion.

This year we will be introducing **P.O.G.** which stands for **Probus Old Guard**.

This is a way that your club will honor our members by recognizing each member for their years of service. The years of service will start at **5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years** and so on. We would ask that all members return their original pins and we will give you the appropriate service pin (at no charge) I will be sending each member a note to let you know that you will be receiving what pin. So, stay tuned.

We also, on a sad note over the summer have lost several current, past members and supports so while standing for **OH Canada** we ask that you remain standing, so we can pay tribute to **Phillip MacGillivray** (Charter Member) - **Duane Lister** (Charter Member) - **Tom Jarrett** (past President) - **Frank Ervin** (Charter Member) - **Jane Mitchener** (Wife & Supporter of **Don Mitchener**).

Probus has introduced a new web site **probus.org** I would encourage all members to look it up and be familiar with it, so you will be able to direct any new members to it. We need to add at least another 10 new members again this year. So, let's start the new season by bringing a friend on Sept.19th meeting.

Regards

Your President
Ed O'Keefe

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
Monthly Meeting
May 16th, 2018

The last regular meeting of the 2017-18 season for the **PROBUS Club** of Saint John convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls, with President Ed O'Keefe chairing and about 27 members and guests in attendance.

After the welcome and "**O Canada**", Gordon Mouland introduced the songs and Murray Driscoll led the singing with double duty also playing the piano.

Secretary **Willard Buckley** asked for approval of the April 18th minutes, as published in "**The Phoghorn**", pending any errors or omissions. There being none, Gordon Mouland moved the adoption of the Minutes, seconded by Tom Craig, passed by the membership.

Charter Member **Mack Pike** introduced his guest **David Cassidy**, (who was given a Membership form).

Michael England read passages from "Saint John Snippets", by David Goss.

About 15 indicated they would be staying for lunch of ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

ANNUAL MEETING

President Ed O'Keefe, in the President's Annual Report, noted that the Club had gained 12 new members, with another 7 former members returning. Effort would continue to add further new members. He thanked **Dale Stevens** for his Membership Development and membership kit; **Gordon Mouland** for leading us in songs; **Murray Driscoll** for his piano playing, the phone committee, **Tom Craig**, **Don LeBlanc**, **George McCaughey**, and **Dale Stevens**; **John Doyle** for obtaining our monthly speakers; **Tom Craig** for meeting set-up and issuing "**The Phoghorn**", **Don Mitchener** as Treasurer; and **Robert Lockhart** as **Web Master**.

Past President **Robert Taylor** presented the Financial Report on behalf of **Don Mitchener**, who was unable to attend. The Statement showed Receipts of \$2,304.55, Expenses of \$2,706.69, for a deficiency of \$402.14 and closing cash of \$1,207.01.

Ralph Wood seconded the adoption of the Report.

Past President **Robert Taylor** presented the following slate of officers for **2018-19**:

Robert Taylor as Past President and Treasurer;

Ed O'Keefe as President;

Don LeBlanc as 1st Vice President;

Fenton Keirstead as 2nd Vice President.

The position of **Secretary** was not filled. **Robert Taylor** called three times for further nominations, there being none, he instructed the Secretary to cast one vote in favour of the proposed slate and this was done.

Appointments for Chairman of the Committees are:

Dale Stevens – Membership Development;

House Manager, Photographer and Editor of “The Phoghorn” - **Tom Craig**;

Web Master – **J.C. Robert Lockhart**;

60-40 draw – **Ron Pearce**;

Pins and Name Tags – **Chip Lawton and David Flewelling**;

Music – **Murray Driscoll and Gordon Moulard**.

President Ed stated that “**Years of Service Pins**” would be distributed at our September Meeting, and asked that original **PROBUS** pins be returned at that time.

In the absence of a regular Secretary, **Brian Mitchell** volunteered for **September, Ralph Wood** for **October**, and **Carl Tompkins** for November,

Humour was provided in various degrees by **Carl Tompkins and Ralph Wood**.

For the rest of the calendar year, **John Doyle** has arranged for Lori Fudge – September; Marc Legere – October; November is open; Saint John String Quartet – December.

The guest speaker drew the winning ticket of **David Flewelling**, who won \$101.00, which he donated to the **Boys and Girls Club**.

