

The **PHOGHORN** **NEWSLETTER**

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
AS A PROBUS CLUB
SAINT JOHN N.B.
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Saint John, NB - CANADA

PROBUS MEMBERS.

As you are aware by now, we are celebrating the PROBUS CLUB Saint John's, 30th Anniversary on September 21st. The event will take place at the UNION Club on Germain Street. The Union club is at the intersection of Princess and Germain.

Several guests have been invited for this event with lunch served afterwards. The cost of the lunch is \$25.00 including taxes. Keep in mind, if you do not show up at the meeting and have ordered lunch, the club is responsible for that cost.

The get together will start at 10:30 with conversation and mixing about. The bar will be open I hear. At 11:00 am sharp the meeting will start with the meal to follow at 11:30 am.

Note: please come to the meeting even if you are not staying for the lunch.

Because of the busy session, no annual dues of \$35.00 will be collected at this meeting but put over until the October meeting.

Payment of meals will be up to the individual and the server will oversee that with excepting cash or debit cards.

Over the last few months, the PROBUS executive have met to formulate all the arrangements and to ensure the function runs smoothly. Committee chairperson, Willard Buckley and President Don Mitchener have put in loads of time to ensure a smooth function.

Below are a few clips of the meetings and the introduction of District Director, *Mary Campbell*. Mary is the Atlantic Canada & Maine District for PROBUS Canada

On another matter, all are aware of the passing of Her Majesty Queen II. You may recall about 2-3 years ago I showed a video intitled "Operation London Bridge" what will happen when the Queen passes. Below is that video you may wish to view again since is so current. Simply click on the link below.



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A copy of the meeting agenda is noted below

Saint John PROBUS Club 30th Celebration Event
October 21, 2022, Union Club –Germain St.– Saint John
10:30 Reception -- 11:00 Presentations -- 11:30 Lunch

AGENDA

Call to order and Welcome

Brief Introduction

Singing of O'Canada (Barry Snodgrass on piano)

Introduction of Her Worship Mayor Donna Reardon

Introduction of Guests

Founder and 30 Year Pin Presentations:

- John Cook (Deceased)
- Gerry Barnett (not attending)
- Gordon White (not Attending)
- Mack Pike (in attendance)

Lifetime Award

Closing Remarks

Lunch

Guest Speaker -- Craig Estabrooks, CEO of the Port of Saint John

Adjournment – 30th certificates to attendees.

A meeting of the Management Committee was held Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Kennebecasis Community Funeral Home , Quispamsis, starting at 10:30 a.m.

All members were in attendance.

The Treasurer, Ed Creaser, presented a pre-budget of the Saint John PROBUS Club expenses and expected enrollment of members for the 2022-2023 season. His recommendation that dues be \$35.00 per member was approved unanimously.

After discussion, it was also approved unanimously that the monthly draw be classified as a 50/50 draw, with proceeds split evenly between the winner of the draw and the Club, with proceeds going into general revenue, beginning with the October 2022 meeting.

The Membership will be advised of the changes in an issue of "The Phoghorn", and at the next monthly meeting.

Willard Buckley

A meeting of the 30th Anniversary Committee of the Saint John PROBUS Club was held June 23, 2022, at Kennebecasis Community Funeral Home, Quispamsis, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Saint John PROBUS Club will hold their 30th Anniversary on September 21, 2022 at the Union Club, Saint John, starting at 11:00 a.m., with a time for conversation starting at 10:30 a.m. Guests to be invited include PROBUS Regional Director Mary Campbell; Speaker Craig Estabrooks; a Representative from the City of Saint John; the President of the Women's PROBUS Club; the Presidents of the Saint John Rotary Club and the Rothesay Kings Rotary Club; the surviving Charter members (John Cook, Mack Pike, Gordon White) of the Saint John PROBUS Club; and J.C. Robert Lockhart, who will receive a Life Membership from the Saint John Club.

