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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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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> --- *PROBUS CANADA* website www.probus.org

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2019—2020 Executive members

Don LeBlanc --- President

Ed O'Keefe ----- Past president

Peter Morris -- 1st Vice President:
-2nd Vice President:

Robert Taylor- ----- Treasurer

Chip Lawton----- Secretary



President *Don LeBlanc* in the chair

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our last meeting in February, we presented **PROBUS** pins to new members that joined our group. They were **Frank McCarey, Blake Brodersen, John Crilley** and **Mark Fisher**. **Carl White** also joined and will be presented with the PROBUS binder at the March meeting. PROBUS member **John Cook** was in the hospital but is now recuperating. Heart problems.

John Morris has stepped forward to become the 1st VP. It should be noted the Management Committee needs to add a 2nd Vice President. Any volunteers?

As it was stated previously, our National President, **Marlene Pearce** will be the guest speaker at the **Ladies PROBUS** meeting on March 17th. Our club was extended an invitation to attend this luncheon. **A Jiggs** dinner of Corn Beef and Cabbage will be served. 9 members purchased tickets to attend that function. It is being held at the Royal Canadian Legion in West Saint John on Wilson Street, near the Golden Mile Highway.

It should be interesting to see as many 150 in attendance this function.

Minutes from the PROBUS meeting held on February 19th of 2020.

Call to Order – 10:10 am February 19, 2020

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

Gord Moulard led the singing of *O’Canada* and three pieces from our song book.

Updates of members – President **Don** noted former member *Don Noel* had died. *Bill Bambury* is in hospital waiting for access to a nursing home.

Minutes of last meeting – A motion by *Ralph Murray* was seconded by *David Flewelling* to accept the minutes as presented in The Phoghorn.

Treasurer’s Report – Our Treasurer, *Robert Taylor* was not in attendance. President Don indicated he understands we have between \$1,700.00 and \$1,800.00 in the Bank.

Membership – Guests-- members - *Michael Gunter*, who taught at **KV High School** was introduced by *Peter Jolly*.

New members welcomed to the Club were, *Frank McCary, Blake Brodersen, Mark Fisher, John Crilley*. They were presented with Club Binders, Pins and Certificates of Membership.

Past President Ed O’Keefe was presented with his Past Presidents Pin. *Don LeBlanc* received the President’s Pin

Lunch count – 17 indicated they would stay for the lunch of Chili.

Upcoming programs – *John Doyle* has arranged for the following guest speakers:

- March – *Rick Waters and Barry Snodgrass* Special Music and *Jim Wilson*, Naturalist, “the bird man”.
- April - *Victoria Clarke*, Discover Saint John
- May - *Bridgett Oland*, from Crosby’s
- Sept. - *Julie Wills* along with a banker to discuss financial issues.
- Oct. - *David Goss* regarding his new book.

Note:

April 8, 2020 we will have an outing separate from our monthly meeting to the new **Field House** 10:30 to 11:30. Spouses are welcome and those interested will go to **Swiss Chalet for lunch**. A count will be taken at our March Meeting.

New Business - It was noted that the club was very impressed with our January Guest Speaker, *Lisa Golden* with **The Estey Art Initiative** as noted by *Don Mitchner* in a note to that effect.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – contributions were made by *Mike England and Don LeBlanc*.

Break for coffee and conversation.

Club Ticket Draw – our guest speaker, *Kelly Evans* drew the ticket of *Willard Buckley* with a value of \$89.00

Snippets – *Mike England* read from David Goss’s Book, “*Saint John Snippets*”.

It was noted that our PROBUS National *President, Marlene Pearce*, will be visiting the Ladies PROBUS Club at a luncheon to be held at the Lancaster Legion March 17, 2020 at 1:00 pm. *A Jiggs dinner* of corned beef and cabbage will be served. Willard Buckley was collecting \$16.00, the cost of ticket, from those planning to attend from our Club. Some 9 members will attend.

Mark Fisher inquired why his wife paid \$10.00 for her ticket. Not sure why PROBUS Men’s we are being charged \$16.00. Nobody had an answer.

Guest Speaker – *Willard Buckley* introduced *Kelly Evans* from *The Saint John Community Foundation*.

The Foundation was founded 44 years ago. The Foundation is an endowment fund consisting of \$20,000,000. Only the income earned is used. The principal is not touched. Funds are used to support charitable organizations such as *The Boys and Girls Club*. A few bursaries and other funds have been created within the Foundation.

Kelly was thanked by *Gordon Dempsey* and presented with a PROBUS mug and Tim Hortons gift card.

Peter Morris mentioned *John Doyle's birthday* will be on Saturday, February 22. Happy birthday Big John. (45?)

The Meeting adjourned for the Chili lunch.

Chip Lawton.

Recording secretary.

Some Highlights from our February Meeting



Certificates of new memberships to the **PROBUS Club** were presented to **Blake Brodersen and Frank McCarey**



Mark Fisher, new member and Pres. **Don LeBlanc**



President **Don LeBlanc** presents a past president Pin to **Ed O'Keefe**.



New member **John Crilley** with President **Don LeBlanc**



Dr. Michael England delivers a humorous story.



Coffee time and groups form for conversation.



Our guest speaker this month was *Kelly Evans*. She is the *Executive Director of Community Foundation*



Speaker *Kelly Evans*



PROBUS member *Gordon Dempsey* presents a token gift on behalf of the *PROBUS Club*



HUMOR

AVOCADOS

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time. My work is done here.

WATER IN THE CARBURETOR

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool".

OVERHEARD ON THE JOB

Boss to line worker: I need you to do such and such.

Line worker: You didn't say the "P" word.

Boss: Paycheck.

THE PHONE

A young man wanted to get his beautiful blonde wife something nice for their first wedding anniversary. So, he decided to buy her a cell phone. He showed her the phone and explained to her all its features.

Meg was excited to receive the gift and simply adored her new phone.

The next day Meg went shopping. Her phone rang and, to her astonishment, it was her husband on the other end.

"Hi Meg," he said, "how do you like your new phone?"

Meg replied, "I just love it! It's so small and your voice is clear as a bell, but there's one thing I don't understand though."

"What's that, sweetie?" asked her husband.

"How did you know I was at Wal-Mart?"

A manager in a large company noticed a new man one day and told him to come into his office.

"What's your name?" was the first thing the manager asked the new guy. "John" the new guy replied. I don't know what kind of place you worked at before, but I don't call everybody by their first name! It breeds to familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only---**Smith, Jones, Baker**---that's all. I am to be referred to as **Mr. Robertson**. Now that we got off straight, what is your last name?

The new guy sighed and said, "**Darling**" My name is "**John Darling**".

"Okay, **John**, the next thing I want to tell you is



Peggy's Cove Lighthouse Tom Craig