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Next meeting is on February the 19th at 10:00am.

The 50/50 draw was won by **Don Mitchener**. **Don** donated the winnings of the 50/50 to **Lisa Golden** to help defer some of the cost of supplies.

Financial Update report was provided by **Robert Taylor**. Copy attached to this month's newspaper "The PHOGHORN".

Special NOTICE; We have been invited to attend **The Annual Ladies Probus Jiggs Dinner** on March 17th. The speaker will be **Marlene Pearce**, who is **PROBUS National President** for this year! The cost PP is \$17.00, and ticket(s) **MUST be purchased on or before the end of OUR meeting on Feb 19th**. I will transfer \$ to their President on that day so that final arrangements for their meeting can be completed.

NOTE: It would be very helpful, if the people going to the dinner on March 17th, if they had the correct change of \$16.00 to pay for the ticket. Tickets must be prepaid. Willard Buckley will man that collection plate at the door. The monies must be collected at this time only.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming February meeting and remember- "**Stay active and Stay connected!**"

Best regards **Don**

Minutes from the Previous January's Meeting

Motion for Approval:

Call to order 10:00 January 15, 2020

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

Gordon Moulard accompanied by **Murray Driscoll** led the singing of **O Canada** and two pieces from our song book.

Memoriams of our **PROBUS** members; **Randy Giffin** had a pacemaker installed, doing great. **Ed O'Keefe's** wife has been ill. **John Watson** had a knee operation. **Neville Russell**, new member last month, fell and fractured his hip. **Don Connolly's** wife is ill. **Bill Bambury** is in hospital. **Richard Burpee** is in hospital.

Minutes of last meeting – A motion by **Willard Buckley** was seconded by **David Flewelling** to accept the minutes as presented in the latest issue of **The Phoghorn**. A correction was noted that our new **Canada flag** and **pole** were obtained from **MP Wayne Long**, by **John Doyle**.

Treasurer's Report – **Robert Taylor** indicated the Club has \$1,866.00 in the bank. **Robert's** written report indicated we have 45 renewals, three new members and one honorary member. His written report is attached. It was noted that several late renewals were received at the January Meeting. It was moved by **Gord Dempsey** and seconded by **Peter Morris** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Guests – Three guests were introduced by **Don LeBlanc**: **Blake Brodersen**, a retired businessman, **Frank McCary** the former CEO of Saint John Transit and **Carl White** who retired from a non-profit and was formerly **City Councilor and Incoming President of The Boys and Girls Club**.

Lunch Count – 26 indicated they would stay for the lunch of lasagna.

Upcoming Programs – **John Doyle** has the following guest speakers lined up:

February – **Kelly Evans, Saint John Community Association**

March - **Jim Wilson, Bird Man**

April - **Victoria Clarke, Discover Saint John**

May - *Bridgett Oland – Crosby's*

President's Report – President *Don LeBlanc* indicated at our Executive Meeting it was decided to get \$15.00 *Tim Horton's* gift cards to include with our **PROBUS** mugs as gifts for our speakers. Five gift cards have been obtained to finish the current year. We were happy to have **Murray Driscoll** back to play piano this month, he did a wonderful job even though he had injured a finger. *Murray* explained that scheduling of meetings interferes with this day each month. *Don Tompkins* plans to rejoin **PROBUS** and has offered to help with piano accompaniment.

Don thanked *Willard Buckley* for updating our Membership List.

Don discussed the possibility of having an outing for lunch to one of the newer Seniors Complexes. A show of hands indicated an interest. *John Doyle* is to explore.

New Business – *Tom Craig* discussed raising the **PROBUS Flag** at City Hall during **PROBUS Week** in March. It was decided not to go to City Hall as the flag is permanently displayed at the *Boys and Girls Club*.

Snippets – *Bill Covert* read from *David Goss's* book about the introduction of the right side of road driving in 1922. In 1960 *HMCS Bonaventure Aircraft Carrier* was at the Saint John Dry Dock for repairs. In 1959 a *Harbour Pilot* boat sank with the loss of seven lives.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – Jokes were submitted by *Gordon Dempsey, Carl Tompkins, Mack Pike and Mike England*.

Break for coffee and conversation.

Club draw – *Don Mitchner* won the pot of \$83.00.

Guest Speaker – *Robert Taylor* introduced *Lisa Golden* of the *Estey Art Initiative*. Lisa gave a very interesting presentation. The organization operates in many elementary schools throughout the Province offering two hours per week of art instruction to Grade 3, 4 and 5 students. Instruction takes place after school hours and has motivated many students to become creative, interactive and self-confident. They operate in all school districts in New Brunswick. *Don Mitchner* who won the Club draw, donated his winnings to the *Estey Art Initiative*. Several members wanted information on how they could contribute. *Lisa* was presented with a **PROBUS Mug and Tim's Gift Card** and thanked by *Mack Pike*.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

Chip Lawton

Recording Secretary

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR JANUARY 15th, MEETING



William Covert reading about interesting



Carl Thompson tries his hand



Not to be out done, *Gordon Dempsey*

events that occurred in Saint John many years ago.

on a few jokes.

also shares a few laughs.

