



# *The* PHOGHORN

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*A Professional and Business Retirees Club.*

Meetings at the Boys & Girls Club located on *Paul Harris Street*

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## *2018—2019 Executive members*

*Ed O'Keefe* -- President:

*Don LeBlanc* -- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

*Fenton Keirstead* -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

*Robert Taylor* -- Treasure:

*T.B.A.* --- Secretary

## ***“HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019”***

### **Presidents Remarks:**



### **Gentlemen,**

As we close out another very successful year and start the balance of the 2018-2019 season, it gives all of us a chance to thank so many for their efforts and dedication. This has been a great TEAM effort both on the part of your Executive and the total Membership.

Let me challenge the total membership to support an effort that only comes along every so often. As you know the focus of PROBUS is to attract others to our cause, so they can enjoy the benefits of fellowship, staying informed, and enjoying each others company. So, lets get behind our 2nd Vice President, Fenton Keirstead, and purchase at least one Licence plate cover and help the name of PROBUS thrive. He is doing his part. Will you do yours?

I will miss the next meeting as Betty and I get settled in Sussex. But I am sure that you will not be disappointed as *DON, JOHN, FENTON, WILLARD, RON, DALE, DAVID and TOM* will do their usual great job.

Regards  
Ed

### **Remarks from our Vice President, Don LeBlanc;**

On Monday, January 28, 2019, at the Delta Brunswick, there will be a luncheon sponsored by "**EVERYONE'S CHILDREN**". This will take place as stated, the **Delta Brunswick**, Saint John, King Street. Reception will be 11:30 am and the luncheon at 1:30pm sharp. **JOHN EISNER is the 2019 "Everyone's Children Chair"** Featuring **VOICES OF YOUTH, "Inspiring stories from Youth on the" Impact of Adoption**

Probus member **DON MITCHENER** also spoke on the upcoming luncheon as well, encouraging **Probus** members to purchase a seat at the table. Cost of the table is \$1,000.<sup>00</sup> with 10 seats or \$100.<sup>00</sup> per seat.

You are invited to attend and donate in support of the work of the **NB ADOPTION FOUNDATION**.

## **Minutes from the Probus meeting December 12, 2018**

### **Saint John Boys and Girls Club**

President **Ed O'Keefe** in the chair.

Meeting was called to order 10:00 am. First item was the singing of "**O Canada**".

**Barry Snodgrass & Gordon Moulard** provide the music with 4 Christmas Carols that rattled the rafters.

**Fenton Keirstead**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, presented the new **Probus license plate** covers for sale, \$3.00 each.

President **Ed** asked anyone who has not paid their dues to do so. Also, the club must send \$2.50 per member to headquarters each year from these dues.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November meeting were published in the December's issue of **The Phoghorn**. No objections were noted, so approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** – **Robert Taylor** gave a verbal report. As per custom this time of the year, a presentation of \$400.00 was made to **Amy Shanks** of **The Boy & Girls Club**. After the \$400 payment, and payment of other bills we have approximately \$1,700.00 in the bank.

**Don LeBlanc** thanked **Probus** for sponsoring he and his wife at **The Boys & Girls Club** dinner. Don spoke about the good work the **Boys & Girls Club** are doing for the children. Also, next week, the **Rotary Club** will be putting on a dinner and giving presents to many of the children.

**Guests** – **Jim Jennex**, introduced by **Willard Buckley** and **Larry Krogsdale** was introduced by **Tom Craig**.

History of Saint John, from the book “**Snippets**”, was read by **Bill Covert**. Two notable dates: **K.C. Irving died** December 13, 1992 and **General Hospital** imploded December 13, 1995.

**Don LeBlanc** informed the membership about “**The Everyone’s Children’s Luncheon**” in support of the **NB Adoption Foundation** January 28, 2019 at 12 noon at the Delta Hotel in Saint John.

### **President’s Report**

**President Ed** reported he is moving to Sussex this month and **Don LeBlanc**, Vice president, will chair the January and February meetings. Ed will return for the March meeting. Ed wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **Allegedly Fabulous Funnies**

Several members told funny short jokes or attempted to.

50-50 Draw – **Carl Tompkins** was the winner of **\$98.00**. A total of \$49.00 was donated to The Boys & Girls Club.

### **Coffee and conversation:**

John Doyle discussed future speakers for 2019 year.

