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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***

This May18th meeting date will be a regular gathering followed by the **AGM**. It is also when the new executive, once officially voted in, will take office and a review of the past year's events.

The new president elect will be **Don Mitchner**, Vice presidents, **Frank McCarey** as 1<sup>st</sup> and **Paul Meier** as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, **Ed Creaser** as Treasure, Recording Secretary **Carl White** with **Chip Lawton** as back-up. There have been no further nominations.

Other positions that are filled that make our club function are all volunteers and **PROBUS** thanks you for stepping up to that position. It is appreciated.

Also, **PROBUS** thanks the out going executive for all their time the last three years they have held onto the positions that enabled the club to function during the COVID-19 period. Special mention to **Don LeBlanc** and **Robert Taylor**, job well done!

### **Guest Speakers lined up:**

May... **Emily Murphy** from Rockwood Park.

June ...."Pals Program" with **Debby Fisher and Susan Tipper**.

No meeting for July and August

Sept. ....

October .....Steve Palmer

Nov....

Dec. Annual Christmas meeting and turkey dinner at the "**VILLA**" Dec.14/22

### **Information update on PROPUS outing**

*At the last meeting of **PROBUS**, it was suggested a tour, or an outing may be in the offering. John Doyle has obtained this information. It would be the **HUNTSMAN MARINA** in St. Andrews followed by gathering at a local eatery named "**RED HERRING Restaurant**" for lunch at your own expense. The tour will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.*

*I am not sure of the exact times, but you should leave Saint John around 10:00 am and allow 1 hour drive. The tour would be at 11:30am followed by lunch there after.*

*Those who wish to carpool, John says, you can leave your car at the lower lot of Bremans on Paradise Road if you wish.*

*The cost of admission has been determined at \$12.00 per person*

*The MARINA is located at the end of **BRANDY COVE RD OF Route 127**.*

*Maps will be available. See Tom Craig at the meeting.*

## PROBUS Club of Saint John

**April 25, 2022**

**Call to Order** - 10:04 – **Don LeBlanc**, President, opened the meeting with the singing of **O Canada**. Twenty-seven members were in attendance.

**Member Updates:** It is reported that **David Flewelling** was not well; **Peter Jolly** was doing well in Chateau Champlain and that **Frank Setchell** was resigning from the Group due to health issues. The President acknowledged that **Jim Shillington** was in attendance following an extended absence.

**Minutes of last meeting** - The March minutes were included in the Phoghorn which was emailed to members. On the motion by **Gordon Dempsey** and seconded by **Robert Taylor**, a motion to accept the minutes as was passed.

**Business arising** – Nothing presented.

**Treasurer Report** - **Robert Taylor** indicated that there was approximately \$720 on hand He indicated that a more detailed report would be forthcoming in May.

**Snippets** – **Don LeBlanc** indicated that historically, Gilbert Studholme, was the Garrison Commander and builder of the original Fort Howe structure and there was a Monument on site acknowledging this achievement. Don also indicated that there was a long-standing rumor that there was treasure buried on the Fort Howe site or alternatively at the site of the Studholme's home in Apohaqui where he had lived.

**Bev Harrison** indicated that April 21, 2022, was Queen Elizabeth's 96 Birthday and that her 70 years on the Throne makes her the 5th longest serving Monarch and she was the most recognized person on Earth!

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

**Tom Craig** presented the **Nominating Committee's Report** as to the slate of the new Executive: **Don Mitchener**, President, **Frank McCarey**, 1st Vice-President, **Paul Meier**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, **Ed Creaser**, Treasurer, **Carl White**, Secretary, **Chip Lawton**, backup Secretary. **Don LeBlanc** becomes Past President. He also advised that there were a few members who had put their names forth to pursue other various volunteer activities. Committee members were **Tom Craig, Robert Taylor, and Paul Meier**.

**Presidents Report:** **Don LeBlanc** advised the Members that the Committee formed to pursue the 30th Anniversary Events had met and at this time they were pursuing options of sites to host the Dinner in September. John Doyle offered some suggested sites, such as **Riverside**, the **Marin** and **Lily's** and was going to pursue further information It was indicated that there was an intent to invite the Charter member to the Anniversary Dinner.

Don indicated that the Memorial Cup event was seeking volunteers and if anyone was interested to contact him.

**Upcoming Programs:** John Doyle advised that the upcoming speaker for May was to be **Emily Murphy** from Rockwood Park and for June it was to be representatives of the PALS Program – Debbie Fisher and Susan Tipper. He also advised that the planned trip to St. Andrews was postponed from May to possibly June 8, 2022, and would be a tour of the **Huntsman Marina** and following the tour the attending Members would have lunch at a local Restaurant, to be determined.