***Our Guest Speaker for January, Lisa Golden,
ART INITIATIVE INC.***



Our guest speaker **Lisa Golden**, of **ART INITIATIVE INC**, explains what takes place in teaching “ART” to children. She is holding up an example of one such item with others in the background.



More examples of the art the children are so proud of. The program is a great success in all schools.

PROBUS member **Mack Pike** thanks **Lisa Golden** for her presentation with great sincerity and presented her a gift

on behalf of **PROBUS**.

SENIOR'S MEDICAL ADVICE

I don't understand why prescription medicine can advertise on TV or why anyone would think of trying one of the medicines after listening to the laundry list of warnings of possible side effects. But this is an exception!

Do you have feelings of inadequacy?

Do you suffer from shyness?

Do you wish you were a better conversationalist?

Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?

Do you sometimes feel stressed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist about *Cabernet Sauvignon*.

Cabernet Sauvignon is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

Cabernet Sauvignon may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it, but women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

Side Effects May Include:

Dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night Strip Poker, Truth Or Dare, and Naked Twister.

Warnings:

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to tell your friends repeatedly that you love them.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to think you can sing.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Scotch, Vodka or Bourbon and of course Beer may be substituted for Cabernet Sauvignon, with similar results.

Please feel free to share this important information.

Good Question!

Larry's class were on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.'
Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

Unusual items!

5. Structural support



Source: imgur.com

The architect left the builders with two options here: either tear the entire building down to move the support columns or cut the skyway and let students risk bumping their head on said support columns. Needless to say, the builders made the more cost-efficient choice.



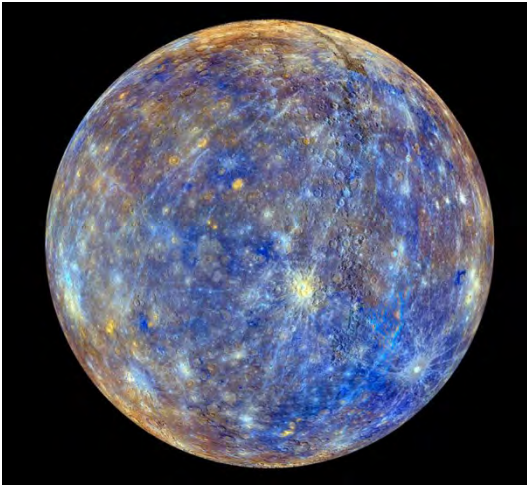
SAYINGS;

OVER A BARREL - In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled, they had made no provision for storing the liquid, so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)



Clear picture of the planet **MERCURY**



Rogers Cable connection? Actual cross section of an **under-sea cable**

SOME LOCAL HISTORY

STRANGE EVENT THAT HAPPENED IN 1918 OFF THE COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA

"Now that's A Lot Of toothpicks". A Strange "Ship" Did You Know Back in 1918 A raft of almost one million logs is anchored off North Sydney.The story began last year when Ivan Bayley of North Sydney responded to an advertisement from England.Logs were in desperate need in the coal mines as coal fueled the Royal Navy.Logs had been delivered to Britain across the North Sea from Scandinavia and Bayley reasoned that they could be delivered in the same way across the Atlantic. Bayley planned a huge raft of logs shaped like a cigar,with deck quarters,and a motor.There would also be a 6-inch gun on deck,presumably to repel potential German submarines. Bayley and others from North Sydney went to Bonnie Bay Newfoundland and cut 8.000 cords of hemlock,spruce,oak,pine,and juniper and laced them all together into a great raft with steel rope,iron rods and chains.Then they set sail.Near Cape Ray a storm struck and logs began to break away.The tug hauling them has brought the forward section of the raft to North Sydney Marine Railway.Within a week shipwrights will have it secured again.Once more the tug and her raft set sail for England.They are never heard or seen from again, And not one log was to be found



PROBUS Club of Saint John
FINANCIAL REPORT
May to December 2019

Opening Balance May 15 th , 2019		\$1247.98
Plus Income : Dues for 45 renewals + 3 new		<u>\$1500.00</u>
Equals Funds Available		\$2747.98
Less Expenses:		
Atlantic Regional Workshop, Halifax	\$ 191.00	
PROBUS Canada : Dues for 50 members	125.00	
Pins	41.00	
Supplies: name tags, mugs	65.08	
Phoghorn: printing	59.50	
Boys and Girls Club	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 881.58</u>
Equals Closing Balance December 31 st , 2019		<u>\$1866.40</u>

Membership = 45 renewals + ² new + 1 "in kind" + 1 honorary = ~~50~~ 51

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Treasurer

See you on the 19th of February, our next meeting date.

TOM CRAIG

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