



# The PHOGHORN

Published by the **PROBUS CLUB** of Saint John N.B.—*Tom Craig*  
**A Professional and Business Retirees Club**  
Monthly meetings at the *Saint John Boys & Girls Club* located on Paul Harris Street  
Every third Wednesday of the month, Saint John, N.B. E2L 3V9  
Website <http://www.sjprobus.com>

Volume 26.... #3  
November 21, 2018



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Gentlemen,**

Our presentation of the **P.O.G.** pins is almost complete. This is a very important to PROBUS because it is a way to show its pride in its members and to honor them for their service. Likewise, it's a chance for the members to take pride in their organization and to help new members along the way. We should make sure that this is continued.

To help this happen **Willard Buckley** is making a new list of the members and will keep it up to date with your help. The new copy will show each member name and the year that they joined after their name. He will have a copy for the next meeting to circulate.

Once again, the turn out for October's meeting was great and the number staying for lunch was very encouraging. It was great to see new members being added and new guests in attendance.

**Don Leblanc** was up for the job his prior experience at Rotary showed up and kept things under control even when he was thrown a few curves.

I believe he will make a great President in the months ahead. So even though I will not be with the group for the next few meetings he will no doubt perform an excellent job for us.

We sure missed having **Murray Driscoll** and his music. We hope he will be there next meetings.

**John Doyle** did a great job with not one, but three speakers. Good speakers sure adds a lot to our meeting. Thanks John.

Thanks to **Ralph Wood** for agreeing to do the recording of the minutes for the months of Oct. and Nov. Who will step up and do Dec???

**Tom Craig** put the house in order and **Ron Pearce** had a great 50/50 draw.

It's a little early but have a great finish to 2018, a **Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.**

**Ed O'Keefe**  
President

## **Minutes from the OCTOBER 2018 Meeting**

### **Probus Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Meeting was opened at 10am with **Don Leblanc** in the Chair and a stirring rendition of

O 'Canada. This was followed with much mirth as **Gordon Moulard** lead us in a singsong.

A motion was made by **Brian Mitchell** seconded by **Mack Pike** that the minutes of the previous meeting should be approved as circulated, .....carried unanimously.

Two tabled motions from the previous meeting were brought to the floor and discussed in detail.

Motion1- that the 60 /40 draw be changed to the following; 50% of total be donated to the **Boys and Girls Club**. The winner has complete freedom as to the other 50%.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion on new membership for **Greg Sinclair**. Moved by President **Ed**, Seconded by **Chip Lawton**.

No \$10 initiation fee to be charged.

The \$30 membership fee to cover all incidental expenses such as pins, name tags etc.

New Members who join the club during April and May will get an extra 2 months of membership upon paying for their dues

Motion carried 17 votes to 7 against

Proposed Motion by **Ron Lister** Seconded by **Bill Covert**.

That an expense form be adopted and submitted when any claim for expenses is submitted to the club.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer **Robert Taylor** announced we were in the black with \$2,100.00 in the bank and 43 paid up members and that he wasn't heading to Florida this month.

President **ED** then initiated two new members, **Greg Sinclair** and **David Cassidy** .... welcome gentleman

**Ralph Wood** was presented with his 20-year pin.

Two guests and potential members were introduced namely **Greg Langille** and **Howard Pearn**

**Bill Covert** then read from his Snippets and reminded us of more interesting facts of Saint John's history with an emphasis on fires.

**Carl Thompkins** then told us more jokes from his infamous "*Big Red Book*"

At 10:45 we adjourned for Coffee and conversations.

After Coffee, our VP of Programs **John Doyle** announced the following speakers into 2019.

November. **Jim Wilson** ...the bird man

December. **String Quartet**

January. **Jane Scott**

February. **Brent Harris**

March. **St Paddy's music--Barry Snodgrass and Ron Watters.**

April. **Bill Macken –Saint John Field House**

John Doyle then introduced our first speaker **Jessica Smith**, Manager and **Nelson Terroba**, coach for the **Saint John Riptide Basketball team**.

They gave us an inside to the sport you don't get from the bleachers and then handed out lots of complimentary game tickets. They were thanked by John and in turned presented with **Probus Mugs**.

John Doyle also introduced our third speaker, **Mr. Marc Legere**, who is editor and owner of the online **Newspaper “Huddle Today”** which focuses on New Brunswick news, business and what's happening. Strictly on line, its free and funded by advertising.

(Having read the online edition, I would recommend it to anyone, Just Google “Huddle Today”.

