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# PROBUS

## *The “PHOGHORN Newsletter”*

**Saint John, NB CANADA**

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All PROBUS meetings are cancelled until  
further notice due to the COVID-19 VIRUS



# "THE PHOGHORN"



*A Professional and Business Retirees Club.*

## **PROBUS Monthly Newsletter**

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Meetings are at the Boys & Girls Club located on **Paul Harris Street Every third Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am.** Website <http://www.sjprobus.ca> --- **PROBUS CANADA** website [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

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### **2019—2020 Executive members**

**Don LeBlanc** ----- President  
**Ed O'Keefe** ----- Past president  
**John Andrews** -1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (to be confirmed by vote)  
**Peter Morris** -2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (to be confirmed by vote)  
**Robert Taylor** -----Treasurer  
**Chip Lawton** -----Secretary



**President Don LeBlanc in the chair**

### **Presidents' Report.**

Fellow Probus members; I hope that you are well! Our Club has been meeting as Executive and Committee Chairs to deal with changes that will be required going into our new Probus Year in September. We will assume that our Provincial orders will continue as now in place- so subject to that condition; we intend to begin holding physical gatherings. FURTHER- we have been advised that the B & G Club will be unavailable to us for the foreseeable future. We have created a management group for reviewing possible sites and for handling Protocols- which have been led by John Doyle, Thomas Craig, and Ron Pearce. We will begin gradually Sept 15th for a "dry run" -with Executive and Committee Chairs (no speaker)-located at the Canada Best Value Inn on Main St SJ. All may attend- but kindly be aware that if you feel that you have additional health vulnerability or any type of a "cold"- **Please DO NOT Attend.** We will plan to maintain social Distancing and to maintain Provincial Protocols. ( i.e.: max attendance is 50) It is felt however that notwithstanding all of the above - Probus's "social -seniors value proposition " is substantial and is worthwhile maintaining even under limiting conditions and weighed against the prospect of our Club's potential demise -if we should stay closed indefinitely . Gentlemen - the situation is a bit fluid; so, updates will be forthcoming. There will be a fixed Menu offered at lunch (several selections)- and at a very reasonable price (\$14 gratuity included. Lunch as always will be optional.) - Very warm regards; Don LeBlanc Club President

*Note: All of this planning is good only if the Recovery Phase 50 or more for indoors assembly is ok'ed.*

*News of our PROBUS member Bill Covert's journey to visit his daughter in Australia.*

Hello everyone. I sent an email to Bill Covert to inquire on his status in Australia. It turns out he went to Australia to visit his daughter. Then the Virus came. Everything shut down and he became stranded. Although not dealing with much pain because of this extended vacation, he replied last night, and I will share that with you. It is their winter season in Australia now.

*William. We had an executive meeting this morning and we were wondering if you were still stuck in Australia? If so, it was decided not to interfere with the process and leave you there. Some people have all the luck.*

*Seriously, hope you are well and making the best of it.*

**Take care, TOM CRAIG, PROBUS PHOGHORN NEWSLETTER**

**Bill's reply.**

**From:** Bill Covert <[billcovert40@gmail.com](mailto:billcovert40@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** June 4, 2020 2:38 AM

**To:** [tec1942@rogers.com](mailto:tec1942@rogers.com)

**Subject:** Re: PROBUS

*Hi guys!*

*Today is another lovely, gets somewhat cool through the night, but during the day mid 70's with not too much cloud is the norm. Winter started the 1st of Sept. I am on the east side of the country, about 1 1/4 hrs north of Brisbane. I came for six weeks near the end of February, it is now eleven weeks and the end is not, yet, in sight.*

*Hopefully, early July will bring the visit to an end. That is about it for now, hope to see you before the end of summer.*  
*Regards,*

*"Bill from down under"*

***PROBUS Club of Saint John  
Executive Meeting  
June 3, 2020***

The Meeting was held at the Kennebecasis Funeral Home, Quispamsis, at 10:00 am.

