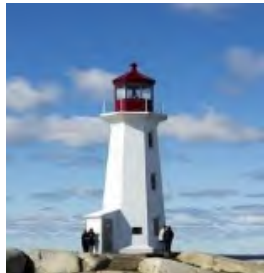


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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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2021--2022 Executive members

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



President **Don LeBlanc**

**JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED. A NOTICE ON FEBRUARY'S MEETING WILL BE SENT OUT
ONCE THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. D.LeBlanc, President**



President's remarks

Happy New Year to all of our members and their families! And welcome to our 30th year Anniversary as a Club! The unfortunate start of the year as it relates to Covid-19 will not hopefully diminish our efforts to appropriately celebrate as we move forward into 2022! Our Directors & Committee members will begin planning as soon as we consider it safe to get together! Please stay safe and make sure to stay connected- especially to any of your member acquaintances who might be feeling isolated at this time! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Don LeBlanc -- Club President

PROBUS Club of Saint John

Month of December 2021 – Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order - 10:05 December 15, 2021 – **Don LeBlanc**, President, opened the meeting with the singing of

O'Canada. One of our special guests today was **Barry Snodgrass** playing the piano. Thirty-three members were in attendance. Don thanked the members **Ron Pearce** and **Tom Craig** who had arranged for the **Villa Madonna Retreat House** site to be the host for today's meeting!

Memoriams for departed members – A minute of silence was held for **Fenton Keirstead** and **Gordon Moulard**. The attending members sang Danny Boy as a tribute to **Gordon Moulard**. The President acknowledged that **Blake Brodersen** was in attendance following an extended absence.

It was acknowledged that **Sid Lodi** had brought **Ed Farren** as a guest and potential member.

Minutes of last meeting – The minutes were included in the **Phoghorn**, which was emailed to members. On the motion to accept the minutes, **Chip Lawton** indicated that there was a correction required to the minutes regarding the official

position of **Marlene Pearce**, who was identified as President in the November Minutes, but her title was actually Atlantic Director, and that any President could be nominated to fill her position in May of 2022. A motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, were passed.

Business arising – Nothing presented.

Treasurer Report - **Robert Taylor** indicated that there was approximately \$1,800.00 on hand and that once outstanding bills were paid there would be an approximate balance of \$750.00 He indicated that a more detailed report would be forthcoming in January.

Upcoming Programs – **John Doyle** reported that for January, the speaker would be **Paul Meier** and for February it would be **Ralph Thomas**. It was suggested that a tour of **Moosehead Breweries** be investigated for March of 2022. John Doyle indicated that he would pursue this.

Snippets – **Don LeBlanc** indicated that he had a copy of a book by **David Goss** and presented some interesting facts.

1. in 1947 a **ski hill** was constructed in the **Ashburn Lake Road** area.
2. there use to be a **ferry** that ran from **Indian Town** (foot of **Maine Street**) to **Milford**.

3. and that **Bishop Edouard-Alfred LeBlanc** was the first **Acadian** appointed to the position of Bishop in the area.

Don Indicated that the yearly **Kiwanis Breakfast** function, (Key Industries) was held on Tuesday morning the 14th and was attended by himself, **Carl White, John Doyle** and four other **PROBUS** members.

Ralph Wood and **Paul Meier** presented entertaining jokes.

President's Report - **Don LeBlanc** presented **Tom Craig** with his 5-year Service Pin.

Don indicated that he would be calling a meeting in January with the Committee formed to focus on activities related to the **Club's 30th Anniversary**.

It was pointed out that an information sheet about **PROBUS** was available for members to pick up and to use as a hand-out to potential members.

Break for Coffee

Club Draw – **Don Connelly** was the winner of \$60.00.

Presentation – In lieu of a Guest Speaker, the members in attendance, were entertained by the **Saint John String Quartet**, who played several Christmas selections and at times invited those in attendance to sing along. **Carl Thompkins** thanked each of them on behalf of the Club with a **Tim's Coffee Card** in addition to a beautiful **China cup**.

The meeting adjourned for lunch which was to be a full Turkey Dinner served in the Villa Dining Room.

Minutes Presented by

Carl White, Assistant Recording Secretary

As mentioned in the minutes, our December meeting of **PROBUS** was held as a **December / Christmas** get together meeting. We had the services of **Barry Snodgrass** on the piano to lend a hand in some singing. Also, our special guest return this year, as a tridition, **The Saint John String Quartet**. The members play numbers fitting to the season with some members singing along. As usual they were fantastic and received a hearty round of applause. Well done! Looking forward to next year if they are available. The members were; **Christopher Buckley–viola, Danielle Sametz–Cello, Sanya & David Adams – violins**.

