

PROBUS

Saint John NB, Canada

Entering 30 years as a Club.

"OCTOBER 2022"



FALL SCENE -- New Brunswick

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The
“PHOGHORN Newsletter”

Saint John, NB - CANADA

OCTOBER —2021

Monthly Edition

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

As all members are aware by now, the October's meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 with the increase in number of cases in our area. This was done in abundance of caution.

We expect the November meeting will be held and you will receive notification to that fact.



“The PHOGHORN”

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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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2021--2022 Executive members

Don LeBlanc-----President
Ed O’Keefe -----Past President
Frank McCarey----- 1st Vice President
Robert Taylor -----Treasurer
Chip Lawton –Secretary & Assistant, ***Carl White***



President Don LeBlanc

President’s remarks

Fellow **PROBUS** members; After consultation with some of our Executive and after several members have contacted (us pursuant to our recently sent Notice of Meeting-) to tell us that they are overly concerned over the Covid “stats” just now.

We think that we should defer and review again in early November- and advise accordingly. We hope that all members and family members are doing well and that everyone stays safe! Please don’t hesitate to contact us with your thoughts about this or any issues !

Also, please “stay in touch” with any members who you may know more personally just to say hi and keep us informed of any news about any member.

Warm regards.

S.J Men’s Club President.

Don LeBlanc



Assistant Secretary, **Carl White**

PROBUS Club of Saint John

Month of September 2021 – Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order - 10:05 September 15, 2021 - Welcome – **Don LeBlanc**, President, opened the meeting with the singing of **O Canada**. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

Memoriams for departed members – No deaths were noted. The President acknowledged that **Jim Young** was in attendance following an extended absence and further expressed condolences for the passing of Jim's wife.

It was announced that it was **Gary Watson's** 80th Birthday and those in attendance sang Happy Birthday to him.

Minutes of last meeting - The minutes were included in the Phoghorn which was emailed to members. A motion to accept the minutes was made by **David Flewelling** and seconded by **Wes Cosman** (Motion passed)

Business arising – Nothing presented.

Treasurer Report - **Robert Taylor** was not in attendance at the meeting so there was no official Financial Report presented. **Dale Stevens** collected dues from Members who wished to pay at this time.

Upcoming Programs – It was indicated by **John Doyle** that for October, David Goss would be the Guest Speaker and for November it would be Daryl Wilson, former Finance Commissioner, for the City of Saint John.

John Doyle raised the issue of a Tour for interested members of the **Loyalist House** on October 13th, at 11am, followed by lunch at the Union Club at a cost of \$25.00 each for those in attendance.

Tom Craig indicated that the meeting on December 15th would be held at **Villa Madonna**, and it would be followed by a Turkey Dinner at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Entertainment was also to be available. It was moved by **Gordon Dempster** and seconded by **John Doyle** that we move forward with this event. (Motion passed) It was moved by **Ron Pearce** and seconded by **John Doyle** that the Club cover up to \$200.00 for the cost of the coffee break items. (Motion passed)

Snippets – Don LeBlanc indicated that he was to be a Guest Speaker at an upcoming Kiwanis meeting, and he would be speaking on the time frame of 1776 - 1777 when some interesting characters arrived in this area. He would also be talking about how Fort Howe came to be and information regarding the arrival of the Loyalist in 1783.

Carl Tompkins and **Paul Meier** presented entertaining jokes.

President's Report - **Don LeBlanc** reported that a special planning meeting was held on August 12th and that as a result a committee was struck to plan activities in conjunction with the **Club's 30th Anniversary Celebration**. It was also indicated

that as part of our Membership Growth Plan that Members approach family and/or friends to encourage them to consider joining our group. Don also indicated that they were trying to identify the Club's Founding Members.

Don LeBlanc presented Members who were in attendance with their Service pins.

Those acknowledged were **Keith Dow** – 25 yrs. **Jack Hickman** - 20 yrs. **David Ellis, Don Mitchener and Fred Shillington** - 15 yrs. **Ron Pearce** – 5 yrs.

It was also indicated that there were pins left from last year for **Gord Mouland** – 25 yrs. and **George McCaughey** – 20 yrs.

Break for Coffee

Club Draw – **Tom Craig** was the winner of \$82.00

Presentation – **John Doyle** presented **Mike Ross** from Fredericton who presented the Guest Speaker, **Jeff Alpaugh** from Fredericton, who talked about his business JAC which designs and sells custom made suits and shirts. In his remarks, Mike talked about how he first came to relate to Jeff and obtaining his first custom shirt.

