

# The PROBUS

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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**

## **President's Report.**

Just a reminder our May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is our annual meeting date. New officers will officially assume control of their duties as the executive of PROBUS for the year 2022-2023. Of course, this will happen once the motion to that effect has been made.

A decision will also be made to have a June monthly meeting as happened last year.

### **Minutes from the PROBUS Club of Saint John Monthly Meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup>/22**

Call to Order – 10:03 am, March 16, 2022 – Welcome, *Don LeBlanc* opened the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of the people of *Ukraine*.

Our musical guests, *Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters* led the singing of *O Canada*. They then treated us to 20 minutes of Irish music. PROBUS has been fortunate to have Barry and Rick perform for us over the years. It really picks up our own spirits. Most of the Club sang to their familiar Irish music. *Tom Craig* presented a gift to both entertainers and wish for them to return next year.

**Minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's Report** – We did not approve either report, both were presented in the Phoghorn Newsletter for February.

**Membership** – New Member inductions – President Don welcomed *Bev Harrison* and *Gerald O'Brien* into the Club and presented them with their name tags. Over 30 members attended the meeting and most planned to stay for lunch.

**Up-coming Programs** – *Sarah Gander*, a *Social Pediatrician* will be our speaker in April.

*John Doyle* suggested an outing to **The Huntsman Marine Lab** in St. Andrews for possibly June 8. We could share rides and stay for lunch. The idea was well received. We will firm up the details over the next two meetings.

President Don discussed planning a special event for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary perhaps have our September meeting at another venue.

President Don gave a short history talk regarding our **Irish History** in Saint John.

**Allegedly Fabulous Funnies** – contributions were made by *Don LeBlanc, Paul Meier, and Don Tompkins*. Don Tompkins spoke about a free concert on You Tube in honor of the Ukraine effort. Donations are being accepted to help. The You Tube Title is Concert for Ukraine. The performance was March 14, 2022, by The Metropolitan Opera.

**Club Draw** – *Frank McCarey* was the winner of \$78.00.

**Guest Speakers** – Two guests were introduced by **Willard Buckley, Harold Wright**, a Saint John Historian and **Mike Adams** who is a grandson of **David Goss**. Mike has been joining Harold and David and eventually plans to take over a lot of their speaking engagements.

Harold's presentation dealt with the Irish History of Saint John. Harold also spoke about two very successful businessmen, Robert Evans, and Mike Agar.

*Tom Craig* thanked Mike and Harold and gave them a small gift from PROBUS.

**Bev Harrison** spoke briefly about the naming of **St. Patrick Street** and the place names in New Brunswick which originated in Ukraine.

A toast to the Irish was made by **Gord Dempsey**. **John Doyle** thanked **Gord**.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.



*Departed member “DONALD FROST MacGOWAN” has passed away on March 21, 2022. Records indicate Don was a member of PROBUS for years 2009 and 2010, at least. Don was 87 years old.*

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The nominating committee has performed the task of seeking candidates for offices for the up-coming year 2022-2023. This list will be presented at our April meeting in accordance to the PROBUS Club Bylaws for the Saint John PROBUS Club. I refer to section 4-2 and 4-3 which is enclosed below.

*4-2. A Nominating Committee consisting of the President, Past President (or other Management Committee member as determined by the Committee) and a Club member-at-large and not on the Management Committee, selected by the Management Committee, shall present to the monthly General Meeting, that occurs immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Club, a slate of candidates for consideration for Management Committee positions that shall be vacant on the date of the Annual General Meeting. The President shall also advise the membership at that General Meeting of the process for acceptance of any further nominations. The slate of candidates and the nomination process shall also be communicated by means, to be selected by the Management Committee, of an email to the membership and/or an announcement in the Club newsletter and/or an announcement on the Club website, at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.*

*4-3. Any further nominations (with nominee’s prior consent to stand) shall be conveyed to the Nominating Committee at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and communicated by the Nominating Committee to the Club membership by means, to be selected by the Management Committee, of an email to the membership and/or an announcement in the Club newsletter and/or an announcement on the Club website, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. No nominations shall be considered and presented to the membership that are not received by the Nominating Committee at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.*

