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**PROBUS**

*The*  
***“PHOGHORN Newsletter”***

Saint John, NB - CANADA

AUGUST—2021

*Monthly Edition*

*Meeting Location -- The Best Value Inn—Main Street,  
Saint John N.B.*

**NO MEETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST**

***Next meeting SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021***



# ***“The PHOGHORN”***

## **“NEWSLETTER”**

***A Professional and Business Retirees Club.***

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Meetings are at the **Canada Best Value Inn on Main St, next to the Lord Beaverbrook Arena**, every third Wednesday of the month,  
10:00 am. Website <http://www.sjprobus.ca> --- **PROBUS CANADA** website [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

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### **2021-----2022 Executive members**

***Don LeBlanc-----President***  
***Ed O’Keefe -----Past president***  
***Vacant -----1<sup>st</sup> Vice President***  
***Frank McCarey-----2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President***  
***Robert Taylor -----Treasurer***  
***Chip Lawton & Carl White -----Acting Secretary***



***President Don LeBlanc***

Usually there are no meetings held in August for PROBUS Saint John. There will be an executive meeting sometime soon to plan the new season starting in September.

So....to try and keep all PROBUS members in touch over the summer. I have decided to publish an issue of the Phoghorn Newsletter, for the month of August.

I though it would be a clever idea to recap the last year with any information that I have. Keep in mind, some of the months there was no meetings like *December, January, or February* of 2021. Most of the information I have is in pictures. So, this is the route I will take. Enjoy.

### **AT GROCERY STORE:**

**Me:** Why is there plastic wrap on the payment keypad?

Cashier: To protect people from Covid.

**Me:** but isn't everyone touching the plastic wrap keypad the same way they would the regular keypad?

Cashier: no words. Confused look.

**Me:** Why Don't you pack the grocery bags anymore?

Cashier: Because of COVID19 - to reduce the spread of catching or spreading the virus.

**Me:** But a shelf packer took it out of a box and put on the shelf, a few customers might have picked it up and put back deciding they do not want it. I put it in my cart, then on the conveyer belt, then YOU picked it up to scan it. But you putting it in a bag after you scan it is risky??

Cashier: no words, confused look

**Me:** AT DRIVE-THRU:

Server: (holds a tray out the window with a bag of food for logical customer to grab)

**Me:** Why is my bag of food on a tray?

Server: So, I do not touch your food because of Covid.

**Me:** Didn't the cook touch my food? Didn't the person wrapping my food touch it and then touch it again when placing it in my bag?

Didn't you touch the bag and put it on the tray? Didn't you touch the tray?

Server: no words. Confused look.

**Me:** Are those fans moving air above the table? Is that the air-conditioning I feel? Is there air circulating in here?

Hostess: No words. Confused look. **Me:** in SOCIETY:

Society: If you cough or sneeze, do it into your elbow or sleeve,

Also, society: Don't shake hands or hug anyone or you will spread the virus.

To greet people, do an elbow tap instead.

**Me:** Elbow tap? Isn't that where you tell people to sneeze or cough? Into their elbow? Now you want people to tap each other with that elbow, wouldn't it be safer to sneeze into elbow and shake hands like we did before Covid?

**Me:** AT RESTAURANT:

Hostess: ok, I can seat you at this table right here (4 feet away), but I will need you to wear a mask to the table.

**Me:** what happens when I get to the table?

Hostess: you can take off the mask.

**Me:** Then it is safe over there?

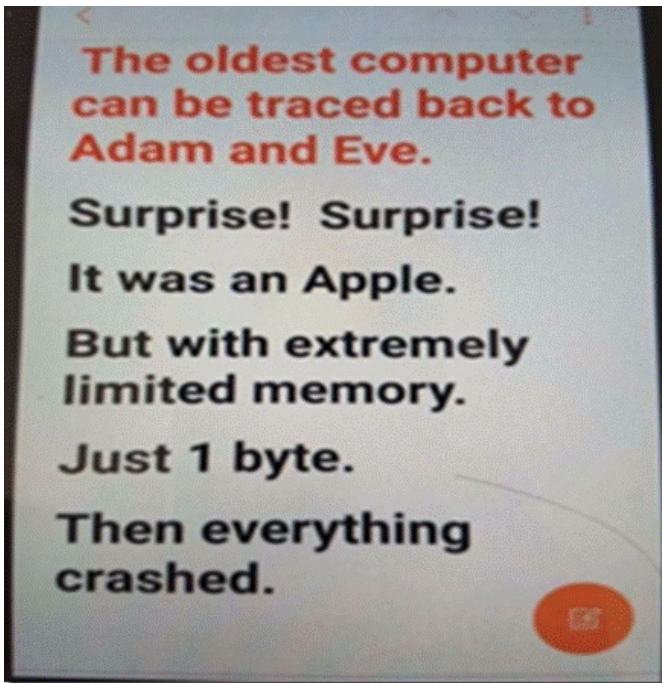
Hostess: yes.

