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2019—2020 Executive members

Don LeBlanc --- President

Ed O'Keefe ----- Past president

To be announced --1st Vice President:

“““ -- 2nd Vice President:

Robert Taylor- ----- Treasurer

Chip Lawton----- Secretary



President *Don LeBlanc* in the chair

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hopefully everyone is having a very pleasant summer! Our Club met briefly over the summer as an executive to discuss some of our itinerary for fall and upcoming events. We would like to see an outing event in addition to our regular meeting program. One suggestion was a Moosehead tour - another suggestion was a visit to Fundy trail. This matter will come up for a consensus vote at our Sept 18th meeting.

We will also be “fine tuning “our by-laws; and reviewing our constitution. We look forward to Re activating our call committee and generating a continued growth of our membership! The fall will bring a Regional PROBUS meeting in Halifax on Oct 6th to 7th.

Great news on the @grape vine” - ***Wes Cosman named UCT member of the year*** Internationally! Sad news was the passing of past President of a PROBUS Bob (James Robert) Spencer -also PP of Rothesay Rotary Club.

Very best regards to all!

Letter from, R. J. (Reg) Whynott, Managing Director, PROBUS CANADA

Hello Tom just to advise that I have read your Club Bylaws as presented to your Members and from this perspective I see nothing which conflicts with our Constitution and I compliment you and the Committee on an excellent presentation.

Best regards, Reg R. J. (Reg) Whynott, Managing Director, PROBUS CANADA

It should be noted the **Willard Buckley** deserves all the credit for this update on the Saint John PROBUS by-laws and constitution. I, the editor of the **PHOGHORN**, only published the results as submitted. Well done Willard!

As mentioned by our president, *Don Leblanc*, the BROBUS club's By-Laws and Constitution will be discussed at this meeting for any revisions or comments. In October, keeping with the order of business, both will be voted on for acceptance.

This is a reprint of our last meeting minutes for the month of May. As you recall there is no meeting in the month of June. Minutes need to be approved.

Minutes Probus Meeting May 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am. Vice President Don LeBlanc in the chair.

Singing of O Canada and sing-along led by Murray Driscoll on the piano and Gordon Mouland.

Memoriam for departed members: No departed members. Richard Burpee brought to our attention that Bob Capson is in poor health and has lost weight and that we should keep him in our prayers.

Minutes of last meeting: Don LeBlanc indicated that the minutes of the April meeting were published in the Phoghorn e-mail. Richard Burpee moved minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Gordon Dempsey. It was noted that the executive meeting was held April 25, 2019. Minutes of that meeting will be published in the next Phoghorn e-mail.

Business Arising: It was decided we should try to arrange for an outing in the fall. It was felt the outing could be held at a different time than our regular meetings. It might be interesting to have a tour at Moosehead Breweries. They now have a brew pub.

Membership/Guests: John Doyle re-introduced Peter Morris who was presented with a membership pin. Peter was originally from Saint John, had been away for 45 years and recently retired from the oil company, Sunoco. Peter lives in Millidgeville. Peter gave a short talk thanking the club and is looking forward to making connections in the community.

History of Saint John: Bill Covert was not in attendance; Don LeBlanc spoke about Benedict Arnold a subject he is very familiar with. Benedict Arnold lived in Saint John from 1785-1791 and was a very successful businessman. Don explained that Arnold was not a traitor as has been outlined in our school textbooks.

Lunch Count: 22 planned to stay for the optional lunch of roast beef. It was noted that our lunches are prepared by Stone Soup Catering, which is a social enterprise that trains and hires participants to provide them with meaningful work and to deliver healthy meals. Two of the Stone Soup staff were thanked by Probus for their service.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Taylor did not have a formal written report, but the Club started the year with \$1257.00 and ended the year also with \$1257.00. He indicates we appear to be self-sustaining with the annual dues of \$30.00. We have approximately 60 members. It was moved to accept the report as presented and seconded by Sid Lodhi. It was

indicated that our donation of \$500.00 was to be made to The Boys and Girls Club covering the period January to May 2019. Amy Shanks from The Boys and Girls Club was presented with a cheque of \$500.00. Amy thanked the Club for the donation.

Fall Program: John Doyle has lined up Derrick Stanford, CEO of The Saint John Airport for September. In October we will have a half hour yoga presentation.

President's Report: Don spoke about how much he enjoys the Club, he talked about our motto which is "We do nothing and have fun doing it." He spoke of his career first with Central Trust then 30 years as a Realtor in Saint John. Don thanked those who contribute as Committee Chairmen and Officers. Don feels Probus is a worthwhile organization for retirees to socialize on a regular basis.

Coffee, 50/50: Gordon Mouland won the 50/50 draw. The total pot was \$107.00. A donation of \$53.50 will be made to The Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Peter Jolly introduced Wanda Hughes, spokesperson for The Stonehammer UNESCO Geo Park in Southern New Brunswick. The Geo Park started nine years ago and covers an area of 2500 square kilometers. We have very interesting rock formations, some of which are understood to be one billion years old. Evidence of formations from South America and Africa can be found at Reversing Falls Rapids. People come from various parts of the world to study our geology. Don LeBlanc thanked Wanda and presented her with a Probus mug. Wanda agreed to stay for lunch and answer further questions.