Jeff talked about how he at 19 yrs. of age was enrolled in the Co-op Business School and had to do his practical part of the Program at a clothing store, for which he had to buy a suit for a job interview, with which he had no luck. Through his mother he was hired for a position at Harry Rosen, an upscale clothing store in the Fredericton area. He eventually was hired by Moore's and along the way it was suggested to him that he upgrade his wardrobe. During the time he spent in the Military, he had an opportunity to travel to different Countries and was able to see useful design examples of shirts and suits and this raised his interest, which led him to pursue a career in designing specialty suits and shirts. Jeff talked briefly about his experience on Dragon's Den and while he did not end up securing a deal, the experience was great.

Wes Cosman thanked both on behalf of the Club.

The meeting adjourned for lunch (It was announced by **Don LeBlanc** that a 30-year Celebration Cake would be available for dessert for those staying for lunch.)

Minutes Presented by

Carl White, Assistant Recording Secretary

Copy of an email from past President, Ed O'Keefe

Dear friends,

My wife Betty has had a brain bleed and at this time lost the use of her right side, plus her speech.

I am hoping to bring her home and do home care.

I am looking for a hospital bed and other items that could help. I plan to contact the Red Cross and others for assistance not only in material things but most of all advice that others may have experienced.

Please keep us in your prayers. Thanks

Ed

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As you are aware by now, the tour and lunch set up to the Loyalist House, was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be rescheduled later.

Tickets for the **Christmas Dinner** at the **Villa Madonna Retreat** House are now on sale at a cost of \$25.00 each. In the event COVID-19 prevents this from happening, refunds will take place.

see Tom Craig



## PROBUS LUNCHEON

December 15, 2021

Villa Madonna Retreat House

Rothsay, NB

Time: Meeting at 10:00 am-Lunch at 11:30am

Full Turkey Dinner & Dessert--Buffet style.

Tickets: \$25.00 ea.

## A FEW FUNNIES TOO GOOD TO PASS UP



A vampire bat arrives back at the roost with his face, mouth and teeth covered in blood. All the other bats get excited and ask where he got it all from. Follow me he says & off they flew over the hills, over the river and into the dark forest. See that tree over there .. yes yes they reply - Well I f  didn't.

**WOOPS**

### **Number One Idiot, so far in 2021---(Australia)**

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control centre.

Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away

### **Number Two Idiot so far in 2021**

Early this year, some Boeing employees on the airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home.

Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they noticed a Westpac Rescue Helicopter coming towards them.

It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon that activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing.

**PICTURES FROM OUR PROBUS MEETING HELD  
IN SEPTEMBER 2021, AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK.**



**Ralph Wood**, checkered shirt, along with **Thor, Gary, David and Wes Cosman** prior to meeting.



**Gary Watson**, background with checkered shirt, Just celebrated his birthday, **80 years old. HBG.**



**Paul Meier** just assumed his new duties in selling draw chance tickets. Good job Paul ! **(I won)**



A large cake was displayed before being served to members in recognition of the up-coming Anniversary of **PROBUS 30 years.**

## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES





President **Don LeBlanc** presents 25 year pins to  
**Don Mitchener and David Ellis**



**PROBUS** member **Ron Pearce** receives his 5 year pin.  
Congratulations to all.

Absent members **Keith Dow, Jack Hickman,** and **Fred Shillington** will receive their pins at a latter date.



Birthday Boy **Gary** relaxing.



**Paul Meier** presenting a few good jokes.



**Bob Purdy** and **David Ellis** in conversation



Guest speaker **Jeff Alpaugh** answering questions.



**Wes Cosmen** presents **Jeff** a **Tim's Card** and **Coffee cup**.

### Number Three Idiot so far in 2021

A man, wanting to rob a Bank of Queensland , walked into the Branch and wrote '*Put all your muny in this bag.*'

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So, he left the Bank and crossed the street to the NAB Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he was not the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Queensland deposit slip and that he would either must fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to Bank of Queensland ... Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, 'OK' and left.

He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Queensland. Happened in Noosa!

#### **Number Four Idiot so far in 2021**

A guy walked into a little corner store with a shotgun and demanded all of the cash from the cash drawer.

After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of Scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but the cashier refused and said, 'Because I don't believe you are over twenty-one.' The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because she did not believe him. At this point, the robber took his driver's license out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk.

The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over twenty-one and she put the Scotch in the bag. The robber then ran from the store with his loot.

The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that she got off the license. They arrested the robber two hours later.

#### **IDIOT SIGHTING:**

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it were without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.' Happened in Melbourne ...

