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## 2018—2019 Executive members

<i>Ed O'Keefe</i> --	<b>President:</b>
<i>Don LeBlanc</i> --	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b>
<i>Fenton Keirstead</i> --	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>
<i>Robert Taylor</i> --	<b>Treasure:</b>
<i>T.B.A.</i> ---	<b>Secretary</b>

## VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS:



As stated before, our president **Ed O'Keefe** has moved to Sussex and is not available to chair the meetings for February and March but will return for April and May meetings. I would like to point out some up and coming events on our local history that will take place in February. More about that later in this issue.

## **PROBUS MEETING January 16, 2019**

V.P. Don LeBlanc in the chair.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. First item was the singing of **O' Canada**.

Sing-along was led by **Murray Driscoll at the piano with the assistance of Gordon Mouland**.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes for the last meeting, *December*, as published in *The Phoghorn* newspaper. Motion to accept as published by **John Doyle** seconded by **Tor Bordevik**. Discussion arising from the minutes; **Don LeBlanc** and **Don Mitchener** discussed the upcoming **NB Adoption Foundation Luncheon** January 28, 2019 at the Delta Ballroom at 11:30. No ticket fee. **Probus** could get some publicity by reserving a table for ten if the interest is there. Parking very limited at The Delta.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Robert Taylor** is away on vacation. No formal report presented. **Don LeBlanc** assumes we have approximately \$1,700.<sup>00</sup> in the bank.

**History of Saint John:** **Bill Covert** was away, **Mike England** read from **David Goss** "Snippets" book regarding the **Old Saint John Forum** which was built in 1932 and burned in 1967 and the original **library** which was developed in 1844 on Germain Street.

**Guests & Membership:** **Howard Pearn** introduced **Don Connolly** as a new member. **Tom Craig** introduced 2 new members, **Jim Jennex** and **Larry Krogsdale**. The three received their name tags, certificates, binders and membership pins. Welcome all!

**Gordon Young** received his 20-year pin from **Don LeBlanc**.

**Don LeBlanc** mentioned that license plate covers are still available for \$3 each.

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

John Doyle has arranged someone from the **Tool Shed** and a **Yoga instructor** for **February**.

In **March**--**Barry Snodgrass** and **Rick Watters** to perform as well in addition to a speaker **Mary McDevitt**.

In **April**, **Bill McMackin** will speak about the new **Field House**. **May** TBA.

**V.P. President's Report:** **Don LeBlanc** is to speak at the Saint John Library, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm about the life of **Benedict Arnold**, as a part of **Heritage Week** February 10 to 18, 2019.

**New Business:** **Tom Craig** discussed our donation of \$400 to the **Boys and Girls club** seeming to be inadequate. This was also reiterated by **Ralph Woods**. It was explained by **Willard Buckley**; the donation was to reflect \$100 per month for September to December 2018. It was recommended we donate \$600 in May. It was decided to hold off on making a motion until President Ed's return in March.

**Funnies:** None were forthcoming despite asking 3 times!

#### **Coffee and conversation.**

Club ticket draw \$89.00 in pool, \$44.50 won by **Ralph Murray**, the other \$44.50 was presented to The Boys and Girls Club by **Ralph**.

#### **Our GUEST SPEAKER**

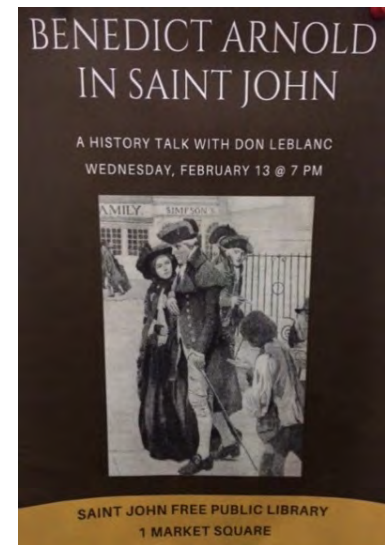
**Willard Buckley** introduced **Janet Scott** from **Enterprise Saint John** speaking on economic development in our district consisting of *Saint John, Quispamsis, Rothesay, St. Martins, and Grand Bay-Westfield* all of which contribute to the running of the organization.