The meeting was adjourned for the optional roast beef lunch. Tom Craig brought a cake for us to enjoy for our final meeting before the summer break. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019.

Chip Lawson
Recording Secretary.

DNA test

After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kinda strange so she decides to do a DNA test. She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

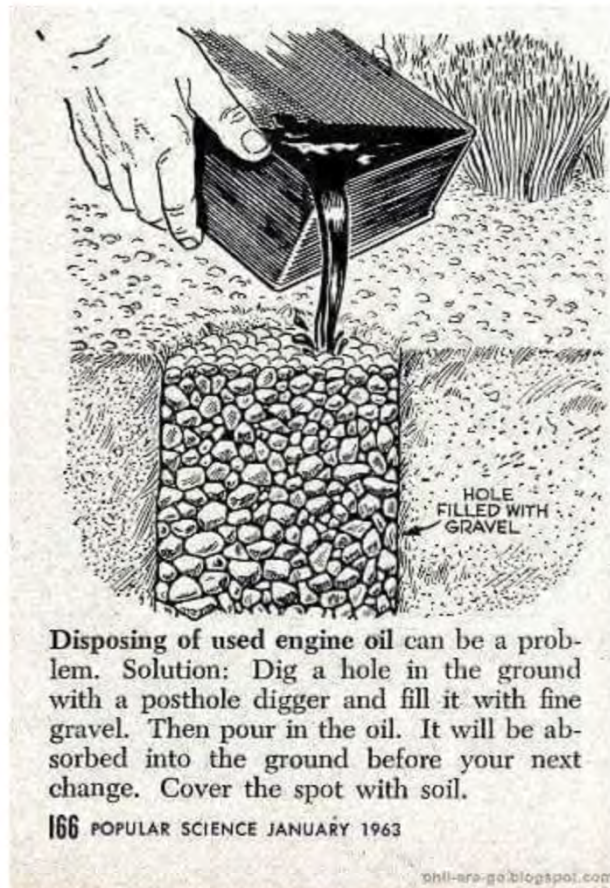
Wife: Honey, I have something very serious to tell you

Husband: What's up?

Wife: According to DNA test results, this is not our kid

Husband: Well you don't remember, do you?? When we were leaving the hospital, we noticed that our baby had pooped. Then you said: - Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here. So I went inside, got a clean one and left the dirty one there

Under this heading, "I can't believe they actually promoted this"!



USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS

A black and white illustration of a vintage car with its driver-side door open. A woman in a long coat stands by the door, holding a vacuum hose. The hose is connected to a device attached to the car's exhaust pipe. The device has a nozzle that is being used to clean the interior of the car seat.

Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

Lighter side of life

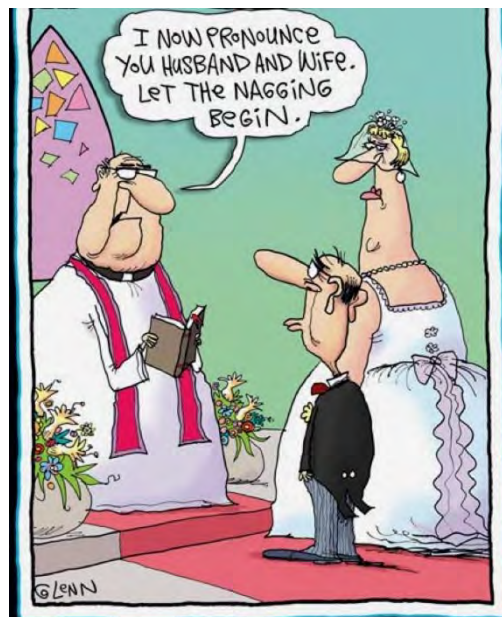
Lone Ranger camping

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were camping in the wilderness. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?" The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars." "What that tell you?" asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically-speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time-wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?" "You dumber than buffalo... It mean someone stole tent."

You come from
dust and you will
return to dust.
That's why I don't
dust. It could be
someone I know.



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There was a man who had worked all of his life and has saved all of his money.

He was a real cheapskate when it came to his money.

He loved money more than just about anything.

One day, the man fell ill.

He was told by the doctors that he didn't have long to live.

After finding out, the first thing he told his wife was,

"Now listen, when I die I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me.

Because I want to take all my money to the afterlife."

"I promise", said his wife, who would now face a very poor life as a widow.

A short time later, the husband passed away.

The widow replied, "He wanted to be buried with all his money, so I put it in there."

"Are you crazy?! You buried that cheapskate with all of his fortune?"

She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I would put that money in that casket with him."

"But he was rich, how did it all manage to fit inside that shoe box?"

"Well, that was a problem," said the wife.

"So I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a check."

Moral: Never Underestimate The Intelligence of a Woman.

The funeral took place at their local church.

He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her best friend.

When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said,

"Wait a minute!"

She had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket.

Then the undertakers locked the casket and rolled it away.

Her friend asked her, "What was that shoe box?"

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