Don LeBlanc introduced **Bernard Cormier**, who amused and entertained us with his mentalism abilities. **Robert Taylor** thanked **Bernard** and presented him with our Anniversary mug.

President Ed presented Amy Shanks, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, with a cheque for \$500.00 on behalf of the Probus club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

About 19 stayed for optional lunch.

President Ed thanked the kitchen staff for their services this past year.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley

PROBUS Club of Saint John
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 14th, 2018

Meeting was held at the Funeral Home on Pettingill Road at 10:30 am. In attendance were Ed O'Keefe, President; Fenton Keirstead, 2nd VP; Robert Taylor, Treasurer; Tom Craig, House Manager; Dale Stevens, Membership Development; and Ron Pearce, 60/40.

President notified us he is moving to Shannex Quispamsis for several months while their new house is being built in Sussex.

Pins for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years' membership have been ordered. Twenty-five will be presented at the September meeting. Co-ordinated by Chip Lawton. Ed to send invitations by e-mail. Members to pass in older pins as they get updated ones.

Atlantic Regional Meeting to be held October 1st at Hampton Inn & Suites, McAllister. SJ Ladies Club to host. Each Club is asked to contribute \$100 toward room and food and can send three members. The new national President, Robert Boone will talk about the re-vamped PROBUS website.

Memoriam: Several Club members or spouses who have passed away will be remembered at the September meeting.

Finances: Robert reported we're starting the year with \$1207 on hand. We should achieve a surplus, as we won't have anniversary or travel expenses like we had last season.

2018-19 Program: John Doyle has arranged Lori Fudge for September, Marc Legere for October, SJ String Quartet for December, and tour of Shannex Quispamsis for January.

Notices of Motion to be published by e-mail and/or Phoghorn prior to the September meeting:

1. To reduce the \$20 initial membership fee to \$10 which goes to name tags. Membership to be \$30 regardless of when paid.
2. To change the 60/40 draw to 50/50, give the winner their cash, and if they wish to give it to the Boys and Girls Club, they get a tax receipt for only the amount they donate.

Suggestions from Tom Craig:

1. Executive expenses such as travel should be subject to approval by the members.
Robert will develop an expense form for members to use.
2. Lunch \$8 and tip \$2 worked well last season. The amounts are now paid separately and directly to Stone Soup rather than to the B&G office.
3. New members should be encouraged to give a brief profile of themselves.

Signing Officers: Moved by Robert Taylor, seconded by Fenton Keirstead, and carried unanimously, that the signing officers be Ed O'Keefe, President; Don LeBlanc, 1st VP; and Robert Taylor, Treasurer, with two of these three required to sign cheques.

Adjournment at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Taylor
Secretary pro tem.

NOTICES OF MOTION

These come from an Executive meeting held on August 14th. To be discussed in September 2018 and voted on in October.

1. That the \$20 initial membership fee be reduced to \$10.
2. That Club dues remain at \$30 for the year, regardless of when paid.
3. That the 60/40 draw change to a 50/50 draw, with the winner able to do what he wants with the winnings -- if donated to the Boys and Girls Club, he will get a tax receipt for only the amount donated

FINANCIAL STUFF from **Treasurer Robert Taylor**

First, many thanks to **Don Mitchener** for his many years serving in this position. He's left us "solvent" (his words, not mine!), with just over \$1,200.00 in the bank.

A reminder to all returning members that \$30 annual dues are payable at the September meeting. Dues can also be mailed to **PROBUS Club** of Saint John, c/o **Boys and Girls Club**, 1 Paul Harris St., Saint John, NB, E2L 3V9. If your dues remain unpaid after the November meeting, you risk being removed from the active list.

Members are encouraged to sponsor new members at any time. Just make sure they know about the initial fee (currently \$20 but may be reduced -- see Motions above). We've got information cards that you can pass out to potential members. Last year we went from 40 members to over 50 -- how about aiming for 60 plus this season? As we age, we need to concentrate on bringing in younger members.

Other ways you can spend your money at meetings -- coffee at \$1 (refills allowed!) -- draw tickets at \$1 each -- 25th anniversary mugs \$5 each (if the Treasurer remembers to bring them!) -- optional lunch (always delicious!) \$8 for the meal plus \$2 for a tip. In other words, we can look after most of your monthly pension!!

