

# *The* **PHOGHORN** **NEWSLETTER**

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## President Remarks

The opportunity to maintain associations and friendships and grow new ones has long been an appealing attribute of PROBUS. However, as a number of members have recently noted, many of us tend to sit with those we already know. In response to those comments from members, the executive has decided to try something different for a few meetings.

For the next several meetings, when members enter the meeting room, they will draw a number that will designate the table they will sit at for that meeting. The hope is that there will be some members at you “assigned” table that you do not know well and will get to know better over the course of the meeting. After a number of meetings, we will canvass the membership and decide whether to continue the (new) process or revert to self-selection of tables.

President *Don Mitchener*.

*Our special speaker for this month’s meeting is “CHRIS RYAN” crown prosecutor for Saint John. His talk should be interesting with some humor thrown in.*

**Changes:** Sometimes things change, and the affected people are not informed of these changes. This has happened to our PROBUS Club. With the current renovations taken place at the hotel, we no longer are able to meet at our normal meeting room. We have been assigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> floor for the months of October and November. The date has not changed and is still the same at the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

Here lies the problem: the hotel breakfast for the guest use the 9<sup>th</sup> floor location from 9:30 to 11:30am. Our meeting is supposed to start at 10:am

As a result of this, the hotel staff will clean up as fast as they can and the meeting room will be available at 11:00 am. We have been asked not to come before that time. The meeting will commence at 11:15 am followed by the usual format, coffee at 11:45, guest speaker at 12:10pm with lunch at the conclusion of Mr. Ryan’s talk.

**YEARLY DUES.** The yearly due for the season will be collected this week by our treasure, Ed Creaser. The amount is \$35.00, check or cash only. Make cheques payable to PROBUS SJ

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Saint John PROBUS club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club.

Our President, **Don Mitchener** hosted the evening events.

A special meeting / dinner was held at the *Saint John Union Club* on Germain Street. Attendance was particularly good with forty-four members and guests. Also, at this meeting four of the founding members were presented with framed 30<sup>th</sup> year certificates of this event. Recipients were **Mack Pike, Gerald Barnett, Gordon White** and a 4th member recently passed away, **John Cook**, His certificate will be delivered to his daughter shortly.

One of the highlights of the evening is to present our web master, **J.C Robert Lockhart**, with a lifetime membership to the Saint John PROBUS Club.

Invited guests were **Donna Reardon**, Mayor of Saint John,

**J.C. Robert Lockhart** and his wife **Carolyn**,

**Jay Kimball**-Pres. Saint John Rotary,

**Mary Campbell**-PROBUS Regional Director,

**Andre Welland**-Pres-Elect Rotary Rothesay,

**Colleen Donahue**-PROBUS Women's Pres., (had a slight accident and was unable to attend)

Special speaker, **Craig Esterbrooks** -President and CEO of Saint John Port. Authority.

**Mack Pike** – 30-year member

**Gordon White** – 30-year member-unable to attend.

**Gerald Barnett**-30-year member-unable to attend.

A special thank you for all members that were part of the “30<sup>th</sup> year planning” was noted by our President Don and special thank you to Chairman, **Willard Buckley**.

Members had pre-ordered their choice of meals, salmon, or turkey. By all account, the meals were well received. This was followed by desert with coffee/tea.

Our guest speaker, **Craig Esterbrooks**, presented some insight as to what was happening at our local port and what will occur in the near future.

Craig was born and raised in Saint John and was educated here in addition to *Bachelor of Arts* (UNB) and *Master of Arts* (Dalhousie) in political science. He has recently achieved alumni status at *Harvard Business School* having completed its *Comprehensive Program in Leadership Development*. (PLDA)

His talk was highly informative and provide some insight what it takes to operate a world class shipping port. This was followed by a question period. It well received.

**Here are some of the pictures taken during the presentations on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**



PROBUS President, *Don Mitchener* Starting the meeting



Mayor of Saint John, her worship, *Donna Reardon*, delivers welcome message to members.





Membership looking on, at the start of the special 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.



PROBUS member **J.C. Robert Lockhart** was presented a lifetime Membership to our PROBUS club.

On the right, *Gordon Dempsey*, J.C. Robert Lockhart, President *Don*, and *Carl White* secretary of PROBUS SJ.

**J.C. ROBERT LOCKHART** is also being presented a late award from **2008!** For some reason, it was never presented, and we will never know that reason. It just became known a while back and only fitting to present it formally.

*Carl White* and *President Don* make that presentation.



One of PROBUS'S founding members, ***Mack Pike***, says a few words on his presentation of a special certificate commemorating 30 years as a member of PROBUS Saint John. At the podium, on the left is ***Mack Pike***, ***President Don***, and ***Carl White***. Head table on the left, with ***Mayor Donna Reardon*** and ***Mary Campbell*** looking on. ***Mary Campbell*** is the **PROBUS** Regional Director



***Mack Pike*** displays his 30<sup>th</sup> certificate with ***President Don*** and ***Carl White***





Conversations between the local Rotary representation and Guest Speaker, ***Craig Esterbrooks***.



A presentation to PROBUS Saint John congratulating on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was noted by ***Mary Campbell***, regional director for PROBUS with ***President Don*** and ***Willard Buckley***, on the right.





On this occasion we had four past presidents of **PROBUS S.J** up to the present. On the right side is **Robert Taylor**, (2015,2016,2017) **Brian Mitchel**, (2009-2010) **Don LeBlanc**,(2019-2020-2021) **Mack Pike** (1993-1994) and **Don Mitchener**(2023) Past president **Ed O'Keefe** (2017-2018-2019) had to leave the meeting early on another matter.



Members seated prior to the start of the meeting.





Members at their tables at the Saint John Union Club.



Forty-four members listening to the speakers. First time back for some members due to COVID.



Special speaker, **CRAIG ESTERBROOKS**, CEO of the Port of Saint John, keeping the attention of members with a most informative talk on the local port with behind-the-scenes operations. Very well done.



Plaque from **Mary Campbell**, Regional Director, PROBUS Atlantic presented to PROBUS Saint John.





On the right, **Gary Watson, Don Leblanc, Robert Purity, David Ellis and John McMillian**



**Craig**

**Esterbrooks**, foreground, and **J.C. Robert Lockhart** and wife **Carlyon** on the right.  
Past President of **PROBUS SJ**, **Don Leblanc**, on the right





One of PROBUS founding member, **Gordon White**, was not able to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> celebration at the Union Club to receive his framed certificate as a founding member. So, with that in mind, I delivered it in person and took this photograph. Gordon was pleased and expects to be back at the meeting sometime.

### **Humorous Corner**

- Snowmen fall from heaven unassembled.
- Amazing—you hang something up in the closet for awhile and it shrinks two sizes
- Help wanted: Telepath. You know where to apply.
- I'D Stop drinking, but I'm no quitter.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beer glass.
- An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
- Never buy a purse from a man that is out of breath.
- What's another word for Thesaurus?
- A lot of money is tainted—it taint yours and it taint mine.
- The problem with the Gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

## PROBUS

## ***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](http://www.probus.org)

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

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

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



***President Donald Mitchner***



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