

# *The PHOGHORN*

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President *Donald Mitchener*

Saint John PROBUS Club

### *2022--2023 Executive members*

*Don Mitchner*-----President

*Don LeBlanc* -----Past President

*Frank McCarey* ----- 1st Vice President

*Paul Meier* ----- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

*Ed Creaser* ----- Treasurer

*Carl White* --Secretary & Asst., *Chip Lawton*

***PROBUS Saint John, our next meeting is on June 21, 2023.*** Concerning with the renovations at the meeting venue, *Canada's Best Value Inn*, I am led to believe the renovations will be complete by the end of June. If that fails, it should be complete sometime in July. With that in mind, the PROBUS club may be back at our location on the first floor of the hotel.

I will follow up on this in August and report the situation to the new president and a note in the Newsletter to the members.

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

[The **Trolley tour** took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Pictures will be in the JULY or August issue of the PHOGHORN Newsletter.

By all accounts it was sold out ride followed by lunch at “**Lillie’s**” after the tour.]

**MEETING WILL START AT 10:30 am.**

The monthly meeting on June 21st will be the AGM (annual meeting) with the election of a new slate of volunteers to run the PROBUS meetings for the next year of 2023-2024.

The meeting will be held at the “**FOGHORN Brewing Company**” in Rothesay. It is located in the complex that is behind the **CASK & KETTLE**, off the Clarke Road. You can’t miss it driving down the Clarke Road from the intersection.

**MEETING WILL START AT 10:30 am.**

The current PROBUS executive encourages all members to attend this meeting if possible. If you do not wish to stay for lunch, **you are most welcome to attend the meeting!**

**NOTICE**



Sorry to report the passing of one of our PROBUS members, **Greg Sinclair** on March 21, 2023, after a brief illness. Greg was 71 years old and had been a member of PROBUS since 2018. There was no Funeral, but a Celebration of Life was held at **Saint David’s Church** on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**PROBUS Minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **PROBUS Club of Saint John – May 17, 2023**

**Call to 11:10am** – **Don Mitchener**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the signing of O Canada. There were 30 members in attendance. Don thanked **Frank McCarey** for Chairing the April meeting. There were no Guests in attendance. It was indicated by **Tom Craig** that he had received word that Member **Greg Sinclair** had passed away approximately two weeks ago.

It was indicated that the Trolley Tour held on May 9<sup>th</sup> was successful, with 30 Members in attendance.

**Gordon Burnett and Blair MacDonald** received their Membership Pins and Binder.

Don advised that **Tom Craig** would no longer be chairing the Nominating Committee and thanked him for the work he had done in the past.

**Frank McCarey** presented the slate of Executive Officers to be confirmed at the AGM in June. He identified himself as President, **Paul Meier**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, **Carl White** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, **Ed Creaser**, Treasurer and **Carl and Chip Lawton** to share the role of Secretary. He advised that there would be some additional roles filled as things move forward.

**Paul Meier** confirmed that the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with a 10:30 am start, would be held at the Foghorn Brewing Company at 47 Clark Road in Rothesay and that they have sufficient space to accommodate those in attendance and arrangements will be made for lunch to be available. He confirmed that the Owner, Steve Russell would be speaking. Members were advised that the cost would be \$15 and that they could pay their fee to Ed Creaser at this meeting if they planned to attend. Paul indicated that the recruitment of new members was an ongoing process and to date we are at a plus six.

**Carl White, Secretary** moved that the Minutes of February be moved as circulated in the Phoghorn. Seconded by **Gord Dempsey**.

**Ed Creaser, Treasurer** indicated that there was \$600.00 on hand at this time and that his verbal report be moved. Seconded by **Gary Watson**.

**Don Mitchener** provided an antidote.

**Paul and Chip** provided jokes.

The 50/50 Draw was held, with **Peter Gaulton** being the winner of **\$50.00**.

Paul introduced **Mike Caddell**, former General Manager of Harbour/TD Station as the Speaker for the meeting. Mike spoke about his experience as General Manager and the role he played during his 30 years plus that he was employed there. He advised that prior to being employed at the Station he had worked at the Hilton and Trade and Convention Centre. Mike spoke about how the main sources of the Station came from Events, Concession sales and onsite parking fees. The City of Saint John and the outlying Communities also contributed to the financial stability of the Station. Mike indicated that it was hard for the Station to compete with Moncton, because the Moncton facility had a direct relationship with Ticketmaster and a Management Group that had major dollars. Mike took questions from some Members and was thanked by Carl for his presentation.

## Points to Ponder

*The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.*

*Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't decide.*

*Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.*

*When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.*

*Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, "Close enough."*

*Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.*

*If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed.  
We're having a meeting.*

*"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo".*

*Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?*

*I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.*

*Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.*

*So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?*

*I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.*

*I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.*

*Old age is coming at a really bad time.*

*If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.*

*Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.*

*Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?*

*Now, I'm wondering . . . did I send this to you, did you send it to me, or have I only seen one copy?*

### ***The Commandments for Seniors.....***

*You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you angry.*

*Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.*

*"On time" is when you get there.*

*Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it sure does muffle the sound.*

*It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free...and three sizes smaller.*

## **Pictures from Meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



PROBUS welcomes new members.

President **Don Mitchner**, Secretary **Carl White** assisting, presented new members with PROBUS pins and a copy of information on PROBUS.

In the blue shirt is new member **Gordon Burnett** on the left and **Blair MacDonald** is on the right .

Vice President, **Paul Meier**, presenting some up-to-date information on next month's meeting, explaining the costs and venue location. This was followed by a round of funny stories and jokes.



PROBUS members had a hard time paying attention with a view like this, 8<sup>th</sup> floor overlooking the Harbour.



Members during the special speaker's presentation.



Carl presents **Mike Caddell** with a gift on behalf of the **PROBUS**



Part of the group of 24 that stayed for a good meal.

## **BEST KNOCK KNOCK JOKE EVER...**

Three brothers age 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together.

One night the 96 year old draws a bath, puts his foot in and pauses. He yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know, I'll come up and see." He starts up the stairs and pauses, then he yells, "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?"

The 92 year old was sitting at the kitchen table having coffee listening to his brothers. He shakes his head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." He knocks on wood for good luck. He then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."



**MY WIFE MADE ME  
COFFEE THIS MORNING AND  
WINKED AT ME WHEN SHE  
HANDED ME THE CUP.**

**I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE  
SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL  
OF MY LIFE.**



Four of our PROBUS members at the local UCT Golf tournament in June, 2023.  
On the left is *Chip Lawton, Don LeBlanc, John Doyle and Wes Cosman.*  
*No word on the scores, yet.*



## PROBUS SAINT JOHN NB

***A Professional and Business Retirees Club.***

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