**SOCIETY:** You are not allowed to stand and drink at the pub; you must sit down.

At the shopping centre you are not allowed to sit down, all the chairs are roped off.

Who thinks this up?

Life is hard for logical people right now. We are being raised without the ability to process and execute logic.



How true!



Sad feelings over the fire.



**PROBUS** month with flag at City Hall, Saint John.



**If you have ever worked for a boss who reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you will love this!**

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers, and he wanted to let them know that he was serious.

He asked the guy, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make \$400 a week ... Why?"

The CEO said, "Wait right here."

He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes, and handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and said, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling rather good about himself the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room a voice said, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

### The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

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"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON ... OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?



We managed to hold a meeting for Irish day. **Rick and Barry** perform some good **Irish** songs to the membership.



**Ron Pearce** and **Gordon Dempsey** finished a good meal.



Can't believe **TIM'S** is located on **Mars**, but...





Membership at our monthly meeting in May of 2021.



**Chip Lawton** reading the minutes from our previous meeting with **President Don** looking on.



Guest speakers setting up with president **Don LeBlanc** addressing the membership



This can be so true.



Nice connections!



**Richard Burpee** receiving his membership 25 year pin.



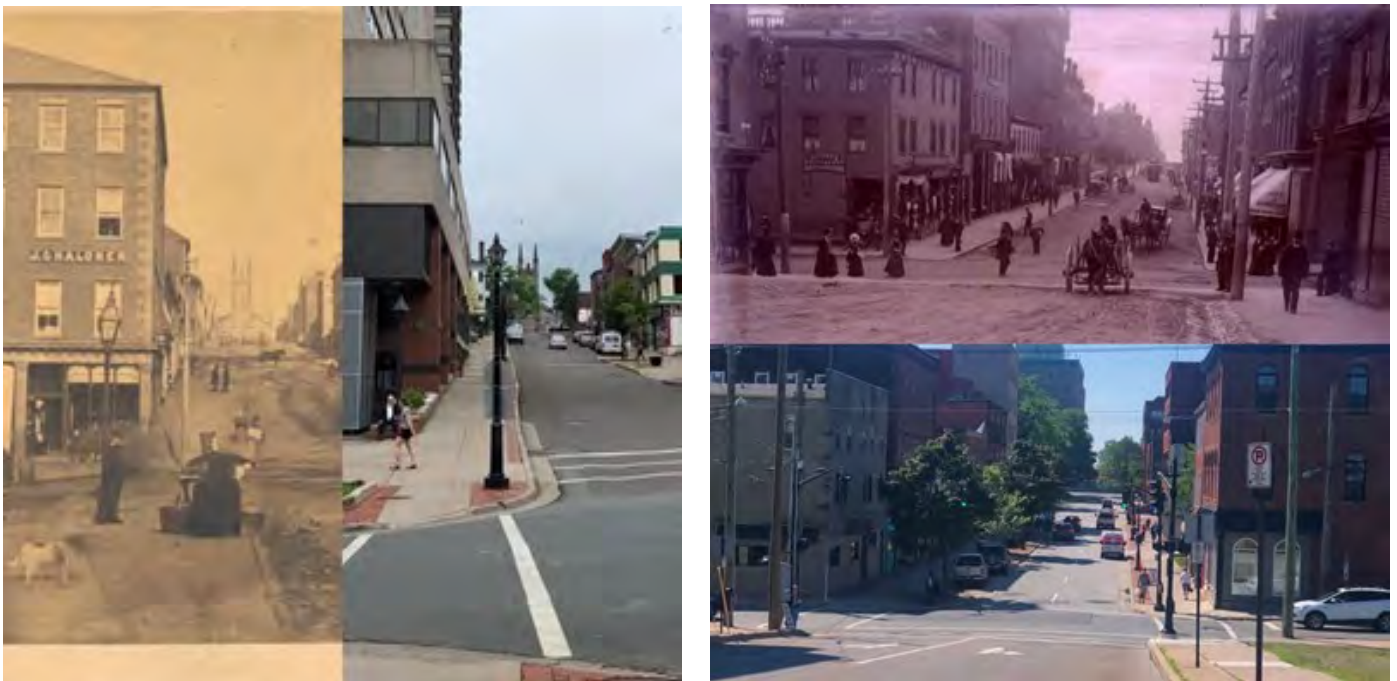
**Jim Wilson** in his presentation on the "**Monarch Butterfly**"



## Remember the days of eating lunch at the Woolworth's lunch counter?



Times change. In July of 2021 the former **Woolworth's** building was removed to make way for a new building.

