

PROBUS

The ***“PHOGHORN Newsletter”***

Saint John, NB - CANADA

December 15 —2021

Monthly Edition

A Special meeting will take place this Christmas at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, (Renforth). After the meeting, a full course Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will take place. Tickets will be required at a cost of \$25.00 each. See Tom Craig

December 15, 2021 ----- Meeting will start at 10:00am.



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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,
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2021--2022 Executive members

Don LeBlanc-----President
Ed O’Keefe -----Past President
Frank McCarey----- 2nd Vice President
Robert Taylor -----Treasurer
Chip Lawton –Secretary & Assistant, *Carl White*



President *Don LeBlanc*

President’s remarks

Compliments of the Season to all **PROBUS** Members and Families! We are looking forward -barring any further Covid lockdowns - to our **Christmas Dinner at Villa Madonna** on Dec 15th - and this will be a welcome event as we are all feeling the limitations of travel etc.! This past week we are sadly missing two of our Past members in **Fenton Keirstead** and **Gordon Moulard**. I was able to attend Gordons’ funeral Service on behalf of our Club and was joined by at least four others including David Flewelling; Robert Taylor; Ed O’Keefe and Wes Cosman. It was honoured to provide Gordon’s 25 Year Pin to a family member. The funeral was truly a celebration of Gordons’s long and successful life and indicative of a wonderful large family to carry on his legacy!

I also understand that **Fenton’s** funeral was well attended by **PROBUS** members as well. Six members were honouree pall bearers. They were John Doyle, Wes Cosman, David Flewelling, Willard Buckley, Gary Watson, and Tom Craig. Barry Snodgrass was the organist. Willard Buckley also performed part of the Eulogy.

We will begin planning in early 2021 for our 30th Anniversary Year! I look forward to joining with you all in this celebration.

Yours in PROBUS, ***Don LeBlanc*** Club President

It is with great sorrow that I report a well-known **PROBUS** member has passed away **Mr. Fenton Keirstead** passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital where he was recovering from recent surgery. **Fenton** was a member of **PROBUS** and seldom missed a meeting, since 2014. Here is a picture of **Fenton** at a birthday party this last May 2021. He was 90 years old.



It was sadly learned that **PROBUS** long time member **Mr. Gordon Mouland** has passed away on November 27th, 2021, of heart failure. Gordon was our **Choir Master** and perform that function with energy not seen in younger people sometimes. Gordon was a **PROBUS** member for 26 years. Gordon was 98 years old and just a few weeks ago, moved into **Shannex** retirement house in Millidgeville. He will be missed.



Gordon at his best!

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
November 17, 2021

Call to Order: - **President Don LeBlanc** chaired the meeting. Extended greetings went to **John Johnson, Don Connolly, and Mark Fisher**. Nice to see the members return.

We sang O'Canada fully masked.

Memoriams for departed Members – **Ed O'Keefe's** wife is in "The Regional Hospital," **Thor Bordevik** is in Halifax as his Granddaughter is in hospital. **Gord Moulant** has moved to Shannex in Millidgeville, and **Fenton Keirstead** had open heart surgery and is in St. Joseph's Hospital. **Peter Jolly** is at home and although ill, is in good spirits.

Minutes of last meeting – The October meeting was cancelled. The minutes from the September meeting were published in The Phoghorn last month. Moved by **Gord Dempsey** and seconded by **David Flewelling** to pass the minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report – **Robert Taylor** says twenty-eight members have paid their annual dues. Last year we had 50 Members. After paying current expenses there will be \$975.00 in the bank account.

Upcoming Programs – December – The String Quartet will entertain us at the Villa Madonna where the meeting and lunch will take place.

January – **Paul Meier** will be speaking.

February – **Ralph Thomas** will talk about **Black History Month**.

Thirty-two members were in attendance with most planning to stay for lunch.

New Business – **Robert Taylor** attended the **Atlantic PROBUS Meeting** and reported **President Marlene Pearce** will be stepping down in May and they are seeking a new President.

PROBUS Month has been moved from March to October. October 1st will be **PROBUS Day**.

President Don LeBlanc mentioned that the **Seniors Resource Center** is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to appointments etc. Also, the **Port of Saint John** will be seeking seniors during next year's **Cruise Season** to function as **Greeters**.

PROBUS club member, **Randy Giffin**, would like to attend occasional meetings if someone is coming this way.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – **Carl Tompkins, Chip Lawton and Paul Meier** contributed to some very funny stories. Well, done.

History – Don LeBlanc spoke about **Ralph Thomas**, who received **The Sovereign Medal** for Volunteers by **The Governor General**. Ralph is the Coordinator of the New Brunswick Black History Society and President of PRUDE INC.

Don also spoke about the history on how disputes were settled by gun duels, the last of which occurred in Fredericton in the mid 1800's.

