

# PROBUS

## The *PHOGHORN*

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Our next meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. See you there!





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## **PROBUS Monthly Newsletter**

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Newsletter Chair -- *Tom Craig* ***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.* Website <http://www.sjprobus.ca>

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### 2019—2020 Executive members

*Don LeBlanc* --- President

*Ed O'Keefe* ----- Past president

To be announced --1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

*Robert Taylor*- ----- Treasurer

*Chip Lawton*----- Secretary



President *Don LeBlanc* in the chair

### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Great Christmas meeting this year with a happy audience enjoying the **Saint John String Quartet!** The music was top quality! **Santa** also arrived to bring greetings!

We were pleased to present a cheque to **Amy Shanks** of Boys & Girl's Club for \$400.00 on behalf of the **PROBUS Club**. Our new flags seem to add some décor to our meeting place. Thanks to those who donated the flags and stand.

It was great to have **Neville Russell** introduced by **Robert Taylor** as a new (prospect? member?).

We will be checking on PROBUS flag raising event scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at City Hall again and we'll report on this later.

**John Doyle** suggests a field trip to **New Field House** and will let us know of potential dates.

We look forward to seeing everyone for Jan.15th! Guest speaker for January 2020, will be **Lisa Coleman on Art**.

Remember—Stay active& Stay connected!

**PROBUS CLUB of SAINT JOHN**  
**MONTHLY MEETING – DECEMBER 2019**

**Call to order 10:09 December 11, 2019**

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

**Gordon Moulard** led the singing of O Canada and two Christmas Carols.

**Memoriams for departed members** – None noted.

**Minutes of last meeting** – A motion was made by John Doyle and seconded by Gordon Dempsey to accept the minutes as published in the Phoghorn which was emailed to members. No business arising.

**Treasurer's Report** – **Robert Taylor** did not present a formal report currently. Robert indicated that the Club has approximately \$1,700.00 in the Bank.

**Don LeBlanc** requested approval for the payment of expenses incurred for himself and **Bill Covert** for their trip to the Regional Meeting in Halifax last Fall. The expenses are approximately \$90.00 for gas and \$100.00 for registration. **Tom Craig** indicated that a written report of the expenses should be presented to the Treasurer for payment. A motion by **Robert Taylor** and seconded by **Mack Pike** was passed to pay their expenses with the understanding that a written request will be presented later

**Guests** – **John Crilley** was introduced by **John Doyle** as a new member.

**Robert Taylor** introduced **Neville Russell**, a retired Neurosurgeon who moved here from Newfoundland.

It was indicated that **Blake Brodersen** would attend as a guest at our January meeting.

**Long Service Pins** – were awarded to members as follows:

Ralph Murray – 25 years  
Torburn Bordevik – 20 years  
Carl Tompkins - 20 years  
Gordon Dempsey – 10 years  
David Flewelling – 5 years  
Fenton Keirstead – 5 years

Ed O'Keefe did not attend and will receive the Past President's pin at the next meeting.

**Lunch Count** – 30 indicated they would stay for the turkey lunch.

**Upcoming programs** – **John Doyle** has **Lisa Golden**, SER Initiative for January and **Kelly Evans**, Saint John Community Foundation for February, **Jim Wilson**, Birdman for March and **Victoria Clarke**, Discover Saint John in April.

**President's Report** – **Don LeBlanc** indicated a new Canada Flag and flag staff were obtained by **John Doyle**.  
Thank you John for that.

Our **PROBUS** flag will be flown outside **The Boys and Girls Club**. **John Doyle** will contact City Hall to get permission to fly our flag at **City Hall during PROBUS Week in March**.

**Gordon Dempsey** suggested we have a field trip to the new **Irving Field House at Exhibition Park**. It was decided we will discuss time at our January meeting.

**Allegedly Fabulous Funnies** – **Ralph Wood** and **Carl Tompkins** contributed.

**Snippets** – **Bill Covert** read from **David Goss'** book that KC. Irving had died December 13, 1992 and that December 10, 1995 the former Saint John General Hospital was imploded.

Break for coffee and conversation.