The President Don Mitchener will be inviting Mr. Lockhart, and the Charter members: Carl White the City Representative; Don Leblanc the Regional Director and the Women's PROBUS Club; Frank McCarey the Rotary Presidents; Paul Meier --Carl Estabrooks. When confirming their attendance, they will also ascertain their meal choice of turkey or salmon.

The suggested Agenda of the meeting will be the Call to Order; O Canada, with special music provided by Don Mitchener; introduction of guests; the pinning of the Charter Members, and the presentation to Mt. Lockhart.; greetings to the Club from The City Representative, the Regional Director. The meal will be served at 11:30 a.m., with Mr. Estabrooks asked to speak at 12:00. Carl White has obtained the years of service pins for the Charter Members, and he will assist the President in the pinning. Tom Craig has a special framed certificate for the Charter Members as well. Carl White is to investigate getting a special Life Member certificate from PROBUS Canada to be presented to Mr. Lockhart. Paul Meier is to obtain introducers and responders for the Regional Director and special speaker.

Tom Craig and Willard Buckley will verify the layout at The Union Club the week before the meeting. There will not be a head table, but a special guest table with a microphone stand provided.

The Telephone Committee will be asked to phone each member the week of September 5th, to ascertain their attendance and meal choice of turkey or salmon, with a response to Willard Buckley by September 12th, who will then advise the Union Club of the meal choices.

Notice of the event will be well noted in the upcoming "The Phoghorn" issues.

Willard Buckley

PROBUS NEWS from Retiring Managing Director, Reg Whynott



August 19th 2022

Our Managing Director, Reg Whynott has decided to retire after 25 years of service to our wonderful organization, PROBUS CANADA. Reg has been an inspiration to all Directors and members across Canada. We thank him for his years of service and wish him well on his second retirement.

As of September 1st, 2022 we welcome our new General Manager Lori McDowell note title change.

Lori is a member of the Blue Sky PROBUS Club in North Bay Ontario. Email address : probuslorim@gmail.com

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Watch for the write up in the PROBUS CANADA newsletter coming out at the beginning of September.

Brenda Andrews
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PROBUS CANADA
District 2 Ont. Director
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Get Connected - Stay Connected Be a Friend - Bring a Friend

To All Atlantic Canada & Maine PROBUS Club Presidents and Management Teams

August 2022

Greetings to you all. Here we are at the mid-August point already. I hope the weather is cooperating where you are, and you are getting lots of summer activity in.

Allow me to introduce myself – my name is Mary Campbell, and my home club is the Women’s PROBUS Club of SE New Brunswick. I also hold membership in the Shediac Shores PROBUS Club. I am a keen, long-time PROBIAN who looks forward to doing whatever I can to make every club as vibrant as possible. We have been tasked with building our membership back up following the loss of more than 6,000 members across the country over the past 2+ years. Sadly, our district saw the Ladies’ Club in Charlottetown close its doors for good and other clubs are struggling.

Part of my mandate is to help all clubs, especially those that require extra assistance. Over the next three years I will visit each club at least once to answer questions, offer suggestions, and assist you in growing larger and stronger. I am forward to this and to meeting as many of you as I can. Some documents will be attached to this message to perhaps get you started or give you some direction if needed.

I am settling into my position as your director. Most days are very busy with learning what my position entails, e-mails, paperwork, and more but I am learning a lot and I encourage you and your members to be in touch. So far I have attended the AGM in Toronto and attended the 5th Anniversary of the Cobequid Club in Halifax – it was a great time! When September rolls around, I will be attending the 30th Anniversary of the Saint John Men’s Club! The Fredericton Club will also celebrate later in the fall.

