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



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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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Meetings are at the *Canada Best Value Inn on Main St, next to the Lord Beaverbrook Arena, every third Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am.* Website <http://www.sjprobus.ca> --- *PROBUS CANADA* website www.probus.org

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2019—2020 Executive members

Don LeBlanc ----- President
Ed O’Keefe ----- Past president
John Andrews -1st Vice President (to be confirmed by vote)
Peter Morris -2nd 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.* This hotel was known as the **Fort Howe Hotel.**

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 the above - Probus’s “social -seniors value proposition “is substantial and is worthwhile maintaining even under limiting conditions.

There will be a fixed Menu offered at lunch (several selections-6)- and at a very reasonable price (\$14 gratuity included.

Tea and coffee will be offered but at an extra cost. Cost is to the PROBUS Club so please put some coins in the container provided. It is planned that the coffee will be outside the meeting room. We will have more on that later.

Lunch as always will be optional. A list of the lunch menu will be forthcoming in the September PHOGHORN Newsletter.

Very warm regards; *Don LeBlanc* Club President

As reported in the **JULY** issue of *The Phoghorn Newsletter*, our **PROBUS Flag** was damaged by the elements of winter on the flagpole at the Boys & Girls Club. It was removed and one end of the flag had pieces missing. A local tailor shop in Quispamsis looked at it and said it could be repaired. Shown here is the repaired flag. The right-hand side had about 8 inches of the blue fields removed, and the boarder was resewn. Looks good as new, almost.



News of our PROBUS members:

- *David Flewelling* is resting home after a small procedure in the hospital. See you soon David.
- A former PROBUS member, *Raymond Allan*, has passed-away on July 21/20.

**I found this incredibly old picture and decided to share with you members of PROBUS.
Anybody remember this?**



This will make you think!



This is an unusual story behind this picture. Unfortunately, I/we will never know the whole story.

The trailer contains 4-1955, 2 door hardtops Chevrolets that seem to be abandoned on the trailer left to rust for some reason along with the hauler. The hauler appears to be about 1949 Chevrolet truck.

Somewhere along the line, it was discovered and saw the value in this lot. All cars were reconditioned, along with the hauler, to their original condition. Depending on engines, these cars today sell for, in this condition, about \$100,000.⁰⁰ ea. A 1955, 2 door hardtop Chevy are extremely hard to find and are sought after as a strong image of the 1950's period. This kind of work would take about 1 year to complete depending on the manpower.





Andy Rooney, a man with a gift of saying so much but so few words.

I've learned.....

That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned....

That having a child falling asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned....

That you never so no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.....

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I have learned....

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

Andy Rooney used to be the host on 60 minutes tv program.

A good golf story.

An Old Golfer was hitting his ball from near a water hazard and his club fell into the water.

When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?"

The golfer replied that his club had fallen into the water and he needed the club to have a chance to win the tournament and supplement his meager pension.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked. The golfer replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver club. "Is this your club?" the Lord asked. Again, the golfer replied, "No."

The Lord went down again and came up with an old iron club. "Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "Yes, that's it!"

The Lord was pleased with the golfer's honesty and gave him all three clubs to keep, and the golfer won his tournament and went home happy.

Sometime later, the golfer was walking with his wife along the water hazard, and she fell into the lake.

When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?"

"Oh, Lord, my woman has fallen into the water!"

The Lord went into the water and reappeared with Kate Upton. "Is this your woman?" the Lord asked.

"Yes," cried the golfer. The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The golfer replied, "Oh, forgive me Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'No' to Kate Upton, you would have come up with Jennifer Anniston. Then if I said 'No' to her, you would have come up with my woman.

Had I then said 'Yes,' you would have given me all three. And Lord, I am an old man not able to take care of all three women in a way that they deserve... so that is why I said 'Yes' to Kate Upton.

And God was pleased. The moral of this story is:

If a golfer ever tells a lie, it is for a good and honorable reason and only out of consideration for others



Humorous happenings:

I was over to the West side of Saint John last week and this caught my attention. The seagull was greeting all persons leaving this popular restaurant. The food must have been good?



Sign of the times? (COVID-19)

Day 7 of SOCIAL Distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

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How LONG is this social distancing thing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house.

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It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few months. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the last 20 years.

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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 to happy to put that news in the next edition of ***The Phoghorn Newsletter***.

In the SEPTEMBER Phoghorn Newsletter, it is hoped to have all the protocols outlined prior to the planned September meeting on the 15th, 2020. We will have that outline for you.



Tom Craig
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