



# THE PHOGHORN



## PROBUS Monthly Newsletter

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*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.*

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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  
*Chip Lawton*-(acting)-- Secretary



President Ed O’Keefe in the chair

Just a note that the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is our *Annual* meeting with elections of officers for the upcoming year’s, 2019-2020. It is also the last meeting before the summer break. Hope to see all members that can attend this meeting.

### MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS APRIL MEETING

Monthly PROBUS Meeting April 17, 2019 as held at the Saint John Boys and Girls club.

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am. First item was the singing of O’Canada followed by sing-along led by *Gordon Mouland and Ed O’Keefe*. We also sang Happy Birthday to *Gordon Mouland*, 96 and *David Flewelling* 79 years old. Memoriams for departed members, none noted.

### President’s Report:

President Ed thanked all who have contributed to the success of the Club including *Robert Taylor, Don LeBlanc, Fenton Keirstead, Chip Lawton, Tom Craig, Murray Driscoll, Gordon Mouland, John Doyle, Dale Stevens, David Flewelling, Ron Pearce, Robert Lockhart and Willard Buckley*.

Ed also noted there will be an Executive Meeting April 25, 2019 at *Brenans, Pettingill Road, Quispamsis*.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

*Robert Taylor* reported that the Club has between \$1,600.00 and \$1,700.00 in the bank. Discussion was held later in the meeting when President Ed made a motion to increase our donation of \$500.00 to The Boys and Girls Club by \$100.00 to \$600.00 for the year. After some discussion it was decided that the *Executive Committee* should decide as to the amount to be donated at their meeting. It was moved by *Tom Craig* and seconded by *Brian Mitchell* that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

### **Minutes from the previous meeting in March/2019**

It was moved by *George McCaughey* and seconded by *David Flewelling* that the minutes of the March 20/19 meeting be accepted as presented in the *Phoghorn Newsletter*.

### **History of Saint John:**

*Bill Covert* read from *David Goss' Snippets* about several events from the past which occurred on or about April 17. April 17, 1851 *The Marco Polo* was launched in Saint John. In 1945 *Walter Golding* died. He was responsible for having the *Imperial Theatre* built.

### **Lunch Count:**

Twenty-two planned to stay for lunch.

### **Guests:**

*John Doyle* introduced *Peter Morris*. No new members were inducted.

### **Pin Presentation:**

President Ed presented a 20 Year Pin to *Bill Hunter*. Bill found a copy of a PROBUS Newsletter from 1999 at which he was accepted into the membership of the Club along with *Tom Jarrett, Don Breen and Doug Shaw*.

### **Fabulous Funnies:**

Allegedly funny stories were told by *Ralph Murray, Mike England, Carl Tompkins and Greg Sinclair*.

*Don LeBlanc* announced that a project to assemble a *History of The Boys and Girls Club* has been started by *Lloyd Lake*. Volunteers are needed. *Don and Keith Dow* are working to prepare the History Book.

Our Guest Speaker *Bill Mackin* completed the draw for the 50/50. The pot was \$119.00. The winner was *Bill Hunter*.

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

### **Introduction of Guest Speaker:**

*John Doyle* introduced *Bill Mackin*, Chairman of the new Field House in East Saint John. This was a very interesting presentation. Planning began almost 10 years ago. Funding has been shared by the Government of Canada, Province of New Brunswick, City of Saint John, private fundraising, and a large donation from the Saint John Exhibition Association. The building will be fully managed by the YMCA. Memberships will include use of the Field House as well as use of the YMCA facilities. Substantial financial benefits are expected in the region and future bookings of national and local events are ongoing. Bill was thanked for the presentation and was given a PROBUS Mug by *Wes Cosman*.

The meeting was adjourned, and the optional buffet lunch of *Caesar Salad and Shepherd's Pie* was served.

**Executive Meeting report.**

**Due to scheduling and technicalities, the Executive report will be available in the June issue of the Phoghorn Newsletter.**

Some pictures of members from the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Members purchasing tickets for the meal after the meeting from the master ticket seller, **Ron Pearce**.



Two rather jolly members **Thorborn Bordevik** and **Ralph Murray** ready for the meeting.



**Gordon Mouland** leading an unusual sing a long—his 93 Birthday! Congratulation **Gordon**.



Our piano player was unable to make it this month but **Gordon Mouland** got everyone singing a few songs.



President *Ed O'Keefe* presented *Bill Hunter* with 20-year pin as a PROBUS member.



**Robyn Humphries**, taking a break with a good coffee prior to the start of the meeting. Looks relaxed.



**Gordon Moulnd**, on the left, **Bill Covert** on the right, during the mid-meeting break.

### *Quote able Quotes*

*"To most people, nothing is more troublesome that the effort of thinking"*

*--James Bryce--*

*"When one is a stranger to oneself, then one is a stranger to others also.*

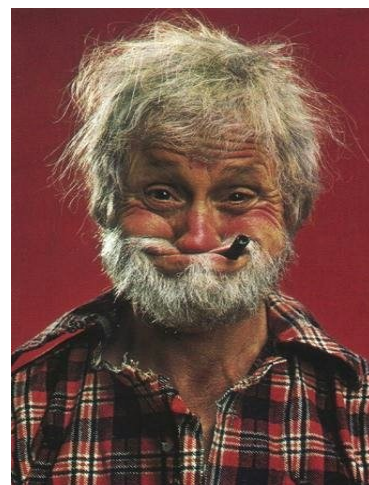
*--Anne Morrow Lindbergh--*



Our guest speaker, *Bill Mackin*, was bringing the **PROBUS Club** members up to-date on the new **Field House** nearing completion in **East Saint John**. It will be affiliated with the **YMCA**. It is due to open sometime in the next three months. (July-August)

**So...you think you had a rough day, look at this!**

*How would they untangle the fallen containers?*




**Interesting bits of information**

**Famous Tower:** The Eiffel Tower is one of the famous towers in the world. Engineer Gustave Eiffel's company designed and built it over two years, completing it in time to stand as the entrance to the 1889 Exhibition Universelle. The tower now reaches 1,063 feet (324 meters) into the sky and is the tallest structure in Paris, France. It held its place as the world's tallest manmade structure for 41 years, until the Chrysler building in New York City claimed that title in 1930. The wrought iron tower is the most visited monument in the world.

**Geyser Field:** *Yellowstone National park, USA*, contains the field with the most geysers in the world, with one being **Old Faithful**. The largest geyser field in the Southern Hemisphere is **El Tatio** in the *ANDES Mountains* of northern *Chile*. Its name is believed to mean "oven or old man that cries." The geothermal field covers an area of 30 square kilometers (12 sq. mi.) and the field contains more than 80 geysers, along with steam vents, steaming soil, boiling water fountains, and mud pots. It is an otherworldly site.

*One of our Probus members found some interesting papers, a pay stub, and thought he would share this with us. The year is 1959 and it is his first pay stub. Now a Pound Sterling in 1959 was worth approximately \$5.00 Canadian. His only response was "where did the years go?"*



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