

# PROBUS

## *The* *“PHOGHORN* *Newsletter”*

**Saint John, NB -CANADA**

**JANUARY—2021**

**Monthly Edition**

*Next Meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> has been Cancelled Until further Notice*

*A notice will be sent out when the next meeting will occur.*

*Meeting Location,*

*The Best Value Inn—Main Street, S.J.*

*28 YEARS*



# ***“The PHOGHORN”***



## **“NEWSLETTER”**

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

PROBUS Club Membership #026. Published by **PROBUS Club** of Saint John, NB E2L 3V9  
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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### **2020—2021 Executive members**

**Don LeBlanc** -----President  
**Ed O’Keefe** ----- Past president  
**John Andrews** -----1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
**Peter Morris** -----2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**Robert Taylor** -----Treasurer  
**Chip Lawton**-----Acting Secretary



**President Don LeBlanc**

***happy new year***

## Presidents' Report--Don LeBlanc

Hello fellow Executive and Committee Chairs; I am just really "formalizing" that which we already know, it is not advisable (or even possible, at this time) to proceed with a **January** meeting of either an Executive or regular meeting this month. I believe that even if we return to Yellow status, it is too risky to consider doing any live meetings this month. Therefore, I propose that we defer to earliest **February** and re consider at that time.

My suggestion is that we hold an executive meeting in early February if we are back too Yellow at that time; & then determine our ongoing position at that meeting. In the interim let's stay "in touch" with our fellow members and primarily thru our Phoghorn newsletter.

My very best wishes to all members for a great **New Year** and safe transition to a safer environment!

Warm regards: **Don LeBlanc** Club President

## TREASURER—Robert Taylor

### PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN

### FINANCIAL REPORT FALL 2020

Bank Balance 01 September 2020			\$1673.40
Plus Income:			
38 Dues (1 new) at <b>\$20 (Note 1)</b>	\$770		
Donation from 50/50		54	
Christmas Dinner <b>(Note 2)</b>		<u>660</u>	<u>\$1484.00</u>
Equals Funds Available			\$3157.40
Less Expenses:			
P.A. System		\$370.28	
Boys & Girls Club for Jan/Feb'20	200.00		
PROBUS Canada: 45 memb. at \$2.50		112.50	
Pins		<u>16.50</u>	<u>\$ 699.28</u>
Equals Bank Balance 13 January 2021			\$2,458.12

Note 1: Further dues may be mailed to the undersigned at  
2865 Rothesay Road Unit 31, Rothesay, NB, E2E 5V1.

Note 2: To be refunded when we meet next.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Treasurer

13 January 2021.

Regrets:

- Former member of **PROBUS**, **Ian Thompson**, has passed away on December 23, 2020 in Saint John NB.
- **Randy Giffin** is recovering at home from an illness.
- **Dr. Michael England** is currently having treatments and doing well.
- **Jim Shillington** is also having some treatments for his illness and is doing well.

We at **PROBUS** wish all a speedy recovery.

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## A YEAR IN REVIEW FOR PROBUS SAINT JOHN, “A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER --2019—2020”



**Gordon Dempsey** delivers a funny story. **Bill Covert** delivers a reading from “Snippets” **Dale Stevens** and potential member.



Club President, **Donald LeBlanc** presented **PROBUS** year pins to several members for years of membership. **Don LeBlanc** on the left, **Ralph Murray**, **Carl Thompson**, **Thor Bordevik**, **Gordon Dempsey**, **David Flewelling** and **Fenton Keirstead**. Year pins range from 5 to 25 years of memberships.





On December 2019, *Santa Claus* paid the **PROBUS** Club a visit. *David Flewelling* getting his order in early!



*The Saint John String Quartet* provided the entertainment.



*Ralph Murray* fixing his *Christmas Dinner* (2019).  
at the Boys & Girls club



A long line of hungry members awaits their turn.



New **PROBUS** members *Blake Brodersen* & *Frank McCarey* on the left, with *Mark Fisher* and president *Don LeBlanc*





Guest speaker **Lisa Golden** from **Easty Arts Development**.



**Gordon Dempsey** introduces a new guest/member?



President **Don LeBlanc**, is showing the President's Plaque to Ed O'Keefe. Past President Ed' name has been added.



**John Doyle** presents a token of our appreciation to **Jay McLean**, guest speaker, on the benefits of **YOGA**.



**WOOPS!**



During Covid-19, New method of hair washing at the ladies Hair Salons.

If you thought  
Toilet Paper  
was  
crazy.....Just  
wait until 300  
million people  
all want a  
haircut  
appointment

Costco has a great  
sense of humor



Note the price of a single roll of toilet paper.

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*[Our own PROBUS member, Bill Covert went to visit his daughter in Australia, then COVID-19 hit. Bill was stranded for many weeks and unable to return home. Here is one of his emails before the return flight to Canada.]*

**JUNE-- Bill Covert email**

*Hi guys!*

*Today is another lovely, gets somewhat cool through the night, but during the day mid 70's with not too much cloud is the norm. Winter started the 1st of Sept. I'm on the east side of the country, about 1 1/4 hrs north of Brisbane. I came for six weeks near the end of February, it's now eleven weeks and the end is not as yet in sight. Hopefully, early July will bring the visit to an end. That's about it for now, hope to see you before the end of summer -*

*Regards,*

***"Bill from down under"***

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*And on that note, PROBUS member David Flewelling went to Nova Scotia well before Christmas with the intentions of returning after January 01/21. But he got caught by the ORANGE status in the COVID-19 situation with the borders being closed! He may get home in February but is doing ok at his son's home with the grandchildren. Said to say hi to all members and wish you all a Happy New Year.*

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**After losing last night's  
Lotto Max Draw.....I  
have declared myself  
the winner and will  
proceed to file lawsuits  
until it's official 😊**

### Lone Ranger camping

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were camping in the wilderness. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?" The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars." "What that tell you?" asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically-speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time-wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?" "You dumber than buffalo... It means someone stole tent."



snow plow.MP4

Tap twice to play.





For all of you that wish you were down south this winter,  
here is a scene for TUCSON, AROZONA in December 2020





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

*Tom Craig*

*The Phoghorn Newsletter.*

*JANUARY 15th, 2021*