

PROBUS

The **“PHOGHORN Newsletter”**

Saint John, NB - CANADA

MAY—2021 Monthly Edition

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

Next meeting May 19th.



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“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

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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

Our Club continues to be at least somewhat active as we “hopefully” progress regarding the Covid de escalation! Our April meeting was well attended with ***Bridget Oland*** giving us a delightful and informative presentation about their products and the Company History of Crosby’s.

On May 5th we had a great outing at the SJ Field House - with good attendance and a great social lunch at a nearby restaurant! With the long winter and social isolation of the past season- It was a welcome respite! We look forward to seeing many of you at our May 19th meeting. Remember, “Stay active and stay connected”- Warm regards to all.

Don LeBlanc - Club President

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Month of April--- Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order – 10:04 April 21, 2021. Welcome – **Don LeBlanc**, President, opened the meeting with the singing of **O Canada** (Fully masked).

Memoriams for departed members – No deaths were noted. **Tom Craig** mentioned that **Mike England and Randy Giffen** are recovering at home. **Gordon Dempsey** had a minor procedure and will be home in 2 days.

Minutes of last meeting – The minutes were included in The Phoghorn which was emailed to members on April 16, 2021. Several members indicated The Phoghorn was not received as **Rogers Communications** service had been interrupted. **Chip Lawton** read the minutes. A motion by **Robert Taylor** to pass the minutes as published in The Phoghorn, and read at the meeting, was seconded by **Ron Pearce**.

Business arising – New member **Bob Purdy** was presented with his Certificate of Membership, Binder and Name Tag. Bob was introduced by **David Ellis**. New member **Paul Meier** will be inducted at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – **Robert Taylor** gave a verbal report that the Club has 46 paid members, \$1,745.00 in the bank after rebates to members for the cancelled Christmas lunch and ladies meeting and lunch.

Twenty-Two members were in attendance, most planned to stay for lunch.

Upcoming Programs – **John Doyle** has a club outing planned for May 5, 2021 at 11am to the new **Irving Field House**. Thirteen indicated they will attend, guests are welcome. Those interested will go for lunch at **Montana's** after. A presentation will be made to **Fenton Keirstead** on his 90th Birthday.

At the May meeting **Prissy LeBlanc from the Boys & Girls Club** will give a presentation. Also, a Special Guest will be present. **Bernard Cormier** will be our presenter in **June**.

Snippets – were not presented. **Don LeBlanc** spoke about heritage with reference to his own ancestors. He spoke of how the French and English settlers fought over territories and the indigenous residents were caught in the middle.

President's Report – **Don LeBlanc** spoke of the recent Board of Directors meeting which was held on April 8, 2021. Club dues will remain at \$20. A show of hands indicated that all but two in attendance today have received their Covid Vaccination. Don indicated that several members are interested in becoming more involved in PROBUS and wish to be on committees. Don would like someone to step up as President in the future, but, has agreed to carry on one more year.

A Thank-you was received from the **Boys & Girls Club** for the \$200 donation.

Break for coffee.

Club Draw – **Carl White** was the winner of \$70.

Willard Buckley introduced our guest speaker, **Bridget Oland**, from **Crosby's Molasses**. Bridget's job is the promotion of cooking with molasses. The Company originated in Yarmouth NS in 1879, settling in Saint John in the early 1920's. They are the largest molasses supplier in Canada and Quebec is their largest market. They supply to all of Canada and New England. Most of the raw product originates in Guatemala. **Peter Jolly** thanked **Bridget** for her presentation and gave her a gift and invited her to stay for lunch.

The Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Chip Lawton, Recording Secretary

WORDS OF WISDOM

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

- *George Burns*

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

- Victor Borge

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar, and fat.

- Alex Levine

I don't feel old. I do not feel anything until noon. Then it is time for my nap.

- **Bob Hope**

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

- W. C. Fields

A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination centre, after which he began to have blurred vision on the way home.

When he got home, he called the vaccination centre for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor, or be hospitalised.

He was asked to go back to the vaccination centre immediately as he had left his glasses behind.

This is dedicated to all of us who are seniors, to all of you who know seniors, and to all of you who will become seniors.

"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!"

The irate customer calling the newspaper office, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was.

"Madam", said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY".

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "Well, phooey, that explains why no one was at church either."



Presiden ***Don LeBlanc*** opens the start of the meeting. Secretary ***Chip Lawton*** reading the previous meeting minutes.



Our meeting this month had 20 members. A reduction from the normal 30 to 35.
Here the members listen to the chair for the business part of the meeting.



Break time and ticket draw. New member **Robert Purdy** is presented a membership certificate by President **Don LeBlanc** and **David Ellis**.



Guest speaker **Bridget Oland** during the presentation. Club member **Peter Jolly** presents Bridget with a token of PROBUS'S appreciation as guest speaker. Bridget stayed for lunch.

NOTE: *Our next meeting for PROBUS is May 19th. At this meeting you will see the menu has been expanded to 8 or 9 items to offer more variety for those that choose to stay for lunch.*

PROBUS “OUTING”

On May 05, 2021, **PROBUS CLUB** of Saint John arranged a tour of the newly open “**IRVING FIELD HOUSE**” in East Saint John. It is located next to the Exhibition Park grounds. The tour was scheduled previously but was postponed due the pandemic situation.

Steve MacMackin was our host and gave a history of the **Field House** from the beginning to the present day.

Fourteen members and one guest were able to attend the tour. Two members of the Field House staff, lead two groups in conducting a tour of the premises. Bottom line....it has everything one would require keeping in shape no matter the level of fitness desired. **PROBUS** members were impressed with all aspects of the Field House.

During a complete meet of soccer or similar sport, the place can be opened-up to accommodate that sport. General comment....this place is huge!

After the tour was finished, 12 members went to the **Montana's** restaurant for lunch. Good day for all.



Front entrance of the Field House.



Group posing inside the track area.



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

Tom Craig
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