



# THE PHOGHORN



## PROBUS Monthly Newsletter

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Newsletter Chair -- *Tom Craig*

*A Professional and Business Retirees Club.*

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

*Every third Wednesday of the month. --- 10:00 am sharp*

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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* -- Treasurer

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



President Ed O'Keefe in the chair

March was **PROBUS** month. As per tradition, the men's and women's clubs had the **PROBUS** Flag flown in front of city hall for the week. It was a windy day, but the sun was warm. This year **Deputy Mayor, Shirley McAlary** did the honors on March 18th, 2019.



**The PROBUS FLAG** with the Canadian Flag in the background. The winds were co-operating this day.

Probus Meeting March 20, 2019  
President Ed O'Keefe in the chair

Meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Ed.

Singing of O'Canada was led by *Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters* accompanied by *Murray Driscoll*. Barry and Rick had a sing-along of Irish Tunes for 20 minutes.

**Memoriams for departed:** No recent departed. *Mike England* reported *David Cassidy* had hip surgery and is recovering. ***Gordon Mouland*** will have his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday in one month so we sang Happy Birthday.

**History of Saint John:** *Mike England* read from *David Goss' Snippets*, happenings around this date in history – The *Saint John Forum* burned to the ground March 20, 1967. The Forum had been the principal ice rink in Saint John from 1931 until The Beaverbrook Rink opened in 1959. Construction began on *The Saint John Airport*, March 19, 1949. The first flight was in December 1951.

**Speaker:** Our scheduled speaker, ***Mary McDevitt*** unfortunately was delayed, however, ***George Whittle*** from *The Seaside Lawn Bowling Club* gave a presentation. The Club is at 510 Fundy Drive in Saint John West. George has been bowling for two years and finds it is a great social sport. The season is May to October. No equipment is required, and it takes about 1 1/2 hours. They usually have tea or coffee after. There are four lawn bowling clubs in New Brunswick. All are welcome to come and try out. If you decide to join the first-year fee is \$100. George left information and invitations to try the sport.

**Upcoming Programs:** *John Doyle* says future guest speakers are ***Bill McMackin*** for April speaking about the new Field House, May – ***Karen Hughes*** regarding the ***Stone Hammer Geo Park*** and in September we will have ***Derrick Stanford***, the CEO of The Saint John Airport followed in October by ***Emily Murphy*** speaking on Rockwood Park.

**Treasurer's Report:** ***Robert Taylor*** says we have \$1860 in the bank.

**Minutes:** ***President Ed*** reported the minutes were published in ***The Phoghorn Newspaper***. Moved by *Sherman Palmer* and seconded by *Ralph Wood* to accept minutes as published. Motion carried.

50-50 Draw was made by guest *George Whittle* and won by *Sherman Palmer* in the amount of \$94.00. Sherman donated 50% to the *Boys and Girls Club*.

**President's Report:** Ed O'Keefe reported he is planning to open a new Probus Club in Sussex in the Fall. He asked the Club to forward any names of potential members to his email which is [eokeefe@rogers.com](mailto:eokeefe@rogers.com) or by phone at 506-944-4475. Our Club will sponsor the new club in Sussex.

**Lunch:** 19 planned to stay for lasagna and Caesar salad.

**Fabulous Funnies:** Several groaners were presented by *Carl Tompkins, Robert Taylor, Ralph Murray, Ralph Wood* and *Mike England*.

**Break for Coffee & Conversation.**

Several stepped up to give short presentations as our speaker did not arrive. *Tom Craig* spoke about his work, much of which was with *Lantic Sugar*. He recently spent three weeks in Vancouver consulting for *Rogers Sugar* who are having production problems.

*Sherman Palmer* spoke about the ***Seniors Resource Center*** where seniors can obtain helpful advice regarding health, finances, nursing homes and income tax preparation help.

*Chip Lawton* spoke about ***The Pacific Coast Highway***.

We adjourned early for the optional lunch of lasagna.

*Chip Lawton, recording secretary*



The flag being raised by the group



From left to right; Tom Craig, Fenton Keirstead, Deputy Mayor, Shirley McAlary and Sherman Palmer

### **PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OUR MARCH MONTHLY MEETING**



Dr. Michael England reading from the history book about facts on Saint John from days gone by.



Ralph Woods reciting one of his famous jokes.

*The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.*

*G.K. Chesterton*





*Carl Thompkins delivers one of his best little stories*



*One of our guest speakers, George Whittle, spoke on lawn bowling*



*Barry Snodgrass & Rick Watters perform some Irish tunes.*



*President Ed O'Keefe addressing the members with Chip Lawton looking on.*



**Sherman Palmer** talks about the senior citizens center where he and **Robert Taylor** volunteer a lot of hours this time of the year helping seniors prepare their income tax returns.

Well done to *Sherman and Robert.*

This little article was sent in by **Marilyn Cook** wife of **Probus** member, **John Cook**

*Enjoy what you can and endure what you must. —J.W. von Goethe*

The secret of living with frustration and worry is to avoid becoming personally involved in your own life

For those who want peace and quiet? A phoneless cord.

You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.

*—Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)*

“Once uttered, words run faster than horses” -- *Japanese Proverb*

A word of encouragement during a failure is  
worth more than a whole book of praise after success.

#### **The Things that Matter—**

Life is mostly froth and bubbles.

Two things stand like stone;

Kindness in another's trouble,

Courage in our own.

## SOME INTERESTING PICTURES—THEY SURE WERE WRONG!

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A rocket will never be able to leave the Earth's atmosphere." — New York Times, 1936



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"How, sir, would you make a ship sail against the wind and currents by lighting a bonfire under her deck? I pray you, excuse me, I have not the time to listen to such nonsense." — Napoleon Bonaparte, when told of Robert Fulton's steamboat, 1800s



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"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad." --The president of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Co., 1903





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"Rail travel at high speed is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia." – Dr. Dionysius Lardner, 1830



**Mexicans were asked  
what they thought of  
Trump's proposed wall.  
They replied, "We are  
very upset  
.....but we'll get over it.""**

### Call Center Conversations!

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> Customer: 'I've been calling 700-1000 for two days and can't get through. Can you help?'

> Operator: 'Where did you get that number, sir?'

> Customer: 'It's on the door of your business.'

> Operator: 'Sir, those are the hours that we are open.'

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Next regular monthly meeting on **APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Boys and Girls club.  
*See you there!*

*TOM CRAIG April 17, 2019*