## NOMINATION REPORT FOR 2022-2023

**PROBUS 2022-2023**

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE--Tom Craig--Robert Taylor--Paul Meier**

OFFICE		POSITIONS	Volunteer Committees		
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	1	<b>Donald Mitchner</b>	<b>House Manager</b>	1	<b>TOM CRAIG</b>
			<b>Handling Name Tag Boxes</b>	2	<b>RON PEARCE</b>
			<b>Guest Speakers</b>	1	<b>JOHN DOYLE</b>
<b>Past President</b>	1	<b>Don LeBlanc</b>		2	
			<b>Telephone committee</b>	1	<b>CHIP LAWTON</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	1	<b>Frank McCarey</b>		2	<b>PETER MORRIS</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	1	<b>Paul Meier</b>		3	<b>ED CREASER</b>
				4	<b>DALE STEVENS</b>
				5	<b>GARY WATSON</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	1	<b>Ed Creaser</b>	<b>Probus Binders for new members</b>	1	<b>DALE STEVENS</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	1	<b>Carl White</b>	<b>Editor PHOGHORN</b>	1	<b>TOM CRAIG</b>
	2	<b>Chip Lawton</b>			
			<b>PROBUS PHOGRAPHER</b>	1	<b>TOM CRAIG</b>
			<b>Ticket Sales at meetings</b>	1	<b>RON PEARCE</b>
				2	<b>WILLIAM COVERT</b>
			<b>Speakers Gifts--Name Badges</b>	1	<b>DAVID FLEWELLING</b>

**A Review of the March 16<sup>th</sup> PROBUS Meeting in Pictures**



Coffee time, conversations, meeting members that you may not have seen in a while. That is what PROBUS is all about



We were treated to some **St.Patrick's** music by **Barry Snogross**, left and **Rick Waters**, right.

Members listening to the music.

**PROBUS Don LeBlanc** welcomes new members

**Bev Harrison**, top picture and **Gerald O'Brien**, lower picture.



Guest Speaker **Harold Wright** listens to his partner, **Dave Adams**, also a guest speaker with **Dob LeBlanc** looking on. The topic was the history of the Irish and Saint John from many years ago. Well done.



**Tom Craig**, far right, presents a token gift to our speakers **Harold Wright** and **Dave Adams**. **Don LeBlance** looking on.

Note the big **PROBUS FLAG** that is displayed at all of the **PROBUS** meetings.

## SOME HUMOR

Two sisters, one blond-haired person and one brown-haired person, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull from the stockyard in a far town so that they can breed their own stock.

They only have \$600 left. Upon leaving, the brown-haired person tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home."

The brown-haired person arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home."

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word." Well, after paying for the bull, the brown-haired person only has \$1 left. She realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her one word: comfortable."

The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word "comfortable?"

The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. She'll read it very slowly ...  
com-for-da-bull."



This is a unique approach to safety. For predestrations, they have a **green** or **red** light on the sidewalk.

A priest and a nun are on their way back from a trip when their car breaks down in a small town.

They are unable to get it fixed quickly so they decide to spend the night in a hotel.

The only hotel in the town has only one room available.

**Priest:** Sister, I don't think the Lord would have a problem, under the circumstances, if we spent the night together in this one room. I'll sleep on the lounge, and you have the bed.

**Nun:** I think that would be okay. (They go to bed but ...ten minutes later...)

**Nun:** Father, I'm terribly cold. **Priest:** Okay, I'll get you a blanket.

(He does but ...ten minutes later.) **Nun:** Father, I'm still terribly cold.

**Priest:** Okay Sister, I'll get you another blanket. (He does but ...ten minutes later...)

**Nun:** Father, I'm still terribly cold.



I don't think the Lord would mind if we acted as man and wife just for this one night.

**Priest:** You're probably right. Get up and get your own blanket!!!



**"I hooked a real big one but it kept swimming around the boat."**



**This is true!**

- A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a dalmatian dog.
- The children started discussing the dog's duties.  
"They use him to keep crowds back," offered one child.  
"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."  
A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
- I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try figuring out some of this stuff for yourself!"
- A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."  
The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last, she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
- My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"



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