During the meeting, 7 door prizes were drawn at random. I failed to take any pictures or names as to whom was the lucky winners. I apologize for some of the pictures being off poor color. The second camera "settings" were incorrect.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR DECEMBER 15th MEETING



President Don LeBlanc welcomes all members.



Tom Craig receiving his 5 year service pin from **PROBUS**



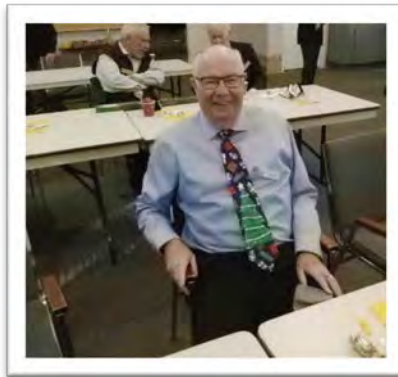
Ralph Woods delivers some funny stories



Paul Meier also delivers some humor. Well done to both.



PROBUS members listening to the entertainment.



Barry Snodgrass relaxes. Best Christmas tie in the house-Dale Stevens. I won-I won!-Don Connolly.

PROBUS December 15th 2021 meeting with group photo.

Photo taken at the Villa Madonna Retreat House, Rothesay NB.



**December meeting and turkey dinner that followed. Here are most of the members that attended:
Back row, left to right.**

***Don Mitchner, Paul Meier, Chip Lawton, Don Connolly, David Jory, Dale Stevens, David Flewelling,
Gary Watson, Robert Taylor, Howard Pearn, John Johnson, Peter Morris, Carl White, Bill Covert, John
Doyle, Ed Creaser.***

**Front row—left to right: *Barry Snodgrass, Carl Thompkins, David Ellis, Brian Mitchell, Sid Lodhi,
Robert Purdy, Don LeBlanc, Gordon Dempsey, Ralph Woods, Wes Cosman, Willard Buckley, Pat
Gallagher.***

Kneeling, Tom Craig. Photographer, Ron Pearce.



Saint John String Quartet



These two photos show the intense concentration *David Adams Violin & Danielle Sametz–Cello*



David Adams & Sanya Adams on Violins with Chris Buckley on Viola



It has been several years that this Quartet group has returned to entertain the PROBUS members
Enjoyment was obvious by the attention of the members. Well done!

HUMOR SECTION



Parking lot in front of the Laser Eye Surgery Center.



Today's Morning Smiles
"The Perfect Husband"

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone rings on a bench and a man engages the hands free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else stops to listen.

Man: "Hello."

Woman: "Hi Honey it's me. Are you at the club?"

Man: "Yes."

Woman: "I'm at the shops now and I found this beautiful leather coat it's only \$2,000.00. Can I buy it?"

Man: "Sure go ahead, if you like it that much."

Woman: "I also stopped at the Lexus dealership and the new models are out I saw one I really Liked."

Man: "How much?"

Woman: "Only \$90,000.00"

Man: "OK but for that much I want it with all the options."

Woman: "Great, Oh one more thing..... I was just talking to Janie and she told me that house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

Man: "Well then go ahead and offer \$900,000 for it. They will probably take it. If not we can go the extra Eighty-Thousand, if it's really what you want."

Woman: "OK I'll see you later! "I love you so much!"

Man: "By! I love you too!"

The man hangs up. The other men in the room are staring at him in astonishment mouths wide open.

He turns and asks "Anyone know whose phone this is?"

WANT TO FEEL OLD?

Bonanza premiered 62 yrs ago.

The Beatles split 52 yrs ago.

Laugh-In premiered nearly 54 yrs ago.

The Wizard of Oz is 82 yrs old.

Elvis is dead 44 yrs. He'd be 84 today.

The Thriller video is 38 yrs old.

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 51 yrs.

John Lennon dead 41 yrs.

Mickey Mantle retired 53 yrs ago.

Back To The Future is 37 yrs old.

Saturday Night Fever is 44 yrs old.

The Ed Sullivan Show ended 49 yrs ago.

The Brady Bunch premiered 52 years ago.

The triplets on My Three Sons are 52.

Tabatha from Bewitched is 57.

The Corvette turned 68 this year'

The Mustang is 57.

A guy bought his girlfriend a parrot for Christmas as a present.

The parrot was called Chet.

Chet was a very special parrot.

If you placed a lit candle under his right foot he would sing,

Jingle Bells.