In October we will celebrate PROBUS Month across the country, and our District is expected to hold a regional meeting in Truro before November arrives. (We must get in touch soon)

There are a few housekeeping items to be addressed:

1. If your Club has had any changes in officers, please e-mail me at eampbmab@nbnet.nb.ca and I will see that the web site Directory is updated. ***If you are receiving this e-mail but are no longer President, please forward it to the new officer.*** It is imperative that ALL clubs update their information as soon as possible, using the attached form, which is easily filled out and returned via email.
2. The regional meeting is being held in October – hosted by the Colchester Club in Truro. Once the details are finalized you will be requested to register as soon as possible. No information has been sent out yet, but I anticipate talking with them in the very near future. Much planning must go into this event. I have attended several in the past, and I know it will be informative and enjoyed by all those attending.
3. At the risk of being repetitive, I urge you to ensure that I have contact information from EVERY club as soon as possible. You may wish to add a name or two along with your club’s email, such as your president and or secretary.
4. I have also taken on the responsibility of preparing the quarterly PROBUS Canada online newsletter. If your club has any activities or information that you would like to see included, it needs to be sent to be as soon as possible, since the next issue will be published in early September. Photos are always popular. This is not a requirement but an opportunity to spread some of your club’s news across the country. Some of you are already forwarding copies of your own club’s newsletter, which I very much appreciate.
5. Please make use of our national website – www.probus.org – if you need some of our common documents. The website has been targeted for an overhaul, so if you spot any areas that should be addressed, feel free to let us know. It will be a work in progress.

I welcome anyone to contact me, and I will be happy to advise you on all things PROBUS. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Regional Meeting in October or sooner.

Mary Campbell, Atlantic Canada & Maine District Director for PROBUS Canada

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For Your Information, the PROBUS Canada Executive for 2022 – 2023 includes:

President – Brenda Andrews, of Bradford ON
Vice President – Martin Capper, of Milton ON
Secretary – Inga Thomson Hilton, of Kamloops BC
Treasurer – Lorna Eadie Hocking, of Hanover ON
Past President – Bob MacNair, of Mississauga ON

MORE PROBUS NEWS:

Here is a copy of the article that was published in our local Saint John newspaper over the weekend. It shows a Certificate from the Shediac PROBUS Women's club, being presented to outgoing past PROBUS President of Canada, **Marlene Pearce**. Congratulations. Marlene.

Retirees get connected and stay connected through Probus clubs

MARGARET PATRICIA EATON
BRUNSWICK NEWS SPECIAL SECTIONS

The Probus Club movement traces its roots back to 1965 and the U.K., where the first two clubs were sponsored by local Rotary Clubs, as non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political, and autonomous organizations, where retired and semi-retired people from any walk of life can come to meet others with similar interests, make new friends, and expand their interests. The club's name is a combination of the words "professional" and "business."

The founders saw a need for this kind of organization because in the mid-60's people were starting to retire younger and live longer in good health, and found they really missed the socialization opportunities, and the camaraderie that their work had provided.

The movement spread and grew rapidly, with clubs introduced in New Zealand in 1974, in Australia in 1976 and Canada in 1987. Today, there are over 4,000 clubs worldwide. 250 of them are in Canada, with over 28,000 members, making Probus the fastest growing

meetings, Marlene says, however, she is likely to maintain a hybrid model for the foreseeable future, not ready for in-person meetings.

Marlene's husband Wyn, a former engineer with Marine Atlantic and Canada West, served as the Chair of the Moncton Water Commission, is a long-time member of the Probus Club of Greater Moncton. He has been a frequent speaker at the club's monthly meetings, seeing people and working with them over the years.

In fact, both Wyn and Marlene have been involved with Probus so much that they joined the Shediac Shores Club, as it's something they can do together.

Marlene says being involved with Probus has given her great personal satisfaction. "I've served on 10 different committees, but this is the one I enjoyed the most. It's so much diversity and it's good for them to not just sit around, thinking about the past. I'm living in the present. It's so life affirming."