Lighter Entertainment Section



He even tried me several times, but I wouldn't listen. Did you?

BAR JOKE

A guy goes into a bar in Dallas, where there is a robot bartender. The robot says, "What will you have?" The guy replies "Whiskey." The robot brings back his drink and asks, "What's your IQ?"

*The guy says, "168." The robot continues to talk about **Physics, Space exploration, and Medical Technology**. After the guy leaves and the more he thinks about it, the more curious he gets, so he decides to go back. The robot asks, "What's your drink?" The guy answers, "Whiskey."*

*The robot returns with his drink and asks, "What's your IQ?" The man replies, "100." The robot talks about **Nascar, Budweiser, the Broncos, the Steelers and the Seahawks**. The man finishes his drink, leaves, but is so interested in his "experiment" that he decides to try again.*

*He enters the bar and, as usual, the robot asks him what he want to drink. The man replies, "Whiskey." The robot brings the drink and asks, "What's your IQ?" The man answers, "50." The robot leans in real close and asks, "So . . . are you people . . . still happy . . . with **Trump?**"*



Enclosed is a picture of the *Leaning Tower of Pisa in Tuscany, Italy*. It was built for defending the city in the 12th century but was never used for that. It is part of the religious complex in *Duomo Square* and acts as a bell tower.

It is a well-known tourist attraction but what most people don't realize is that it is *hollow these days*. That helps with the stabilization of the building with its famous lean. *Leaning tower of Pisa*.

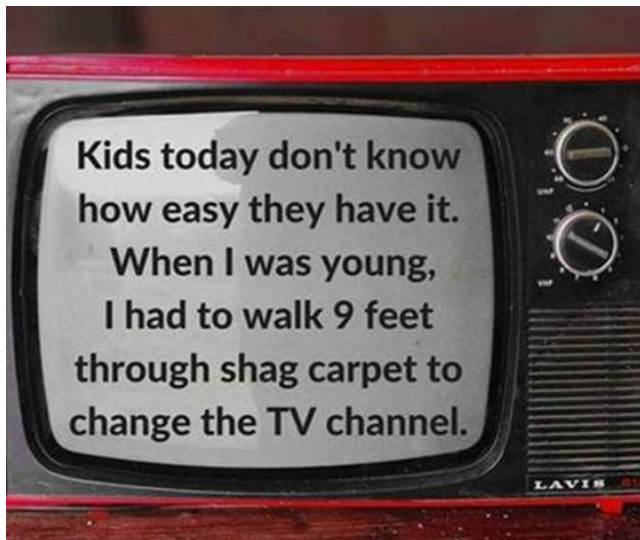


Needs a helping hand. (The human of course.)

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE TAKEN PLACE IN YEARS GONE BY?



Buying cigarettes at the bedside
1950s.



Does anybody remember hearing,
"Keep crying and i'll give you
something to cry about."
In their childhood?



The Chicken Gun

The true story of the Chicken Gun.

Sometimes it does take a rocket scientist!

Scientists at **NASA** built a gun specifically to launch standard 4-pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity.

The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers.

WHEN THE GUN WAS FIRED, THE ENGINEERS STOOD SHOCKED AS THE CHICKEN HURLED OUT OF THE BARREL, CRASHED INTO THE SHATTERPROOF SHIELD, SMASHED IT TO SMITHEREENS, BLASTED THROUGH THE CONTROL CONSOLE, SNAPPED THE ENGINEER'S BACK-REST IN TWO, AND EMBEDDED ITSELF IN THE BACK WALL OF THE CABIN, LIKE AN ARROW SHOT FROM A BOW.

THE HORRIFIED BRITS SENT NASA THE DISASTROUS RESULTS OF THE EXPERIMENT, ALONG WITH THE DESIGNS OF THE WINDSHIELD AND BEGGED THE U.S SCIENTISTS FOR SUGGESTIONS.

NASA RESPONDED WITH A ONE-LINE MEMO

"DEFROST THE CHICKEN." (TRUE STORY)



So that's it for this month. Next **PROBUS** meeting at the Saint John Boys & Girls Club on September 19th at 10:00 am. See you there!

TOM CRAIG

September 14th/2018