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2018—2019 Executive members

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

VICE PRESIDENT DON LEBLANC IN THE CHAIR



*Remember, the PROBUS FLAG will fly at city hall on Monday, 18th at 10:00am.
Hopefully a few members can make it and maybe have a coffee after. See you there.*

Minutes for the previous meeting in February

Regular Probus Meeting, February 20, 2019
Vic President **Don LeBlanc** in the chair.

The meeting was called to order by chairman at 10:06.

Gordon Moulard led, and **Murray Driscoll** accompanied singing of **O Canada** and sing-along of three songs.

Chairman Don asked if there were any health issues or deaths of members. **Brian Mitchell** mentioned **Bob James** is in **Ridgewood Care Facility** and doing much better.

Minutes: Chairman Don reported minutes for the January meeting were published in the **PHOGHORN**. It was moved by **Ralph Wood** and seconded by **Fenton Kierstead** to accept the minutes as published. No questions, motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding our status as an organization. It was stated we do not donate money to The **Boys and Girls Club**. We pay monthly rent which is voluntary. If we decide to change the amount of rent, this would be decided at our Annual Meeting in May.

President's Report:

Don LeBlanc acting Chairman reported that **President Ed O'Keefe** is expected to return at our March meeting after being away the last two months with his move to Sussex.

Don is giving a presentation at the **Public Library** Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 2:30 pm on the life of **Benedict Arnold**.

Peter Jolly announced a presentation by a representative of the **Gregg Center** to take place at **HMCS Brunswick** Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 12:30 pm. The topic is the **21st Battalion from the First World War**.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, **Robert Taylor** reported that he had been on a vacation cruise and did not spend any of the club's money. He estimates we have between \$1800 and \$1900 in the bank.

New Members: **John Andrews** was introduced by **Dale Stevens and Sadaqat Lohdi by Don LeBlanc**. They were presented with their binders, certificates, name tags (Don is looking for Sid's tag) and their Probus Lapel Pins.

Historic Moment: **Bill Covert** read several stories from "**Snippets**" by **David Goss**. One interesting story was about 18-year-old **Patrick Bergan** who was hanged, it was thought, for stealing a loaf of bread. In fact, the crime was entering a place of business and robbing the till of one quarter of a dollar. **Judge Ward Chipman** presided and the hanging was carried out by another man guilty of theft.

Lunch: Seventeen planned to stay for the optional lunch of roast beef, potatoes, vegetables and brownies.

Upcoming Programs: Future guests include for **March, Speaker, Mary McDevitt** and entertainers, **Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters** with **Irish** music. For the month of **April, Bill MacMackin** to speak about the new Field House and May will be **Karen Hughes** regarding The **Stonehammer Geo Park**.

Funnies: **Carl Tompkins** told a number of groaners followed by a break for coffee. 50-50 draw pot was \$105 won by **Bill Covert**. \$52.50 will be donated to **The Boys & Girls Club**.

Willard Buckley introduced **John Debby** from **Good Life Fitness**, Quispamsis speaking on the benefits of keeping active and fit especially as we age. **John** left information about Good Life programs and opportunity to enter for a chance to win a free one month try out.

Brent Harris from **The Saint John Tool Library** talked about finding a need for tools for those wanting to complete renovations to their properties. Tools are available from the library at 160 Union Street for an annual fee of approximately \$100.00. Space is also available at the library for those who would like to complete projects and don't have the space to do so. An additional fee would be charged to use their space.

Probus mugs were given to the presenters by **Bill Covert and Don LeBlanc**.

Photos were taken by **Gordon Dempsey**.

We adjourned for the optional lunch of Roast Beef.



Dale Sommerville introduces John Andrews

Don LeBlanc introduces new member **Sadaqat Lohdi**



Vice president Don Leblanc with Jon Debly and Brent Harris, our guest speakers, upon receiving a 25th Anniversary coffee mug. Brian Mitchel in the background keeping the minutes of the meeting.

Some items to make you smile

*A **Mafia Godfather** finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10 million dollars*

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place.

*It was assumed that **Guido** would hear nothing so he would not have to testify in court.*

*When the Godfather goes to confront **Guido** about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!"*

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, Where's the money?

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about" The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about" The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!"

The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

***Guido** trembles and signs back, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house.*

The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

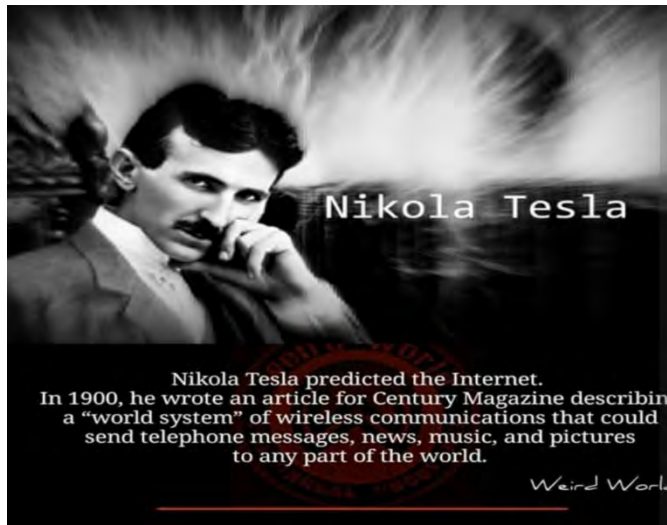
The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the ----- to pull the trigger."