In attendance were **Chip Lawton, Don LeBlanc, Willard Buckley, Tom Craig, Robert Taylor, John Doyle, David Flewelling, Peter Morris, Ron Pearce, Dale Stevens, and Ed O'Keefe.**

The meeting was chaired by **President, Don LeBlanc.** A financial report was verbally presented by Treasurer, **Robert Taylor**, who indicated we have between 47 and 48 current members. Our bank balance is approximately \$1,740.00. **Robert** proposed giving **The Boys and Girls Club \$200.00** for the two meetings held in January and February. It was decided to hold off until our next Executive meeting to be held September 16, 2020.

A motion by **Willard Buckley**, seconded by **John Doyle** was approved to reimburse **Tom Craig** for paper and stamps for several Phoghorn mail outs. Also, a cheque in the amount of \$230.00 was given to **Tom** for printer ink.

Don mentioned several members had purchased tickets to the **Lady's PROBUS Luncheon** which has been postponed. A future date is unknown. If members wanted reimbursement, Don would request the funds back from the lady's group.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

**Randy Giffen**, who is 93, was interviewed on CBC as he recently joined Facebook. **Brian Mitchell** had a hip replacement and is much better. **Bill Bambury** is in the hospital. **Richard Burpee** recently had an operation. A parade of vehicles took place April 11, 2020 to honour **Don Connolly's wife, Ann**, who is ill with cancer. **Ann** was able to greet many family members and friends from the driveway and a video of the event was prepared.

**Don LeBlanc** mentioned that an acquaintance, **Terry Henry** expressed interest in **PROBUS**. If other members know Terry, please encourage him to join our group.

### **The main topics of the meeting were:**

1. Should we begin regular monthly meetings again?
  2. **The Boys and Girls Club** will not be available for up to one year. Where can we meet?
- After much discussion **Robert Taylor** made a motion, seconded by **Dave Flewelling** to aim to have our next full meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in October.

Rules will likely change in view of the Pandemic. Hopefully, we will be okay to have a group of under 50 with proper distancing by that time.

**John Doyle** explained a few possible venues. One such venue is now called "**CANADAS BEST VALUE INN**" on **Main Street** and also know as "**Vegas**", aka formerly "**Fort Howe Hotel**", made an attractive offer of a free meeting room provided 15 or more agree to stay for lunch. John provided a menu with six (6) lunch options. The cost would be \$14.00 including tip and tax. It was agreed this would be a good option. Several members are to check out the venue, Monday June 8, 2020 at 11:00 am. **Peter Morris** made a motion seconded by **Ron Pearce** that we use the **Vegas Hotel** facilities provided it is acceptable to the members who will be checking next Monday.

We will have to remove our flags and other materials from **The Boys and Girls Club**.

Past President **Ed O'Keefe** suggested we set up a phone committee to contact members to keep them up to date. Ed forgot we already have a phone committee made up of 5 members. **Tom Craig** indicated the **Phoghorn Newsletter** will be sent, hopefully next week and that should be a reminder for now. No action was taken on the phone committee.

Membership dues should be paid at the next full meeting planned for October.

"Long service" membership pins will have to be ordered for the October Meeting. Chip will look after that.

Voting will be held for Executive positions at the next meeting in October.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

**PROBUS Club of Saint John**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**2019 – 2020 SEASON**

Opening Balance May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019		\$1247.98
Plus, Income: Dues for 56 members		<u>\$1800.00</u>
Equals Funds Available		\$3047.98
Less Expenses:		
Atlantic Regional Workshop, Halifax	\$ 191.00	
PROBUS Canada: Dues for 50 members	125.00	
Pins	41.00	
Supplies: name tags, mugs	99.58	
Phoghorn: printing + ink	299.50	
Boys and Girls Club	400.00	
Gift Cards	<u>75.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$1234.08</u>
Equals Closing Balance December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019		<b>\$1816.90</b>
(includes \$1000 bequest from former member Ross Coates)		

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Respectfully submitted

**Robert Taylor, Treasurer**

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



**An interesting video on Biggest Fast Foods of the World. (stores) 1971—2019**

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**from Right to Left**

**And open HYPERLINK. That's it.**

**<https://public.flourish.studio/visualisation/1160235/>**





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*June 5, 2020*

*Greetings, Presidents of Clubs in PROBUS CANADA,*

*Recently one of our Directors received a note from his Club advising that they were thinking of starting back their Bicycle Group in Ontario. This was due to many restrictions being eased in stages across Canada. The question raised was whether our insurance policy would cover a claim from a member who became ill from COVID-19 transmitted from another member of the group.*

