



# PROBUS

Saint John NB

*Entering 30 years as a Club.*

**September 2022**



**PROBUS**

*The*  
***“PHOGHORN Newsletter”***

Saint John, NB - CANADA

SEPTEMBER—2021

*Monthly Edition*

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

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

***Face masks provided if needed.***

***Hand Sanitizer mounted on wall to your left,  
as you enter the meeting room.***

***Guest Speaker—Jeff LaPunch***



# ***“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* –Secretary & Assistant, Carl White



**President *Don LeBlanc***

### **President’s remarks**

Hello fellow PROBUS members! I think all will agree it’s been an “unusual” summer! Here in late August, we’re seeing abnormally warm temps for SJ and surrounding area! Covid 19 is still active but mostly “under check” here and noticeably lots of people- particularly Seniors, are taking precaution of wearing masks in public spaces indoors- a prudent move in my opinion!

Our summer Executive meeting was held and very well attended! Thanks to ALL of our Committee Chairs for you continued active support and contributions!

We will begin celebrating our 30th year at our Sept. 15th meeting. We are establishing a few Committees for this purpose; a Planning Committee RE a Fall outing event and also a contact Committee for those members that we haven’t seen for a while ; to establish and maintain contact - if so desired.

See you on the 15th! Very warm regards ***Don L, Cub President***

# PROBUS Saint John NB, New Executive for 2021-2022



**Don LeBlanc**, President, **Carl White**, Assistant Secretary, **Robert Taylor**, Treasure, & **Chip Lawton** Sectreary. Not shown in the picture, **Frank McCarey**, Vice President.

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Our scheduled next meeting will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the **Canada's Best Value Inn** on Main Street, as it has been the past few months.

This September will start the countdown to the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the **Saint John PROBUS Club**. A large blue and white cake will be offered for desert commemorating this event. Other events for our 30<sup>th</sup> are in the planing stages.

See the sheets further in this report on how the PROBUS club in Saint John started.

**Robert Taylor, Treasurer**, also wishes to remind everyone that the 2022 dues are due at \$20.00 per member. Robert can't be at this meeting but has made arrangements for someone to collect any monies that may come in.

Arrangements for the **Christmas entertainment** are being made. It is hoped that a **Christmas Dinner** can take place at the **Villa Madona Retreat House** in Renforth, now Rothesay. You may recall it was cancelled last year due to the lock down, **COVID 19**.

More details will be announced shortly.

# Some Humor

## Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.



If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!







The local **United Commercial Travlers** recently held a golf tournament and four of our **PROBUS** members attended. Shown are: on left-**Don LeBlanc**, **John Doyle**, **Wes Cosmon** and **Carl White**. Rumor has it the gold balls refused to behave.

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On one of my business trips in 2001, I attended the “**SHELL HUSTON OPEN**” (golf) in **Texas**. Got to see a lot of excellent players including this guy! Well...not really but his silhouette was there.



## History on how the PROBUS Club started in Saint John.

During the Rotary District convention held at the Algonquin Hotel in May, 1992, Past District Governor, Stan Steeves of the Moncton Rotary Club, challenged Past District Governor, Gerry Barnett, of the Saint John Rotary Club to start a PROBUS Club in Saint John during the new Rotary year (commencing in July with the installation of the new management group). Since the wager was \$1.00, Gerry met the challenge and sprang into action. He put together a working committee involving

Reverend Lloyd Lake  
Gordon White  
Bill Brydges  
Gerry Barnett, Chair

The committee adopted a critical path format and, with each member assigned a definite task, invited a large group of prospects to attend an information session at the Park Plaza Motel in early September. A committee from the PROBUS CLUB in Moncton attended the meeting and provided an effective presentation on "PROBUS Life and Activities".