January – **Janice Scott—Economic Development**

February – **Brent Harris – Tool Library**

March – **Barry Snodgrass**-St Paddy’s Music

April – **Bill McMackin** – The new Field House East Saint John—Tour at a latter date?????

May- T.B.A.

**David Cassidy** – new member, received his certificate and binder.

**Greg Langille** received new member pin. Name tag on order.

Introduction of **Harold Wright** who spoke about **David Goss’** new book. David had a minor stroke on Saturday and could not be there.

39 registered for turkey lunch including four guests – **Chris Buckley and Harold Wright, Jim Jennex and Larry Krogsdale.**

Introduction our entertainment session was performed by **Carl Thompkins;**

At our Christmas Dinner, meeting, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, once again, the **Saint John String Quartet** performed with a series of beautiful selections. Well done!

Seated on the left to right are; **David Adams** on **Violin**, **Sonja Adams** on **Violin**, **Danielle Sametz** on **Cello** and **Chris Buckley** on **Viola as seen in the picture attached.**

**John Doyle** presented **Probus** anniversary mugs to **The Saint John String Quartet** for their fine performance.

This group travels all over the province, world, and producing the beautiful sounds from these instruments. Hope to see them next year.

**Next meeting is JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019.**

**CHIP LAWTON**, acting secretary.

## **EVENTS FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING:**



Gordon Mouland leading the group in a sing-along with Barry Snodgrass at the piano.



President Ed presenting new member David Cassidy, with his Certificate and membership.



Greg Langille receives his Probud book from President Ed.



Vice president Don LeBlanc speaks about the dinner he and his wife attended on behalf of Probud. Don also spoke about the upcoming luncheon on January 28<sup>th</sup> On "Everyone's Children" at the Delta Hotel in Saint John.



Treasure Robert Taylor, presents a cheque on behalf of Probud for the sum of \$400.00, to AMY SHANKS of the Boys & Girls Club.





Seated on the left to right are; **David Adams** on Violin, **Sonja Adams** on Violin, **Danielle Sametz** on Cello and **Chris Buckley** on Viola.



*Intense concentration is obvious.*



39 Probus members lined up for a full course meal of **Turkey** with **apple or pumpkin pie** for desert.

## Chuckles Corner

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?'

'It depends, I replied 'what does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, '**PENN STATE!**'

And they say blondes are dumb....

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A couple is lying in bed. The man says, 'I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world...'

The woman replies, 'I'll miss you..... '.

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Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

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Dear Lord,

I pray for Wisdom to understand my man; Love to forgive him; and Patience for his moods.

Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death.

AMEN

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Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing being men.

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Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

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Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder '*Instruction Manuals*'

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When insults had class....

*"He has all the virtues I dislike & none of the vices I admire"*

-----Winston Churchill

*"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure"*

-----Clarence Darrow

*"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary"*

-----William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

*"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it"*

-----Groucho Marx

*"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it"*

-----Mark Twain

*"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends"*

-----Oscar Wilde

*I am enclosing 2 tickets to the 1<sup>st</sup> night of my new play, bring a friend.... if you have one"*

-----George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

**Churchill's response:**

*"Cannot possibly attend the 1st night, will attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> night, if there is one"*

-----Winston Churchill

*"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial"*

-----Irvin S Cobb

*"He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others"*

-----Samuel Johnson

*"Some cause happiness wherever they go: others, whenever they go"*

-----Oscar Wilde

**These ditties were provided by Marilyn Cook, wife of John Cook, a Probus member. Thank you.**



**These are my all-time favorites:**

I PUT THE  
THINGAMABOB INSIDE  
THE WHATCHAMACALLIT,  
TURNED THE  
DOOHICKEY AND THE  
WUTEVERITIS STILL  
DOESN'T WORK.  
ANY IDEAS?


The Officer Said,  
"You Drinking?"  
I Said, "You Buying?"  
We Just Laughed  
And Laughed.  
I Need Bail Money.

Hi DARLING!

