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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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2020—2021 Executive members

Don LeBlanc -----President
Ed O’Keefe ----- Past president
-----1st Vice President
-----2nd Vice President
Robert Taylor -----Treasurer
Chip Lawton-----Acting Secretary



President Don LeBlanc

Presidents’ Report--Don LeBlanc

Fellow Probus members; I hope that everyone is faring well during this Covid winter and early promising Spring!

Our Board off Directors met on April 8th to review our upcoming PROBUS Club year. Club Program Director John Doyle has agreed to continue as our Program guy and has interesting Speakers coming up!

In addition, we are planning an “Outing” as a group to the Field House and lunch at Montana’s Restaurant on May 5th- The field house is location adjacent to Exhibition Park and movies theaters complex.

Our dues will remain at \$20 for this next Club year! We will plan a Christmas venue change to Villa Madonna for December. Mostly all Directors will continue in their positions, which is wonderful! - and I thank them all on behalf of the Club!

However, we look for particularly newer members to step up and assist if possible; to ensure our continued future Club prospects. We hope to see everyone at our April meeting and please remember to “Stay Active and Stay Connected”.

Don--Club President

PROBUS Club of Saint John

March 30, 2021-- Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monthly meeting is held at “Canada’s Best Value Inn” on Main Street

Call to Order – 10:00am March 17, 2021 – Welcome, *Don LeBlanc* opened the meeting. Guest entertainment, *Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters* provided Irish Music for 20 minutes. They have come to our March Meetings for several years and are greatly appreciated. *John Norris* thanked *Barry and Rick* and presented them with a gift.

Memoriams for departed members – A moment of silence was observed for *Glen MacDonald, Bill Bambury, and Ian (Scottie) Thomson* who died over the past few months.

President *Don LeBlanc* noted that *PROBUS Clubs in Quebec* have lost many members to Covid 19 over the past year. It was reported that *Randy Giffin* and *Bill Covert* are doing well. PROBUS member *Stuart Urdang* is now at the *Ridgewood care home*.

Minutes of Last Meeting – It was moved by *Gordon Dempsey* and seconded by *Ralph Wood* that the minutes be accepted as presented in the *Phoghorn Newsletter* email which was sent out to the membership.

Treasurer’s Report – *Robert Taylor* checked with the Bank and reports after rebates for the cancelled December Luncheon there is a balance of approximately \$1,700.00. No motion as it was an informal report. It was mentioned that a donation was made to *The Boys & Girls Club* for the use of their facility in January and February of 2020.

Membership – Guests – It was noted that a name tag and membership pin will be presented to *Paul Meier* at our next meeting.

Twenty-seven were in attendance, a show of hands indicated most planned to stay for lunch.

Upcoming Programs – *John Doyle* reported in **April**, *Bridget Oland from Crosby’s* will have a presentation. For **May**, he has *John Buchanan* from the *Food Bank* and in **June**, *Bill McMackin* from the *Irving Field House*.

The December 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19 and rebates were being made to those who had purchased tickets for the Lunch.

John Doyle passed out a *St. Patrick’s Day Bulletin* which gave a brief history of St. Patrick’s Day in Canada. John read from the bulletin about the settlement of **Irish Immigrants** which was concentrated in the present Market Square and **York Point area**. Historical exhibits are on display at the New Brunswick Museum and **Public Library in Market Square**.

Thanks John, for your presentation.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – Contributions were received from *Ralph Wood, Peter Jolly and John Doyle*. *Don LeBlanc* led the meeting to an *Irish Toast*.

We had a brief discussion about the Covid vaccine rollout. Several people in their 80’s have contacted their pharmacies to arrange appointments to have the injection.

We had a recognition of *Happy Birthday for Sherman Palmer*, not sure if he is 58 or 85.

Club Draw – *Paul Meier* was the winner of \$75.00.

John Doyle introduced *Harold Wright* who has been active over the years researching the history of **Partridge Island**. A quarantine station was maintained on Partridge Island for many years. All the buildings were dismantled years ago and remains of those who died there were removed.

Peter Morris thanked *Harold* for the interesting presentation and presented him with a thank you gift.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

There will be an outing with a tour of the “FIELD HOUSE” near Exhibition Park on May 05 at 11:00 am. Following the tour and those that wish to attend, we will meet at MONTANA’S Restaurant for lunch after the tour.

Note: It has been decided that PROBUS will hold a monthly meeting in June of this year. Normally no meeting is scheduled for June.

Pictures from our March 17th meeting



Again, this year, we had the return of two entertainers for **St. Patrick's Day** sing a long, **Rick Watters and Barry Snodgrass**. On this day, everybody is **Irish!** A good time was had by all. Thank you, gentlemen, for adding some entertainment during this period of **COVID-19**. As you can see members were social distancing at their tables.



PROBUS member *Sherman Palmer* celebrates his 85th birthday! Congratulations Sherman.



John Doyle tells a few jokes.



Harold Wright was our guest speaker this month talking about the Irish and Saint John



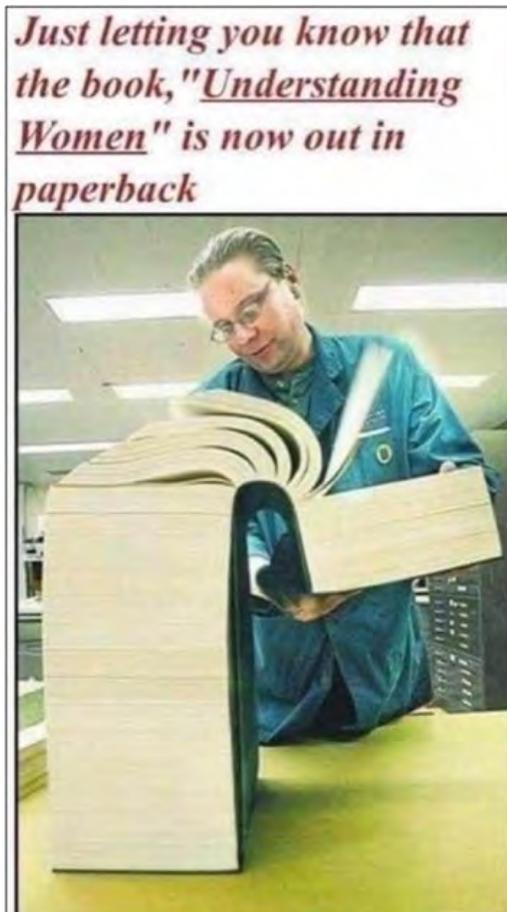
Four PROBUS members eating lunch.



Ron Pearse and **Gordon Dempsey** shared some “conversation”.



It is said, “*there is a Tim Horton’s coffee shop, everywhere.*” But on Mars?



Great Book! Limited edition!

One day Einstein must speak at an important science conference.

On the way there, he tells his driver that he looks a bit like him. I am sick of all these conferences. I always say the same thing over and over!

The driver agrees, you are right. As your driver I attend all of them and even though I do not know anything about science, I could give the conference in your place.

“That’s a great idea!” says Einstein. Let us switch places then!

So, they switch clothes and as soon as they arrived, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the driver, attends it.

But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks an exceedingly difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he will not be able to respond. So, the guy stands up and interrupts the conference by posing a difficult question.

The whole room goes silent, holding their breath waiting for a response.

The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says.

“Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I’m going to let my driver reply to it for me.”



**Guess who kept everyone
awake last night?**



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

Tom Craig

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