From that first meeting several events evolved including -

- (A) Bill Bartlett became the first President.
- (B) Mac Pike was installed as the first Vice President.
- (C) The PROBUS CLUB of Saint John charter was established.
- (D) Moncton PROBUS CLUB was instrumental in forming the Saint John PROBUS CLUB.
- (E) Of the forty-four prospects who showed up forty-three joined the club and, of course, are charter members.
- (F) The Park Plaza Motel became the first home of the club. (The following year we moved to the Sulky Club at Exhibition Park Raceway, and now our home is the Boys' & Girls' Club of Saint John)
- (G) Past District Governor of Rotary, Stan Steeves paid Past Governor, Gerry Barnett the famous \$1.00 bet (cash, reportedly).

From that great start, the PROBUS Club of Saint John hit the deck running and has never looked back.

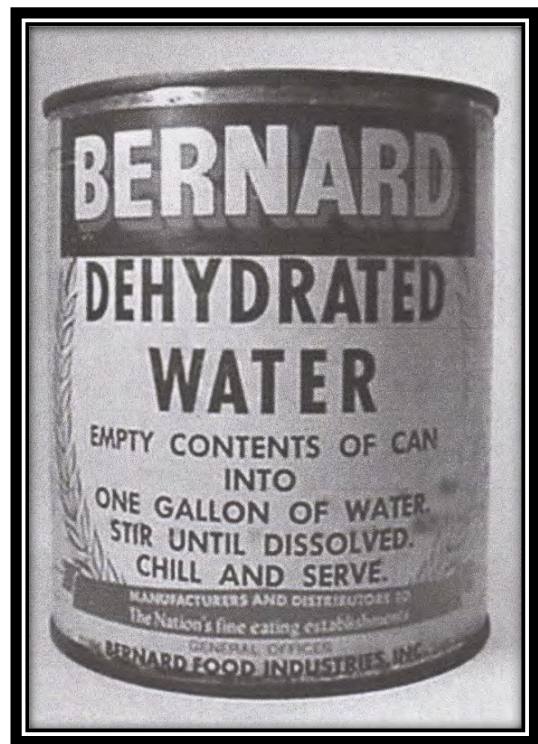
On September 20, 2017, the Probus Club of Saint John celebrated it's 25th Year of "Life and Activites".

As you can see, **Bill Bartlett** was the first President and **Mac Pike** was the V.P. **Mac** is still a member along with **Gordon White**, to this day.

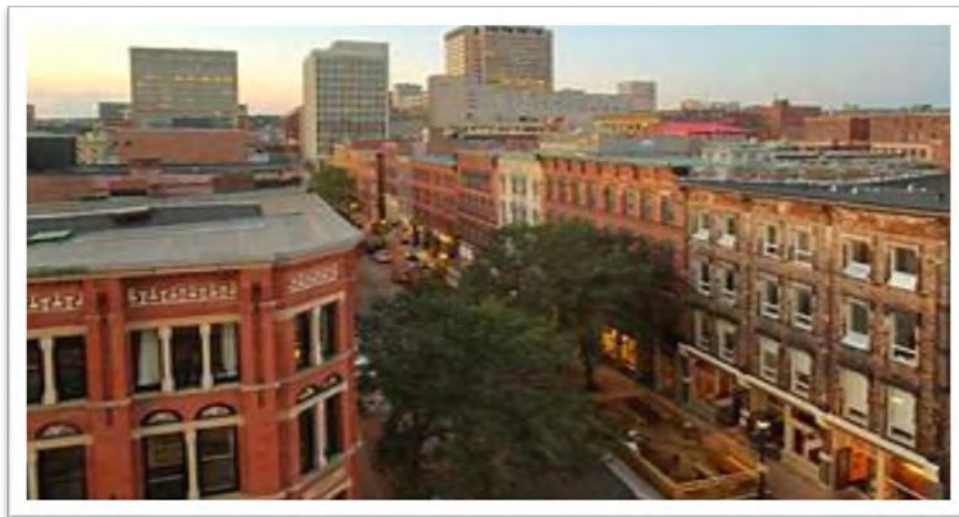




This was advertise as “**some day**” and came true.



But can you believe this one!



Scene of Saint John -- Germain Street looking from the South End to City center, King Street.

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

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