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President **Donald Mitchener**
PROBUS
Saint John PROBUS Club

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**

PROBUS Saint John, our next meeting is on April 19, 2023. The restaurant has reminder us that it does not have access to Debit or Charge cards from the 8th floor 'Top of the Town' room.

It is requested all members paying for their lunch, bring cash for this transaction.

As you can see the hotel is now working on the lower level in renovations, mainly the restaurant and gaming areas. It is expected the finish date will be during the summer. By Fall we may be back to our old location. We will keep you posted.

Note: PROBUS member Greg Sinclair's health is not good, as we are advised.

Minutes from March PROBUS Meeting.

PROBUS Club of Saint John – March 15, 2023

Call to Order – 11:05am – **Don Mitchener**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the signing of O Canada. There were 29 members in attendance.

Larry Timms and **Gord Burnett** were welcomed as guests and potential new members. **Peter Gaulton** received his Probus Membership pin and Binder.

Don indicated that the Presentation by **Alyssa Long**, Executive Director, The New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation Inc. was well received, and that she provided some good information about the Foundation's work. Following her Presentations, she responded to a few questions from Members.

Don advised that the new Executive would be elected at the **AGM** in May and that Tom Craig would be looking for Members to serve on the Nominating Committee. He reminded that he would not be reoffering as President. It was also indicated that he may not be on time for the April meeting and that **Frank McCary** would assume the position of Chair.

Upcoming Speakers - It was indicated that speakers for the April and May meetings have not been finalized yet, but that **Bev Harrison** would be slotted for one of them. For June, we will be conducting the meeting at the Foghorn Brewery in Rothesay, which will include a Tour.

Minutes of last meeting – It was moved by **Carl White** and seconded by **Frank McCarey** to accept the Minutes of February 15th as published in the latest Phoghorn. Motion Accepted.

Treasurer Report – **Ed Creaser** advised that there was \$913.00 on hand at this time and that he would provide a written report at the April meeting. It was moved by Ed and seconded by **David Flewelling** to accept the verbal Report. Motion Accepted.

Paul Meier and **Carl White** entertained with jokes.

As part of the new initiative of Members sharing some details about their working careers or life experiences, **Chip Lawson** to the Membership. It was further indicated by **Paul Meier** that Members are welcome to put their names forward if they have an interest in participating in this initiative.

Paul circulated a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in joining the list of those who want to participate in the Trolley Tour scheduled for May 9th, beginning at 9:30 am, departing from Lily Lake and is expected to last approximately 2 ½ hours. The plan is for Members to have lunch at Lily's following the Tour.

The President introduced our Guest Speaker, **Don Mullin**, a partner at the Accounting Firm of Jamieson/Mullin. He spoke about the issue relating to Taxes and Tax Returns. He elaborated on some of the changes that have

come about over the last few years, with a focus on some of the changes that would affect Tax Returns for the 2022 Year Returns, specifically those that would affect Businesses. He further suggested that it was the intention of CRA to have Tax Returns submitted electronically in the future. He cautioned about individuals responding that appear to have originated

from CRA seeking information from individuals, because that is not their practice, and this may be a scam. He responded to a few questions from Members. He was thanked by **Peter Gaulton** on behalf of the Members.

50/50 Draw – John Culley was the winner - \$60.00

Minutes Presented by: **Carl White, Secretary**

[Notice on the upcoming Trolley Tour on May 09, 2023.](#)

- 1) Please ask members attending the historic Saint John Trolley tour on May 9th to bring \$15 to the April meeting for the trolley cost and give it to Ed Creaser who will (later) issue a cheque to the trolley company for the tour. (Those attending the meal at Lily's will pay at the restaurant.)
- 2) There are 7 seats remaining on the trolley if anyone else wishes to sign up. First come/first served. Please contact Paul Meier to sign up (847 2888 or 647 5808).
- 3) Reminder, members are encouraged to bring guests who are prospective members to the meeting. The club pays for the lunch of those guests.
- 4) The speaker for the April meeting will be **Bev Harrison** who will speak on Wartime Leadership - Churchill and Zelensky.

I think that is it for member notification. Regarding Nominations for the upcoming year, neither Bob Purdy or I will be continuing as an ad hoc recruitment committee. I believe we should be replaced. I would suggest we try to get at least one of the new members to get involved in recruitment as they will no doubt have their own networks to "mine".

If any member wishes to fill this position as stated above, please contact Paul Meir.

How true this is!



PICTURES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON MARCH 15/23



Carl White, on the left, presents **Peter Gaulton** with his PROBUS membership pin.



Guest speaker **Dean Mullin** talking about all the changes taking place in the field of taxes for 2022 and beyond.



Work never stops for our treasure **Ed Creaser**, in the purple shirt.



Members during the Guest speaker's talk from **Dean Mullin** on taxation.



View of the 32 members present at the meeting.



Peter Gaulton presents a gift to our guest speaker **Dean Mullin**.

PICTURES OF INTEREST



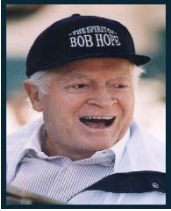
As we all know by now, a major earthquake struck Turkey-Syria on February 16/23. This picture shows the extent of the damage that occurred outside the city. This land was level prior to the quake and see the difference after, pure solid rock fractured like puddy. In the picture on the left, you will see people standing at the edge of the cliff and are hardly visible. The picture on the right has been enlarged to show these people. This shows the power of nature.

course. These structures are huge! This is Khafre's pyramid, the second largest on the Giza plateau. Yes, there's another one even bigger than this! Jaw-dropping!



This pyramid is the second largest on the Giza plateau in Egypt. To point out how massive these are, look at the person in the red dress at the base and then look up to the top. These structures are massive! Look at the size of the stones/ blocks behind the women. How were they built?

One of the old-time favorites, **BOB HOPE**.



ON TURNING 70 - *"I still chase women, but only downhill."*

ON TURNING 80 - *"That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."*

ON TURNING 90 - *"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."*

ON TURNING 100 - *"I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."*

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - *"I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."*

ON GOLF - *"Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."*

ON PRESIDENTS - *"I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six."*

ON WHY HE CHOOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER - *"When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight-pound ham."*

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL - *"I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."*

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - *"Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."*

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - *"That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."*

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES - *"I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."*

ON GOING TO HEAVEN –

"I have done benefits for ALL religions. I would hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."





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