*This scenario would probably apply to any of our groups starting up again that were unable to maintain social distancing.*

*We posed the question to our PROBUS CANADA insurance provider and received the following reply:*

*“ The complex part of this is that PROBUS Clubs are so spread out across Canada and different provinces are at different stages of reopening. The underwriter will not specifically answer questions regarding individual activities but did mention that there are no specific exclusions relating to Pandemic. So, depending on allegations made against a Club, coverage will respond as it normally would if there are negligence allegations against an insured for which claimant is seeking compensatory damages.*

*With this being said, I think we should be telling Clubs to follow the direction and rules in place from your respective provinces. Using the example above, I would not suggest the bicycle group get together. Ontario still has our declaration of emergency rules in place until the end of the month at least. This includes no gathering of I believe 6 or more people. If the Club were to go against this and the rules of the province, I could see the insurance company denying a claim if something were to arise as they did not take all the necessary steps.*

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*Overall, I hesitate having a Club sanction any events unless the rules in their province have been relaxed. If members of a Club get together of their own volition that is one thing but having a Club set up a meeting or activity might still be an issue.*

*This might be seen as a cautious approach but I still think it is best to follow the rules and guidelines set out by the respective provinces."*

*In view of this response I ask you to ensure your Management Committee and the Chair of any of your Club Activity Groups be made aware of this writing. Further to be pro-active in your Club and to deter questions from many of your members, it might be a good idea to publish these recommendations in your Club newsletter.*

*In view of the serious nature of this writing, please ensure you confirm to your District Director that you have received same.*

*Please be careful with your health and stay safe.*

*Yours in PROBUS,*

Jamie Doolittle  
President PROBUS CANADA



## **CATHOLIC CHAUFFEUR**

After getting all of Pope Francis's luggage loaded into the limo at the airport the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Holiness," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like to drive today."

"I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I would lose my job! What if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"Who's going to tell?" asks the Pope with a smile. Reluctantly, the driver gets into the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel.

The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 130 mph. "Please slow down, Your Holiness," pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license -- and my job!" moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches; but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

"I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he is stopped a limo going 130 mph.

"So bust him," says the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that. He's really important," said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, "Who do you have there, the mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "A senator?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "The President?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's GOD!"

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "*His chauffeur is the Pope!*"

## **Remember the wise cracking Phyllis Diller? One of a kind.**

*Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight. -Phyllis Diller*

*Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance? -Phyllis Diller*

*Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing. -Phyllis Diller*

*The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public. -Phyllis Diller*

*Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out. -Phyllis Diller*

*A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once. -Phyllis Diller*

*I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them. -Phyllis Diller*

*Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going. -Phyllis Diller*

*Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed. -Phyllis Diller*

*We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up. -Phyllis Diller*

*Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room. -Phyllis Diller*

*What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day. -Phyllis Diller*

*The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron. -Phyllis Diller*

*His finest hour lasted a minute and a half. -Phyllis Diller*

*Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves. -Phyllis Diller*

*My photographs don't do me justice -they just look like me. -Phyllis Diller*

*I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive. My boyfriend lives forty miles away. -Phyllis Diller*



With all the **Hair Salons** and **Barber Shops** closed, most people needed a hair cut when shops reopened in late May. This lady adapted to extreme methods of performing a hair make over plus keeping the mandatory 6-foot social distancing Works for me!



**Brush scrubbing the of hair takes place!**



**Of course(lawn) rakeing is required!**



**Getting ready for the final (bucket) rinse of water.**



**Magna hair dryer in use! (3,500 rpm)**



**Customer is finished but a little wet on the backside, but the hair looks great**

The intent is to keep the lines of communications open amongst **PROBUS MEMBERS**. If you have any information about other PROBUS members, such as birthdays, hospital stays, etc. and would like to share that with other members, by all means drop me an email and I will be only too happy to put that news in the next edition of *The Phoghorn Newsletter*.



*Tom Craig*  
The Phoghorn Newsletter.  
June 10, 2020