If you placed a lit candle under his left foot he would sing,

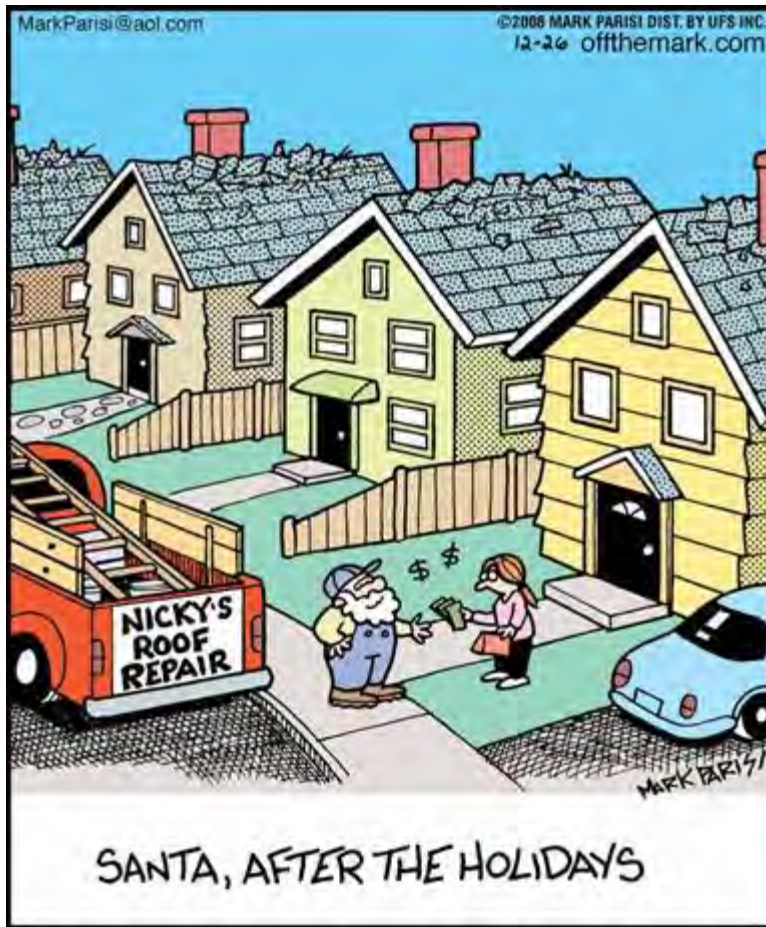
Silent Night.

The girlfriend was very impressed with her Christmas present and said, "I wonder what would happen if we put the candle between his legs?"

So they decided to try it.

Chet had a pained look on his face and began to sing.....

Chet's N  Roasting On An Open Fire.....!



Yes, Santa Clauses does exist

Feel happy story

The company my dad worked for as a carpenter in Bulawayo in what is now Zimbabwe went bankrupt in early December 1959, about one year after we emigrated from Holland. The only job he could find was a two-day journey away for Broken Hill Zambia. We arrived on Dec.21, and he had no money to buy gifts for us three kids. Dad promised we would celebrate a full Christmas at Easter when finances would be better. We were disappointed, but at least we had Easter to look forward to.

The next day, exploring the neighbourhood, we met two brothers from Italy in their early twenties who shared a house across the street. They asked what we were expecting for Christmas, and we told them our sorry tale. Then they asked, if Santa were to drop by, what we would like for gifts. I told him I had always wanted an electric train set; my middle brother wanted a bicycle and my youngest brother a Meccano set.

Fast forward to Christmas Eve. Mom opened the door to-not one-but two Santas! They said they had a delivery and brought in a tree, decorations, all kinds of food and treats, including a turkey and cake, Heineken beer and Dutch cigars for dad, wine for mom. We heard them promise to return with gifts early Christmas morning.

As promised, the Santas came back-with a Meccano set for my youngest brother, a blue Raleigh bicycle for my middle brother and I got a Hugh Marklin model train set

To say we were surprised would be an understatement! The Santas stayed for breakfast and agree to return for dinner. It turned out they too were missing family, so this was a win win for all of us. I was twelve and it was the best Christmas ever!

And yes, we celebrated Christmas again with the two Santas at Easter---though I cannot remember what I got as a present...

Taken from the TJ.NEWS/ TELEGRAPH-Journal newspaper, written by Peter Dielissen, Dec.24/21

Fredericton NB.



Copy of an email sent to our Web Master, Robert Lockhart

Robert. We, PROBUS, don't say this enough but...we appreciate all you do in posting these messages and the Phoghorn Newsletter every month to the Web site.

On behalf of PROBUS, thank you! It is appreciated. **Tom Craig**

Reply from Don Mitchener

I'll second that. When I was on the executive, it was nice to know Robert was backing us up. And we never said thanks enough. Tom, many thanks for taking the initiative and expressing our thanks to Robert.

Don Mitchener

Reply for JC Robert Lockhart-Web Master:

Thanks Don & Tom.

No thanks needed but appreciated. Always nice to hear your name mentioned. It is my pleasure to do this. Many of my mentors during my career were the Charter & early members of PROBUS whose friendship and mentorship will never be forgotten.

In a small way it is my way of paying back.

Happy New Year to all!

Please stay safe!

Best regards,

JCRL



STAY SAFE AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tom Craig --The Phoghorn Newsletter.
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