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## PROBUS Monthly Newsletter

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Meetings are at the Boys & Girls Club located on *Paul Harris Street*  
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### 2019—2020 Executive members

*Don LeBlanc* --- President  
*Ed O'Keefe* ----- Past president  
To be announced --Vice President:  
*Robert Taylor*- ----- Treasurer  
*Chip Lawton*----- Secretary



President *Don LeBlanc* in the chair

### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The November meeting offered a very informative presentation by *Jim Quinn* about our Harbour (Parts of Long Wharf will be filled in & extensive upgrades to infrastructure on West Side) and there was excellent participation by members including past Executives from Saint John Harbourfront!

Our group continues to grow with the addition of **Mark Fisher** from the City of Kawartha Lakes Ontario.

We also held a great outing at **Moosehead Breweries** in November!

The motion to approve a donation to **B& G Club Of \$400** was approved. Our **PROBUS Flag** will fly outside **B& G Club** permanently! **Sherman Palmer** has offered a **Canadian Flag** for our podium area & **John Doyle** will assist, Re: a new pole.

I hope to intro a new member in December! My appreciation to all our members who volunteered this year to participate on our Committees & Board!

**Hope to see everyone at Christmas meeting in December (11th)**

If you're not able to be there; then my very best wishes to you all and your families for a joyous **Christmas/ Holiday and New Year season!**

***NOTE: The usual cost of the meals during the year is \$8.00 plus tip. It is customary at the Christmas dinner the cost is \$10.00 plus tip. Please be generous with your tips for the folks that make our meals each month. This is because of the extra preparation and cost associated for the meal.***

***MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING OF PROBUS***

November 20, 2019 --- Call to Order – 10:08 am

President **Don LeBlanc** chaired the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

**Gordon Moulard** led the singing of **O Canada** and three songs.

**Memoriam** – **Willard Buckley** reported that **Fenton Keirstead** had a fall and hopes to be back for our December meeting.

**Minutes of last meeting** – It was moved by **George McCaughey** and seconded by **David Flewelling**, to accept the minutes as presented in **The Phoghorn Newsletter**, which was emailed to the membership.

**Business arising** – President Don talked about the “**Moosehead**” tour last Wednesday. Thirteen attended and found it informative. **Howard Pearn** mentioned his son, **David** is brew master at the small batch operation and that over the weekend they were awarded first and third place in an Atlantic Provinces Competition. Well done.

**Presidents Don** mentioned that the club needs two volunteers to step up as **Vice President**. If Don were miss a meeting, we will need someone to chair the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – **Robert Taylor** reported that after today's meeting we have 42 members and \$2,300.00 in our bank account. Last year we had 50 members. **TOM CRAIG** indicated that three to four people had emailed him that they have been unable to get to meetings but will attend in the future.

**Mark Fisher** was inducted as a new member and presented with his club binder and pin by **President Don**. **Mark** gave us a brief history of his employment history, mainly in municipal management. He and his wife moved back to Saint John from Ontario four years ago.

It was mentioned that **Blake Broaderson** is thinking of coming to our next meeting as a guest.

**Snippets by David Goss** – **Bill Covert** read that in 1851 **The Marco Polo** was launched from Saint John and was to become the fastest sailing ship in the world.

*In 1937 The Saint John Newspaper reported that since the capitol of New Brunswick as in Fredericton the statue of Samuel de Champlain was to be moved to Fredericton on the Riverboat SS Majestic. Although the article indicated the story was an April Fool's joke, many people went to the wharf to see for themselves.*

**Lunch Count** – Eighteen indicated they would stay for lunch of Shepherd's Pie.

**Upcoming programs** – John Doyle reported:

**December** – The **Saint John String Quartet**, in addition to **Kristi LeBlanc** from **The Boys and Girls Club** will give a presentation.

**January** – **Lisa Golden** from **SER Initiative**.

**February** – scheduled speaker

**March** – **Jim Wilson** “**The Bird Man**” with an interesting presentation.

**April** – **Victoria Clarke** from **Discover Saint John** regarding tourism developments

**Don LeBlanc** reported he recently attended a **Ladies PROBUS** meeting and did a presentation on **Benedict Arnold**. Don said they have a very active group with 85 attending out of a membership of 140. We should promote our club and try to increase the membership,

The **Boys and Girls Club** has given us permission to fly our **PROBUS flag** from the flagpole.

**John Doyle** reported he has been trying to contact our **MP Wayne Long** to get a new flag. We will need a new flag stand.

**Howard Pearn** had worked from the Customs Building and thinks there are several unused Canada Flags in storage in the Customs Building. **Sheldon Palmer** indicated he had a flag we could use. **John Doyle** is to follow up.

It was noted that our **December meeting will be on the second Wednesday, December 11 due to the children’s Christmas party.**

**Allegedly Fabulous Funnies** – **Don LeBlanc** and **Mike England** contributed.

A motion by **Don LeBlanc** to pay \$400.00 to the **Boys and Girls Club** as an honorarium was seconded by **Willard Buckley** and passed by the membership.

**Club ticket draw** – **David Jory** won the draw of \$111.00.

**Special guest speaker Jim Quinn**, CEO of the Port of Saint John was introduced by **Peter Jolly**. Jim’s presentation was informative and interesting. A \$205 Million Dollar improvement program is underway. Much of the work is not visible to the public. The Port should be able to handle the largest container ships in the world when completed around 2022.