#### **JUST AN IDIOT:**

When my husband and I arrived at a car dealer to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!' His reply, 'I know - I already done that side.' This was at the FORD dealership Dubbo.



**If the current power grid can't handle a night of 20 degree temperatures without rolling blackouts. How are we going to plug 100 million electric cars up at night?**

**Let me get this straight: you've eaten bologna your entire life, but you'll refuse a vaccine because you don't know what's in it.**

**Everyone likes Bologna, don't they?**



A newfie was walking up the wharf with a small lobster in each hand. He was half way up to his truck when he saw a fishery officer approaching him.

"Ha we got ya now buddy, that's a \$10000 fine in each hand!" exclaimed the officer.

"Naw these aint no ordinary lobsters b'y, dese are me pet lobsters!" George said calmly.

"I takes em for a dip here e'ry day me son."

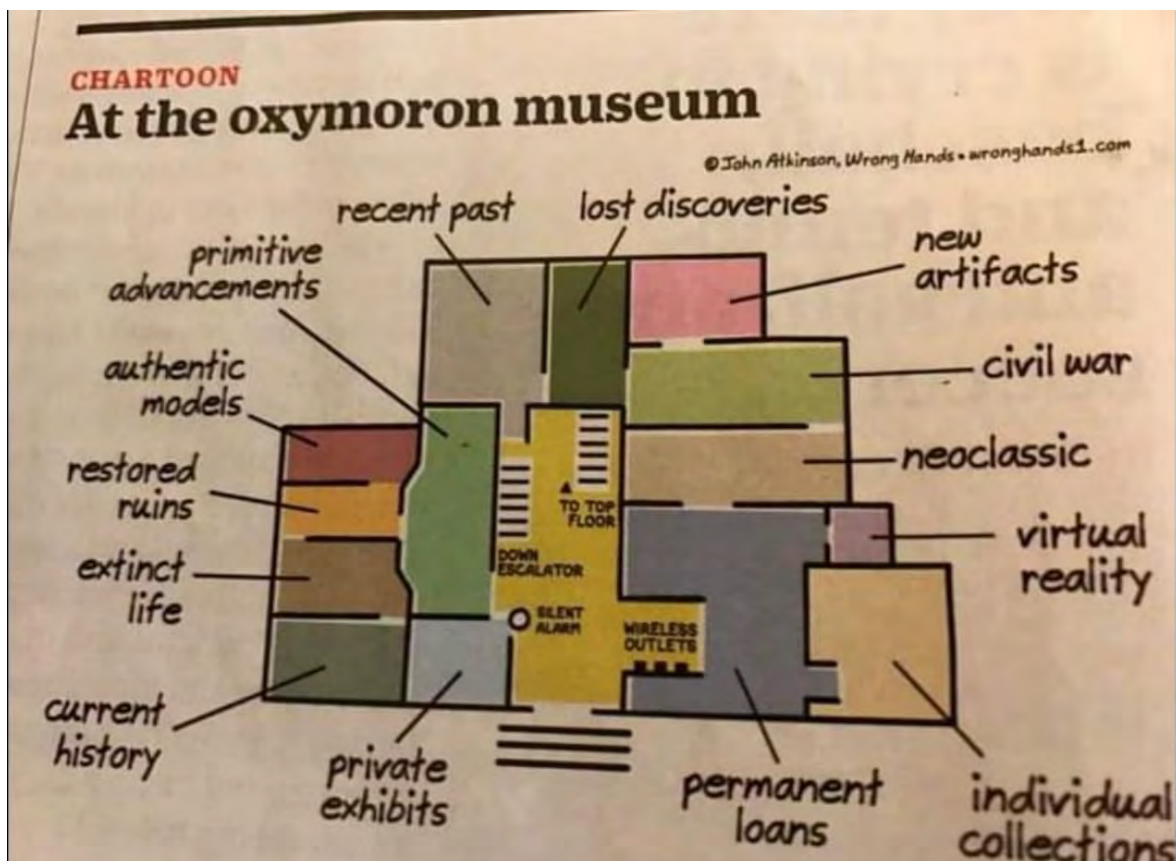
"I pops em in, and when I'm ready to go I just whistle and Glen and Percy crawl right to me boot."

The officer (fresh out of Toronto) who hated being made a fool replied, "Ok, then prove it."

George walked to the shore released the lobsters one by one, watched them swim for a bit then turned around and started walking back up the wharf.

The officer spun around, ran up to him and said, "Hey, get back there and call them lobsters back!"

George stopped, looked him right in the eyes with a confused look on his face and said, "Lobsters? What lobsters?"





## Scenes of Saint John Harbour



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

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