PROBUS Club Meeting Schedule

SOME AMUSING NOTES



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A 1951 lawnmower built by the Indian motorcycle company



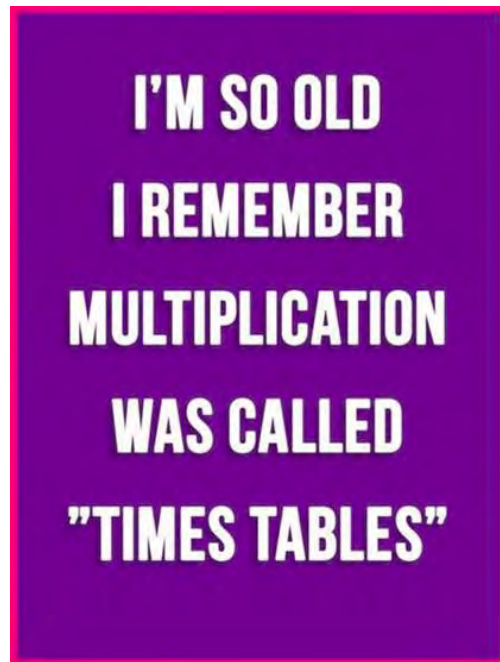
Where can I get one ?



This is so true....inhale



Can you imagine, but all inventions start somewhere



For Deep Thinkers...

Someone posted that they had just made synonym buns. I replied, "You mean just like the ones that grammar used to make?" I am now blocked.

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers .. if you do find one, what's your plan?

The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only let animals on the ark.

Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a **five-dollar** bill with a bent corner.

When all this pandemic stuff is over, I still plan to wear a mask. It hides the perpetual look of annoyance I have for most people.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

Someone just honked to get me out of my parking space faster, so now I just must sit here until both of us are dead.

My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.

If you see someone buying candy, popcorn, and a soda at the movies, they must be a drug dealer. There's no other explanation for that type of income.

After a year of this pandemic, I'm either going out for ice cream or to commit a felony. I'll decide in the car.

I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car assumes it's an extra passenger who isn't wearing a seat belt.

Dr. Oz says rubbing coffee grounds on your naked body will get rid of cellulite. Apparently, you can't do this in Starbucks. And now the cops are here.

Do not vaccinate health care workers first. If it fails, we're all in trouble. Vaccinate the politicians first. If we lose a few of them, it won't matter.

In the 1980s I fell off my bike and hurt my knee I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then.

Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk ... I got sour and chunky. Vegetarians live up to nine years longer than meat-eaters. Nine horrible, worthless, bacon less years

I still have a full deck; I just shuffle slower.

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, 10:00 am.* Website <http://www.sjprobus.ca> --- *PROBUS CANADA* website www.probus.org

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2022--2023 Executive members

***Don Mitchner*-----President**

***Don LeBlanc* -----Past President**

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

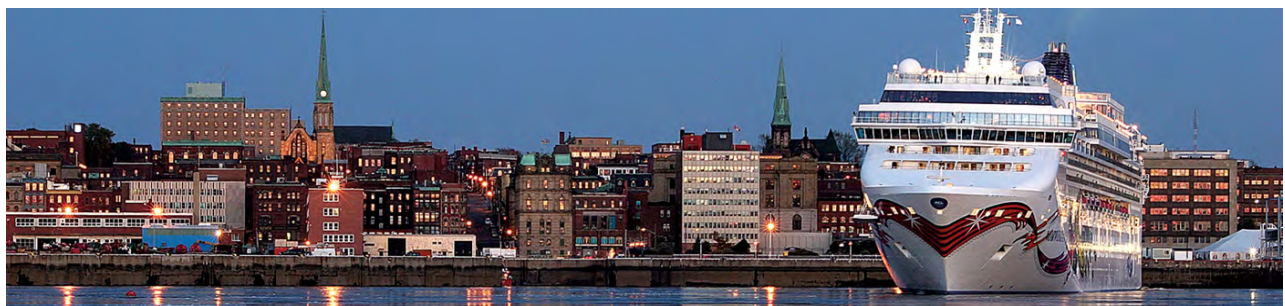
***Paul Meier*----- 2nd Vice President**

***Ed Creaser*----- Treasurer**

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



President Donald Mitchner



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