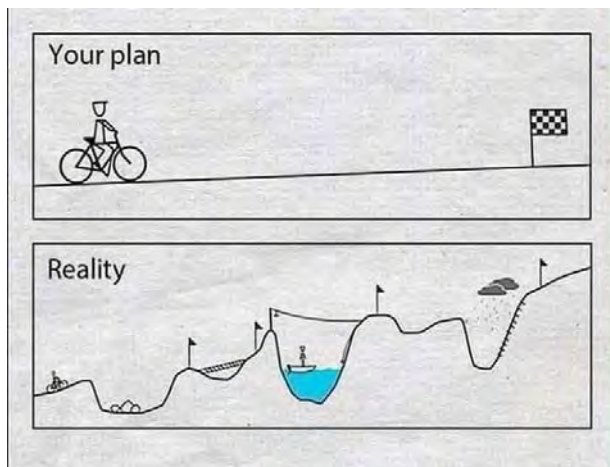
USE MY ATM CARD, TAKE ANY  
AMOUNT OUT, GO SHOPPING AND  
TAKE YOUR FRIENDS FOR LUNCH

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I LOVE YOU HONEY



## This is so true!



**JANUARY 16, 2019**

**Tom Craig**



## **PROBUS CANADA**

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December 29, 2018

### **To: The President, PROBUS CLUBS IN CANADA!**

As you quite likely aware, **HUB Insurance Brokerage** (“HUB”) is the insurance broker responsible for placing the general liability insurance (“GL Insurance”) for PROBUS Clubs across Canada and all Clubs are obligated to participate in this coverage. The GL Insurance carries a shared limit of \$5M in coverage and the premium is paid for along with Membership dues when they are remitted in the late fall of each year. As you may also know, HUB is responsible for placing directors’ and officers’ liability insurance (“D&O Insurance”) for those Clubs that choose to buy it. The D&O Insurance provides a limit of \$1M per Club with a shared group aggregate limit of \$10M (in other words all purchasing Clubs share in a maximum available limit of \$10M per policy year).



The cost of this D&O Insurance has been \$300 per Club per year and approximately 150 Probus

Clubs purchased D&O Insurance in 2018. There is a common renewal date for both the GL Insurance and D&O Insurance of December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

### **WHAT IS NEW FOR 2019**

The purpose of this communicate is to share with you what we believe to be FANTASTIC NEWS! For 2019 'HUB' has negotiated the consolidation of the GL Insurance and the D&O Insurance with a single insurer (Encon Group Inc.) such that each of the 250 Probus Clubs will now enjoy the same \$5M in GL Insurance coverage as they always have but each PROBUS Club will now also enjoy \$500,000 in D&O coverage at no additional cost! What this means for the 150 Clubs that are currently purchasing D&O Insurance is that they will now receive \$500,000 in D&O Insurance\* and no Club will receive an invoice for an additional \$300 cost. This \$500,000 per Club is subject to a shared group aggregate limit of \$5M.

### **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE FOR 2019**

HUB is currently preparing a Certificate of Insurance for all Probus Clubs. The standard generic Certificate addressed "To Whom It May Concern" should be finalized and delivered to the PROBUS Head Office by December 28<sup>th</sup>. At that point it will be posted to the PROBUS CANADA website ([www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)) for all to access and will be delivered to all Clubs as soon as possible. The renewed policy coverage will be in effect from January 1, 2019 through to December 31, 2019. For the approximately 50 Probus Clubs that require a more specific Certificate of Insurance addressed to a specific entity (i.e. a municipal office or local church where Probus Club meetings take place) these are being prepared as well. It is also expected that they will be finalized and delivered on December 28<sup>th</sup> to the PROBUS Head Office and they will then email them to your Club contact. If you encounter any difficulty, you can also contact "HUB" to facilitate your receipt of your Certificate. (Email addresses follow)

**\* Please Note:** If your PROBUS Club currently purchases \$ 1M in D&O Coverage and wishes to increase the now automatic \$500,000 in coverage to \$ 1M, "HUB" can facilitate this limit increase for an annual cost of \$150, Please contact "HUB" If you wish to make this purchase, **Email:** [Marilyn.jardiel@hubinternational.com](mailto:Marilyn.jardiel@hubinternational.com) or [Patrick.bourk@hubinternational.com](mailto:Patrick.bourk@hubinternational.com)

It is my sincere desire that you will agree with me that this is indeed good news for our Clubs across the country. Your national Board of Directors has given this matter considerable thought and discussion and hope that all Clubs will continue to operate with a sense of enough protection and coverage for those carrying out their responsibilities with the programs of the local PROBUS Clubs.

Yours very truly,



Robert (Bob) Boone, President

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