Don't you just love lawyers?

INTERESTING PICTURES

A MAN WITH INSIGHT!

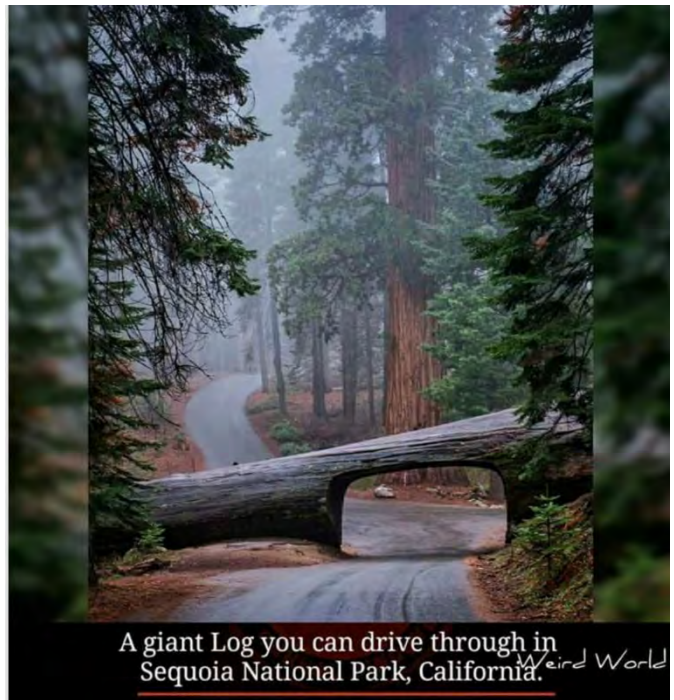
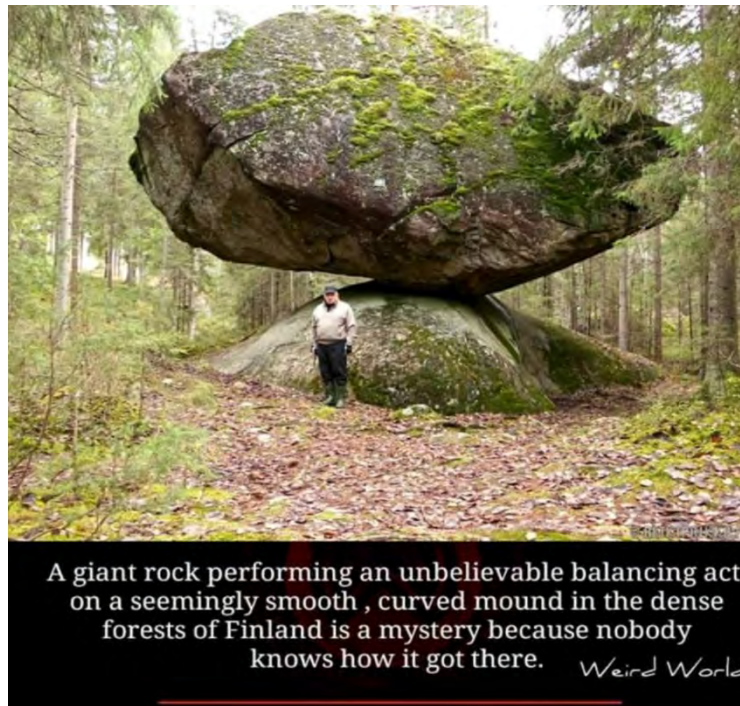
How right he was.



This will make you slow down!



EXPLAIN THIS IF YOU CAN



Awsome to say the least.

Can you imagine!

The whole class failed

Teacher Fails Entire Class and explains why Socialism won't work, and always fails. This teacher is a GENIUS!

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that socialism worked and that no one would be poor, and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on this plan". All grades will be averaged, and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail, and no one will receive an **A....** (substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged, and everyone got a **B**. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too, so they studied little.

The second test average was a **D!** No one was happy. When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an **F**.

As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else.

To their great surprise, **ALL FAILED** and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed.

These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read and all applicable to this experiment:

1. *You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.*
2. *. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving*
3. *3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.*
4. *4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!*
5. *5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.*

Can you think of a reason for not sharing this? Neither could I.

My Favorite

To others of my generation who still do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook even exists, here's what I'm doing to gain better understanding: I am trying to make new friends without using Facebook, but while applying the same principles.

Every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, then give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works!

I already have four people following me: Two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist

Next regular monthly meeting on **March 20th** at the Boys and Girls club.
See you there!

TOM CRAIG March 16, 2019