A new name is to be unveiled over the next two weeks – **Economic Development Greater Saint John.** Janet gave a very informative power point presentation. Janet was thanked by **Wes Cosman** and presented with a **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Probus** coffee mug.

Adjournment for the optional lunch of **Shepherd's Pie** with 21 members staying.

As stated before, our **Vice President, Donald LeBlanc**, will be hosting a talk **at the Saint John Free Public Library** on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm. The subject will be on **"BENEDICT ARNOLD"** in Saint John. All welcome.

Also, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Society meets at Market Square.



### **NEW PROBUS MEMBERS WELCOMED!**



Probus member **Tom Craig** welcomes **Jim Jennex** as our newest member with **V.P. Don LeBlanc** and **Chip Lawson** in the background



Our second new member is **Larry Korgsdale** former **CEO of Connors Brothers**.

You may recall that was the place where our Probus group had a tour last year.



Our guest speaker this month was **Janet Scott** from **Enterprise Saint John**. Janet gave a very informative talk on what is involved in creating opportunities for the greater Saint John region.



Probud member **Wes Cosman** present **Janet Scott** with our **Probud 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** coffee mug. She also announced a name change from Enterprise Saint John to "**Economic Development Greater Saint John**". This will happen in a few weeks' time. The talk was well received.



A picture of part of the Probud group during the presentation by **Janet Scott**.



V.P. Don presents the 20-year pin to **Gordon Young**



## **How Children Perceive Their Grandparents**

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I'll probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

5. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try figuring out some of this stuff for yourself!"

6. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

## **Funny things that can happen.**

***Let me tell you friends that one simple spelling mistake--even a typo--can make your life hell. I recently penned a short, romantic note to my wife while I was away on a fishing trip, and I missed one small "e". No problem you might say. Not so. This tiny error has caused me to seek Police protection to enter my own house.***

***I wrote, "Hi darling, I'm enjoying and experiencing the best time of my whole life, and I wish you were her\_!"***

**This is so true**

**It's going to be a Cold Winter!**

It's late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation in South Dakota asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But, being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He called the *National Weather Service* and asked, Is the coming winter going to be cold?

It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold, the meteorologist at the weather service responded. So, the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later, he called the National Weather Service again. Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter? 'Yes,' the man at National Weather Service again replied, 'it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every of scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, the chief called the National Weather Service again. Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?'

Absolutely, the man replied. It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen. How can you be so sure the chief asked? The weatherman replied, 'The local Indians people are collecting firewood like crazy.'

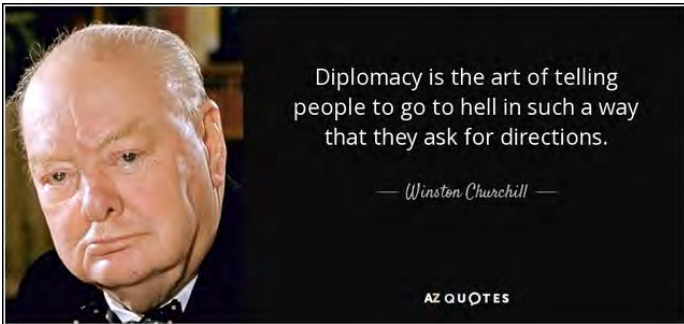
Remember this story whenever you hear the weather forecast!

## **INTERESTING PICTURE**

**Blue Marble, 1972;** The original "**Blue Marble**" was taken on Dec.7, 1972, by the crew of the Apollo 17 spacecraft en route to the Moon at a distance of about 29,000 kilometres (18,000 mi). It shows Africa, Antarctica, and the Arabian Peninsula. NASA



## **FAMOUS QUOTES**



Mexico has decided to pay for the wall...



**He got his wish!**

Next regular monthly meeting on **February 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Boys and Girls club.

The PROBUS CANADA newsletter is being passed out at our meeting in February  
*See you there!*

*TOM CRAIG February 03/19*