It was mentioned that the next meeting will take place at the ***Villa Madonna Retreat House*** in (Renforth) Rothesay. A full ***Turkey dinner*** will be served after the meeting. Tickets are \$25.00 per member. See **Tom Craig** about tickets, required, if you have not done so.

Break for coffee.

Club Draw – Lucky new **PROBUS** member **Pat Gallagher** was the winner of \$95.00.

Guest Speaker – **Daryl Wilson** introduction was by **Paul Meier**, a long-time acquaintance. At the conclusion of his presentation, Daryl was presented with a small gift and thanked by **Wes Cosman**.

Daryl was appointed **Auditor General of New Brunswick** in 1997. A highlight of his presentation was Daryl's thoughts that "opposition parties" should hold the party in power to account for their actions and promises rather than just opposing all decisions of the ruling party.

Well done Daryl!

Meeting adjourned for lunch. Some thirty-two members stay for lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENT



Mr. James Quinn has been appointed to Ottawa as an independant **Senator**. As you may recall, Mr. Quinn has been a speaker at our **PROBUS** club a few times over the years.

Mr. Quinn is a certified public and management accountant, and the current President and Chief Executive Officer of the Saint John Port Authority. He previously led an extensive and distinguished career in the public

service, including as the Chief Financial Officer at the Canadian International Development Agency. He is the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel for the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company), 5th Canadian Division.

Mr. Quinn has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Saint John Port Authority since 2010. Prior to this role, he worked for 32 years in progressively senior roles with the Canadian Coast Guard, both at sea and ashore, as well as with several other federal government departments achieving the position of Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer.

Congratulations Jim on behalf of **PROBUS** Members.

25 YEARS A MEMBER OF PROBUS

Since the COVID-19 has intrupted a lot of travel in everyday life, **PROBUS S.J.** was not able to award a member his 25 year pin. So.....I went to his home to present his pin. His name is ***Randy Giffin***, a long time member. He was delighted to receive it. Here is a picture of that moment.



RANDY GRIFFIN

Pictures and information from our **PROBUS** meeting on November 17, 2021.



President **Don LeBlanc** address the membership



Paul Meier produced one of his trademark jokes.



New member **PAT GALLAGHER** Recieves his **PROBUS** information booklet from president Don.



Guest speaker for this meeting was **Daryl Wilson** former *Auditor General of New Brunswick*. (1997)



Membership listing to our special speaker **Daryl Wilson**. Very interesting presentation.



Wes Cosman presents a special gift to **Daryl Wilson**, guest speaker.

Neat Traffic Lights –some where in Euorpe



HUMOUR



The Rugged Outdoor Man

During his physical examination, a doctor asked a retired man about his physical activity level. The man said he spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors.

“Well, yesterday afternoon was typical.

I took a five hour walk about seven miles through some rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake.

I pushed my way through two miles of brambles.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes.

I barely avoided stepping on a snake.

I climbed several rocky hills.

I went to the bathroom behind some tall trees.

I ran away from an irate mother bear and then ran away from one angry bull Elk.

The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine.

Amazed by the story, the doctor said, “You must be one hell of an outdoor man!”

“No,” the man replied, “I’m just a really, really terrible golfer”



Interesting Photoes.

What millions of years look like in one photo, Ireland



Reminder: As cold weather sets in, animals are attracted to the warmth of your vehicle, Always check your car before driving!



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I came across a joke last Friday night.

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five-and six-year old's. After explaining the commandments to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked.

Are there any commandants that teaches us how to treat out brothers and sisters? Without missing a beat, one answered,

"Thou shall not Kill"



SAINT JOHN HARBOUR IN THE AM



This pictures was taken about mid-morning on top of **Fort Howe** parking lot in July 2021.

Saint John Harbour with the morning fog retreating and the cranes and docks become visible. New wind mill blades and housings are visible in the foreground and were destined to the new "wind farm" in the eastern part of the province.

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

Tom Craig --The Phoghorn Newsletter.

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Merry Christmas!

NOTICE TO PROBUS MEMBERS

The staff at The Villa Madonna have asked that all rules and protocols, be followed.

The December meeting of PROBUS will have the same format as previous meetings.
Meeting will start at 10:00 am by our PROBUS President Don LeBlanc.

During the break, the Coffee & Tea will be available at the back of the room with a cookie treat.

Previously the coffee break was going to be in another room but that has changed and now will be in the meeting room.

A coffee tip would be appreciated.

The main Lunch will be in the dining room which is, from the meeting room, down the hallway, turn left and straight ahead.

The dining room is set up to accommodate (4) four persons per table.

Men's washroom is in the main hallway and is marked as such.

Masks are MANTORY. It is suggested that all attendees MUST BE VACCINATED.

Dinner will be served at 11:45 am.