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### 2020—2021 Executive members

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President *Don LeBlanc*

### Presidents' Report--Don LeBlanc

It looks like we are able to have a monthly meeting in March. Just in time from *St. Patrick's Day!*  
The usual social distancing of 6 feet and masks are recommended.  
Sign in sheet and hand sanitizer will be at the door for all members. Extra face masks are available in case you forget your own. Lunch for those that wish to stay will be still available.

It will be great to see all of our members again. We can't have the usual Irish singers, Rick Waters and Barry Snodgrass, this year due to the regulations, *no singing during gathering.* It could lead to “projectiles.”

See you all there at 10:00 am on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**NOTE: It has come to our attention that *PROBUS* member Dr. Glen MacDonald has passed away March 01,2021. Dr. MacDonald was just 3 days short of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dr. Glen was a member of *PROBUS* for many years.**



March is ***PROBUS MONTH***. We have in the past, flown our *PROBUS* flag at the foot of King Street, in front of City Hall. Not so this year. Here is a picture two years ago.



***If you ever feel a little bit stupid, just dig this up and read it again,***

***you'll begin to think you're a genius.***

**Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?**

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

*Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.*

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

*Mariah Carey*

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"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"

*Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.*

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"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

*Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.*

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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"

*Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC*

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"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"

*A congressional candidate in Texas*

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"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

*Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark*

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"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

*Al Gore, Vice President*

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"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."

Dan Quayle

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"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

*Joe Theismann, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.*

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"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."

*Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.*

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"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 2020 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

*--Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina*

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"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

*Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman*

## *Feeling smarter yet?*

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A Spanish singer chatting on television used the word '*manana*'. When asked what that meant, he said it means "maybe the job will be done to-morrow, maybe the next day, maybe the day after that, next week, next month or next year. Who

cares?" An Irishman in the conversation, **Shay Brennan**, was then asked if there is an Irish equivalent. **"No. In Ireland we don't have a word to describe that level of urgency."**

Two Irishmen met and one said to the other, **"Have You seen Mulligan lately, Pat?"** Pat said, "Well, I have, and I haven't." His friend asked, "well what d' ye mean by that?" Pat said, **"It's like this, y'see...I saw a chap who I thought was Mulligan, and he saw a chap that he thought was me. And when we got up to one another...it was neither of us."**

Murphy was selling his house and put the matter in an agent's hands. The agent wrote up a sales blurb for the house that made wonderful reading.

After Murphy read it, he turned to the agent and asked, **"Have I got all you say there?"**

The agent said, certainly ye have... Why do you ask?

Murphy replied, cancel the sale, the place sounds grand to me.

An Irishman walks into a pub and orders dozens of martinis, removing the olives, placing them in a jar, and drinking the martinis. When the jar is filled with olives and all the martinis drunk, he starts to leave. The bartender stops him and asks, *"Excuse me but, what was that all about?"*

The Irishman replies, **"My wife sent me out for a jar of olives."**

Pat and Murphy out fishing, and the boat motor dies.

After two days and drifting miles from the coast, they find a bottle in the water. Pat rubs the bottle and a genie poofs out.

**"I will grant you one wish,"** says the genie.

Without a thought, Pat says, **"I wish to turn the sea into Guinness."**

The genie says, *"Your wish is my command,"* and the sea turns into Guinness.

Murphy yells at Pat, **"You fool! Now, we'll have to pee in the boat!"**

Pat had been celebrating St Patrick's Day at his local pub all day.

The bartender says, "No more drinking for you tonight, Pat."

Pat replies, "Okay, I'll be on my way then."

Pat climbs off his stool and falls on his face. He pulls himself up by the stool.

He takes a step towards the door and falls on his face again.

He thinks that if he can get to the door and breathe some fresh air, he'll be fine. He crawls to the door and sticks his head out to take a deep breath of fresh air, which makes him feel better. He takes one step onto the sidewalk and falls on his face yet again. He thinks he must be really drunk.

Pat can see his house just a few doors down, and crawls to the door and inside. He crawls upstairs to his bedroom door.

He takes one step into the room and falls on his face again. He climbs into bed and falls asleep.

The next morning, his wife, brings him a cup of coffee and says, "Get up Pat. Did you have a lot to drink last night?"

Pat says, "I did. I was drunk. How did you know?"

'The bartender called and said "You left your wheelchair at the pub." '

A bar is empty except for two patrons. One of them staggers over to the other and says, "How's it going? Where you from?"

The other guy says "Ireland."

The first drunk says "That's cool! I'm from Ireland too! Let's have a round for Ireland!" They both drink merrily.

Then the first guy says, "So where in Ireland are you from?"

"Dublin."

"Dublin? Awesome! I'm from Dublin too! Let's have another round for Dublin!" Once again, they both drink merrily.

Then the first guy asks, "So where did you go to school?"

"St. Mary's, class of '62" answers the other guy.

"Incredible! I graduated in '62 from St. Mary's, too! Let's have a round for St. Mary's!" Once again, they suck down another round.

Just then, one of the bar regulars walks in and sits at the bar. He asks the bartender, "So what's going on today.



**Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.**

**So.....you've been eating hotdogs and McChickens all your life, but don't want the vaccine, because, " you don't know what's in it"?**

## 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?



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*Good Blessing for all.*

*May your glass be ever full.*

*May the roof over your head  
be always strong.*

*And may you be in heaven  
half an hour before the devil  
knows you're dead.*





*If the first blessing does not work, maybe this one will.*

MAY YOUR troubles  
BE LESS &  
YOUR blessings  
BE MORE  
and  
NOTHING BUT  
happiness  
COME  
THROUGH YOUR DOOR



*Saint John Harbour Bridge at night.*

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

**Tom Craig**

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