**David Flewelling** thanked **Marc Legere** and presented him with a **Probus Mug**

After adjournment at 12:00 noon, 29 sat down for a lunch of Cottage Pie. (shepherd's pie as it is also known.)

### Highlights from our October meeting



**President Ed O’Keefe** on the left with new member **Greg Sinclair** being welcomed by **Chip Lawton** on the right.



President Ed pins the **Probus pin** on new member **David Cassidy**. Secretary **Ralph Wood** looking on.



**President Ed** presents **Ralph Wood** with his 20-year membership pin.



With **Don Leblanc** looking on, **Carl Thompson** attempts to humor the Probus members.



1<sup>st</sup> guest speaker is **Jessica Smith**, manager (communications) of the basketball team, **Saint John Riptide**



2<sup>nd</sup> speaker was **Nelson Terroba**, Coach of the **Riptide Team**.



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> guest speaker was **Marc Legere**, editor on-line Newspaper "**Huddle Today**" with **David Flewelling** on the left and **Don LeBlanc** in the centre.

**The 50/50 draw was won by**

**Tony Brooke**

## A HEART-WARMING STORY

### ***What goes around comes around***

One day a man saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road. So, he pulled up in front of her Mercedes car and got out. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was those chills which only fear can put into your face. He said, "I am here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you go and wait in my car where it is nice and warm? By the way, my name is **Bryan Anderson**."

Well, all she had was a flat tire but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. As he was tightening up lug nuts, she rolled the window down and began to talk to him. She told him she was from St. Louis and was just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid. Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him.

This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life like that and never it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "and think of me"

He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small café. She went inside to grab a bite to eat and take the chill off before she made the last trip home. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She has a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was about few months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little, could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered **Bryan**.

After she finished her meal, she paid with a hundred-dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred-dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress got back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes what the lady wrote. "**you don't owe me anything**. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what to do. "Do not let this chain of love end with you"

Under the napkin were *four one hundred bills*. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money the lady and what she has written.

How could the lady know how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "everything going to be ok, I love you **Mr. Bryan Anderson**"

This old lady was saying "**What goes around comes around**"



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



**Corrections from the October issue of The Phoghorn....below.**

**Willard Buckley's name was omitted by accident. He is shown as the third person for the left in the first picture. Also, President Ed welcomes David Cassidy as a new member. David was identified as Bob Goodwin.**

**Sorry about the communications mix up.**



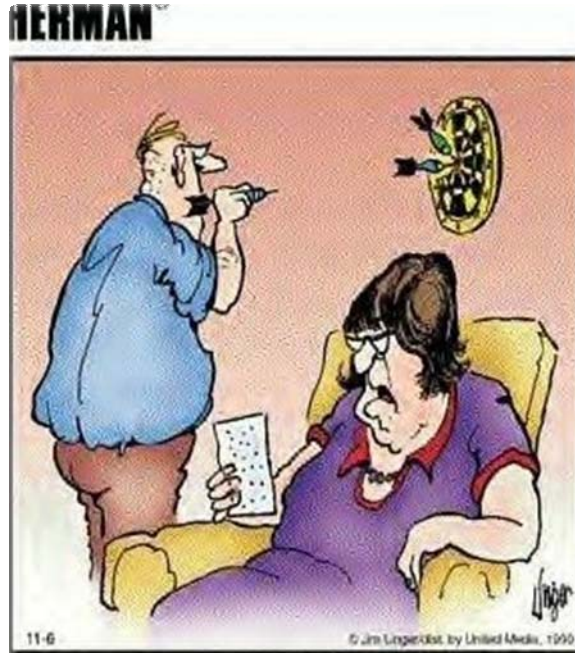
Jim Unger (21 January 1937 – 26 May 2012) was a **British Canadian cartoonist**, best known for his syndicated **comic strip “Herman”** which ran for 18 years in 600 newspapers in 25 countries.

Here are a few of the favorites:



11-9 © LaughingStock Licensing Inc., Dist. by Universal Uclick, 2016

“How do you feel about me going to my sister’s for two weeks?”



11-6 © Jim Unger/Dist. by Universal Uclick, 1990

“How come my photo’s got all these little holes in it?”



9-1 © LaughingStock Licensing Inc., Dist. by Universal Uclick, 2014

“You’re looking a lot better today, Ralph.”



1-10 © LaughingStock International Inc., Dist. by Universal Uclick for UPS, 2004

“It’s hard to believe you’ve never put up wallpaper before.”



## Pictures at the right moment!



**Next PROBUS meeting is on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (December meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month -- because of the Christmas season)**

**See you there!**

***Tom Craig***