Jim was thanked by **John Doyle** for the presentation and was given a **PROBUS** mug. Jim stayed a few minutes to answer extra questions.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

**Chip Lawson.**

*Recording Secretary*

### ***Moments from our NOVEMBER Meeting***

**Don LeBlanc** and new member **Mark Fisher**

Members catching up during the coffee break



Congratulations from **John Doyle** with **Peter Jolly** looking on.

Members during coffee break; **George McCaughey**, on the left with **Dale Stevens**, in the back with **John Andrews** on the right. Not facing the camera is **William Covert**.



Our guest speaker for this month was **Jim Quinn** of the Saint John Port Authority.



Some of our members listening to the Guest speaker, Jim Quinn.



Our guest speaker for the month of November was *Jim Quinn* of the Saint John Port Authority. Very interesting talk about its future.





GEORGE McCAUGHEY looks to say “your going take my picture”?







Tiss the season to keep warm. These should do it, don't you think?  
I wonder who owns these beauties?

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## ***ON THE LIGHTER SIDE***



*N*EVER BE AFRAID TO  
TRY SOMETHING NEW.  
REMEMBER, AMATEURS  
BUILT THE ARK;  
PROFESSIONALS BUILT  
THE TITANIC.

So I was at Walmart earlier  
A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but  
she couldn't find one big enough.  
She asked the stock boy, "do these  
turkeys get any bigger?"  
He replied with a straight face, "No  
ma'am, they're dead."  
Made my week \_\_\_\_\_

**This little guy, I believe, is in my backyard**



# A German Shepherd, a Doberman, and a cat died.

In heaven, all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in.

The German Shepherd said, "I believe in discipline, training, and loyalty to my master."

"Good!" said God. "Sit at my right side."

"Doberman, what do you believe in?" asked God.

The doberman answered, "I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

"Aha," said God. You may sit to my left."

Then God looked at the cat and asked, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat replied, "I believe you



Six months later the Psychiatrist met me on the street.

"Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked.

"Well, Eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money!

A bartender cured me for \$10.

I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new SUV."

"Is that so!" With a bit of an attitude he said,

"And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

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"He told me to cut the legs off the bed – ain't nobody under there now!"



I am sending this only to my smart friends. See if you can figure out what these words have in common.

- 1 Banana
- 2 Dresser
- 3 Grammar
- 4 Potato
- 5 Revive
- 6 Uneven
- 7 Assess

Are you peeking, or have you already given up?  
Give it another try. Look at each word carefully.

(You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer.)  
This Is Cool.

Answer: No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters.

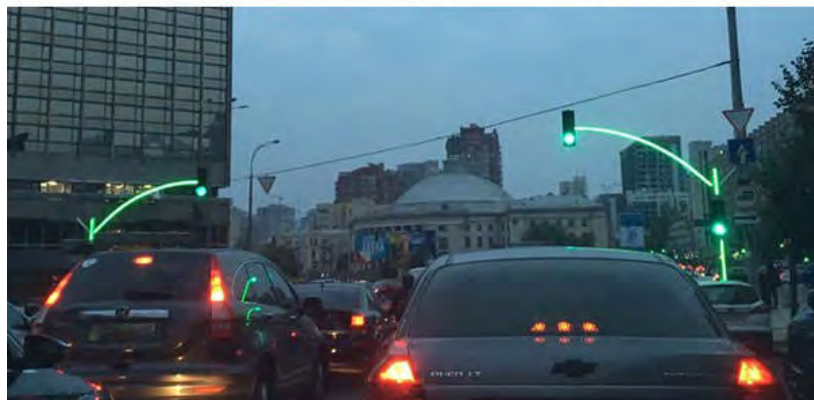
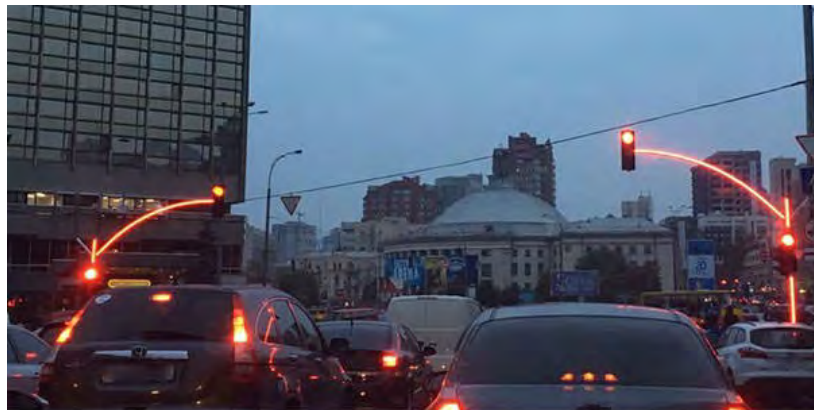
Answer:

*In all the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.*

Did you figure it out? No? Then send it to more people and stump them as well. Then, you'll feel better too.

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**This is so unusual in our country and brilliant, I just had to show these pictures to you.  
The poles, as well, indicate the color of the traffic lights!**



Merry Christmas to all!



Happy New Year!



It has been a rewarding experience working with you and may this New Year bring forth many such rewarding moments for us to share.

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Tom Craig  
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