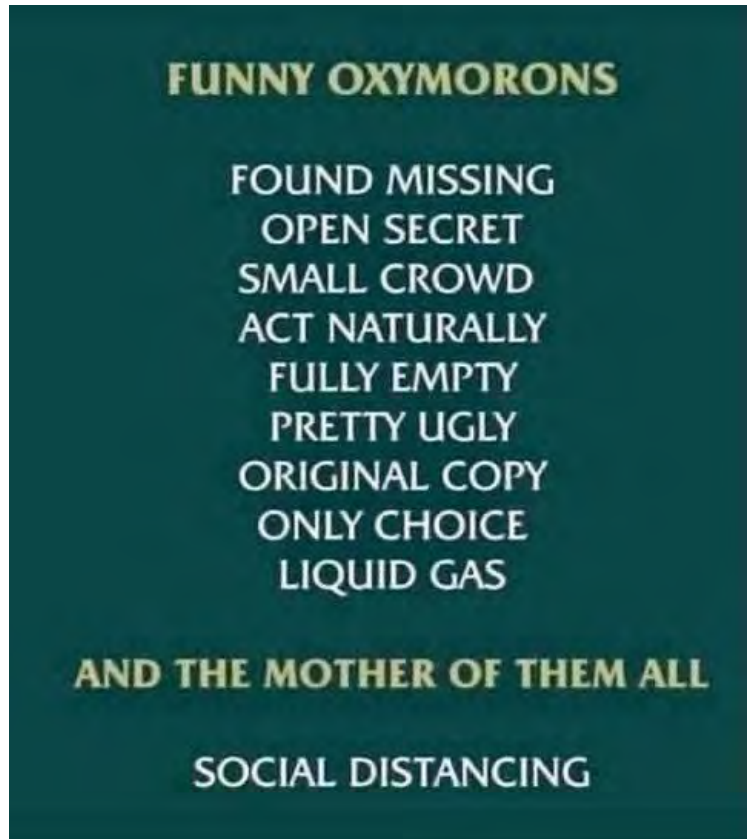


These are two older pictures of **Germain Street** taken many years apart. *Left*, up the hill and *right* - down to the South end.





Could you sleep here?



How about...*bitter sweet* or *terribly good*

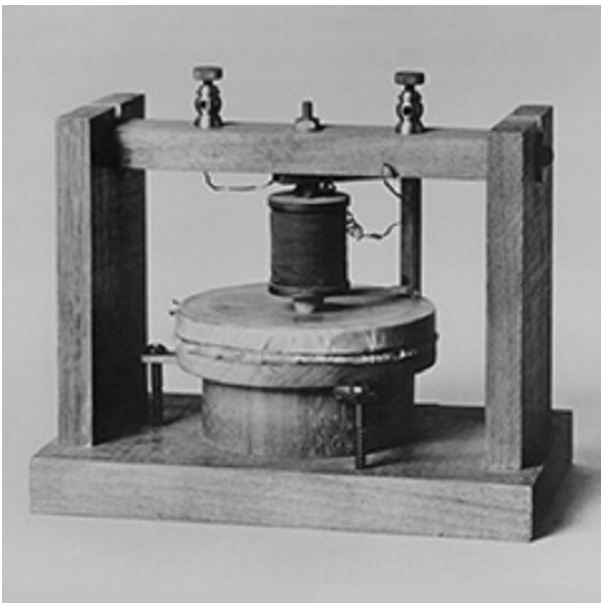


***Don LeBlanc***—President of the Saint John PROBUS for the year 2021-2022



Our departed long time member, ***Sherman Palmer***

## Telephone 1874



Although the first telephone was built in the ***United States***, ***Alexander Graham Bell*** claims to have invented the device in ***Brantford, Ontario***. That's also where the first long-distant phone call was made in 1876, to Paris, Ontario.



**Saint John Harbour Bridge at dusk.**

As our president of ***PROBUS Canada*** states **“Be a friend...Bring a friend**

***Tom Craig***

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