### **Break for Coffee**

**Club Draw** – Peter Morris was the winner of \$80.00

**Presentation** – The guest Speaker for the day was **Dr. Sarah Gander, Pediatrician**, who is the former Clinical and Academic Head of Pediatrics in Saint John. Along with other members of the Department she co-founded the New Brunswick Social Pediatrics Research Program in 2017. She advised that the Clinic operates out of a site on Princess Street and that they have created an Outdoor Clinic Space where Program participants may participate in the Program activities. She indicated that Program is involved with several community organizations that aim to provide better care to families and children living with difficult situations, especially poverty. She spoke about the various Programs offered by the Program and indicated that one of the things they worked at doing was to enable women living in poverty and on income assistance to transition into the work force. She advised that her Program connects with the schools in the area to provide need services to those in need. She advised that her Group would be hosting a Gala Event on November 18 at the Cruise Terminal. She was introduced by **Don Mitchener** and thanked y **Brian Mitchell**.

Minutes Presented by

**Carl White**, Assistant Recording Secretary

## **Can you relate to these stories?**

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!"

. 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."

## APRIL'S MEETING IN PICTURES



President ***Don LeBlanc*** addressing the meeting



Members enjoying conversations prior to the meeting.



Our Guest speaker during her presentation.



Members intently listening to the presentation that is going on.



Guest speaker ***Dr. Sarah Gander, Pediatrician***, during her presentation.

Below is a copy of ***Dr. Sarah Gander's*** presentation.





### New Brunswick Social Pediatrics

In late 2017, the NB Social Pediatrics Research Program was launched with funding from Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation. In less than 5 years, we have grown our team from one research coordinator and clinical lead to a large network of staff, clinical partners, students, community service providers, volunteers, and families. We have also created a charity partner organization to help serve over 300 patients and clients, while the demand for services continues to grow.

Children in New Brunswick are slipping through the cracks. Child literacy rates in New Brunswick are among the lowest in Canada (StatsCan, 2004), while the child poverty rates are among the highest (SJHDC, 2017). Children in New Brunswick who aren't keeping up academically are facing much more complex and pervasive issues like unsafe and inadequate housing, food insecurity, as well as neglect, abuse, and the lack of a social support network.



Soon to be president, **Don Mitchner**

Do you think he needs help?

(tap to start)



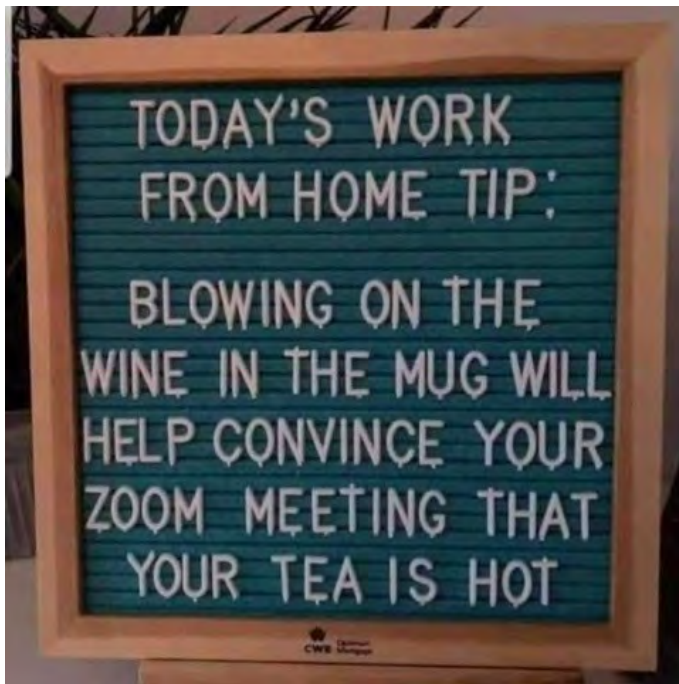
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Nice tip.



Wack will be here next week.





## DID YOU KNOW THIS?



The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

### ADULT

A person who has stopped growing at both ends  
And is now growing in the middle.

### RAISIN

A grape with a sunburn.

### SKELETON

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

### TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to extraction.

### TOMORROW

One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

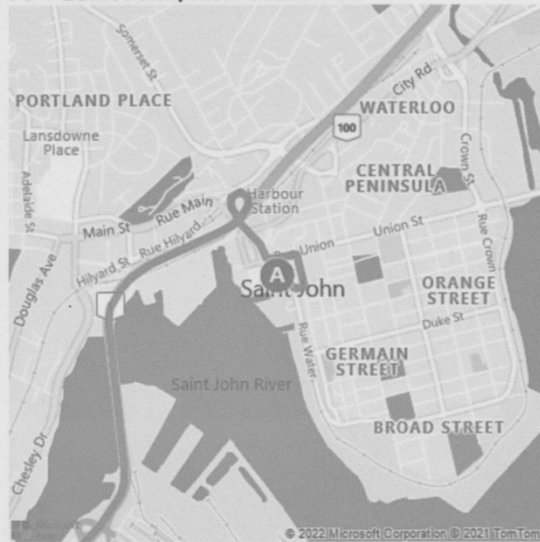
### YAWN

An honest opinion openly expressed.

## Map for the tour to the Huntsman Marina



**A Saint John, New Brunswick**



**B Huntsman Marine Science Centre, 1. Lowe...**



## Pondering Ponderisms:

- ★ Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke. Go ahead and try it.
- ★ I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- ★ How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- ★ Why do you have to "put your two cents in," but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?
- ★ Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- ★ What disease did 'cured ham' actually have?
- ★ How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- ★ Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- ★ If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- ★ Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?



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