**Club Ticket Draw** – **Fenton Keirstead** was the winner of \$122.00.

**Introduction of guests** – Carl Tompkins introduced **The Saint John String Quartet** composed of **David and Sonja Adams, Danielle Sametz and Christopher Buckley**. We were entertained for a half hour with Christmas music. The quartet was thanked by **Don Mitchener** and each person in the Quartet was presented with a PROBUS mug.

A \$400.00 honorarium was presented to **Amy Shanks** of **The Boys and Girls Club**. Amy spoke briefly about their events at this time of year and thanked PROBUS for the donation.

The meeting was adjourned for the Christmas lunch with 35 members and guests.

Chip Lawton  
Recording Secretary

### **FORTUNE COOKIES WISDOM**

- *Improve yourself. Practice makes perfect.*
- *Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery.*
- *A sincere apology goes a long way.*

### **MOMENTS FROM THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING--IN PICTURES**

During the December meeting, members were awarded new pins from **PROBUS** for their years of membership. They ranged from 5 years to 25 **years**. Congratulations to all!



**Ralph Murray being pinned by David Flewelling**



**Carl Thompkins**



*David Flewelling & Thor Bordevik - both received 5 year pins*



*Gordon Dempsey*



*Fenton Keirstead*







From the left, **Don LeBlanc**, President of **SJ PROBUS**, **Ralph Murray-25 years**, **Carl Thompkins- 20 years**, **Thorborn Bordevik-5 years**, **Gordon Dempsey-10 years**, **David Flewelling presenter**, & **5 year**, **Fenton Kerstead-5 year pin**.  
*Congratulations to all of you.*



**Ralph Woods** doing the honors with a few funnies stories.  
followed by **Carl Thompkins**



Each year our **PROBUS** club makes a contribution to the **Saint John Boys and Girls club**. This remuneration is for **\$400.00**. **President Don** presents the cheque to **Amy Shanks**



This December meeting is just before the big day, the 25<sup>th</sup>. This guy showed up to enlighten our meeting. **Good Old Saint Nick!** It was appreciated that he dropped in for our **Christmas** meeting and stay awhile. Of course **David Flewelling** got his **Christmas list** in a little early when the opportunity presented itself!



The **Saint John String Quartet** provided the entertainment again this year and was very well received. On the left is **David Adams**, on **Violin**, **Sonja Adams** on **Violin**, **Danielle Sametz** on **Cello**, **Chris Buckley** on **Viola** and of course, **Santa Claus** in the centre.



Over 35 members and guests lined up for dinner.



*Willard Buckley, Fenton Keirstead and Ron Pierce* dig in.



*Ralph Murray* and our guest *Chris Buckley*, serving the *Christmas meal*, Turkey, with all of the fixings.

In November our president **Don LeBlanc**, was able to obtain permission to fly the **PROBUS Flag** at the Boys & Girls Club flag pole located in front of the building. Good idea Don.





2019 in review --- Highlights from previous  
issues of the PROBUS PHOGHORN Newsletter



**January**—Robert Taylor presentation to Amy Shanks    **February** -20 year pin Gordon Young    **March** —new member Sid Lodhi



**April**—(March 18<sup>th</sup>) Flag at city Hall    3 PROBUS members + D.M.Shirley    **May**-Sing a long-Gords 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday





**June**-coffee break-no meeting until Fall

**July**

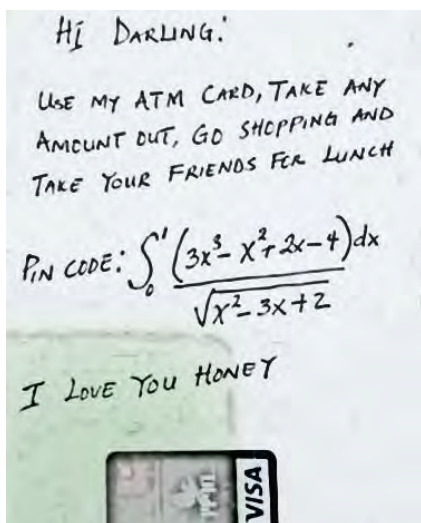
**August**



**September**-20 year pins

**October**-speaker -Laurie Flood & John Doyle

**NOVEMBER**



All time favourite, she is great ins't she.

**DECEMBER**—Saint John King Square at Christmas time

Tom Craig  
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