

# *The* **PHOGHORN**

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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** ----- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**Ed Creaser** ----- Treasurer  
**Carl White** --Secretary & Asst., **Chip Lawton**

*PROBUS Saint John, our next meeting is on May 17, 2023. The restaurant has reminder us that it does not have access to Debit or Charge cards from the 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

*The Trolley tour took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Pictures will be in the next issue of the PHOGHORN Newsletter. By all accounts it was sold out ride followed by lunch at “Lillie’s” after the tour.*

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

The current PROBUS executive encourages all members to attend this meeting if possible. See note attached.

Our guest speaker for the MAY meeting will be former General Manager **Mike Caddell** of Harbour Station.

**Note from J.C. Robert Lockhart**

*The sjprobus .ca Web site was moved over to the Integrant servers a couple weeks ago, and for the most part has been tested and is working fine. Still doing some checking on my end.*

**MINUTES FROM THE APRIL meeting of PROBUS**

**PROBUS Club of Saint John – April 19, 2023**

**Call to Order** – 11:05am – **Frank McCarey**, Vice-President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the signing of O Canada. There were 27 members in attendance. There were no Guests in attendance, nor any Member updates.

Members were reminded of the Trolley Tour taking place on May 9<sup>th</sup> and were asked to confirm their attendance with **Ed Creaser** and to pay their fee of \$15.00. Members are reminded that the Tour would be leaving from Lily Lake at 9:30 and lunch would be available after at members cost.

**Larry Timms** received his Membership Pin and Binder.

It is confirmed that the May meeting would be held at the current site and the June meeting would be held at the **Foghorn Brewing Company** at 47 Clark Road in Rothesay. **Paul Meier** confirmed that they have sufficient space to accommodate those in attendance and arrangements will be made for lunch to be available.

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

**Ed Creaser, Treasurer** indicated that there was \$850.00 on hand at this time and that his verbal report be moved. Seconded by **Pat Gallagher**

**Paul Meier** indicated that any suggestions for future speakers were welcome, and that the recruitment of new members was an ongoing process and that if any Member wished to participate in this process, they were more than welcome.

It was further indicated by **Paul Meier** that Members are welcome to put their names forward if they have an interest in participating in the initiative of sharing some personal background about themselves.

Following the coffee break the 50/50 Draw was held, with **Carl White** being the winner of \$47.50.

Frank introduced **Bev Harrison** as the Speaker for the meeting. Bev spoke about **Winston Churchill**, former Prime Minister of Great Brittan and gave some highlights regarding his leadership qualities and indicated the Queen Elizabeth referred to him as the “Greatest Englishman of all Time”. Bev noted that Churchill had a quick wit and enjoyed a drink now and then and had a fondness for cigars. It was indicated that Churchill was very talented and had a great mind for war strategy. Also, that he had a great gift of being able to bring the Nation together through World War II with his inspirational speeches, that he crafted himself. In 1953, Churchill was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature and upon his death in January 1965, he was honored with a State Funeral by Queen Elizabeth. Bev also commented about the leadership abilities of Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** in comparison to Churchill and both had the resolve “to win at any cost”.

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



**Vice President, *Frank McCarey* welcomes new member *Larry Timms* to PROBUS SJ.**



**PROBUS members getting to know each better prior to meeting.**



**PROBUS member Bev Harrison at the start of his wonderful talk on "*Winston Churchill*". Note the figurine and picture of Winston Churchill. Nice touch to the presentation.**



**This is one of the best times of the meeting...eating our lunch!  
Walking to the line on the left is Robert Taylor, followed by the back of the line, Paul Meier,  
Fed Shillington, Ed Creaser, Wes Cosman, guest, Eric Johnson, Pat Gallagher.**

## **HUMOR SECTION**

**I'm watching a 3 year old pull up apps on a cell phone.**

***Me, I just figured out how to turn mine off without taking the battery out.***

**I just had a physical.**

***The doctor said, Don't eat anything fatty.***

**I said, "Like bacon and burgers?"**

***He said, "No fatty, don't eat anything!"***

***My grandma talking to her mom about her new hearing aid, "it's the most expensive one you can buy, it cost me \$4,000"***

***My Mom: "What kind is it?"***

***My grandma: "it's 4:14pm"***

If by “crunches” you mean the sound of potato chips when you chew them,  
*then yes, I do crunches.*

*A new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water miser to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of thunder and smell fresh rain.*

*When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and experience the smell of fresh hay.*

*When you approach the egg case, you hear the hens cluck and cackle and the air is full of the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.*

*The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn.*

*I don't buy toilet paper anymore!*

I was in a bar the other day when I realized.  
I desperately needed to pass gas.

The music was loud, so I timed my Farts with the beats.

After a couple of songs I started to feel better.  
I finished my beer and noticed that everybody was staring at me.

Then I remembered that I was listening to MY iPod!

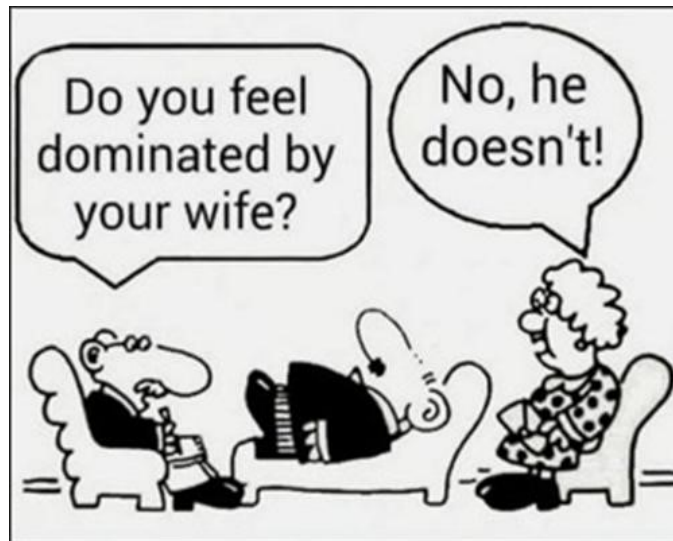
**Employer:** We have a companywide 401 K.

**Me:** I don't think I can run that far.

Little Johnny is always being teased by the other neighborhood boys for being stupid.  
Their favorite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a nickel or a dime. Little Johnny always takes the nickel.

One day, a neighbor takes him aside and says. “Johnny, those boys are making fun of you.  
Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel?”

Johnny grins and says, “Well, if I took the dime, they would stop doing it.  
So far, I have made over \$20.00!”



## Six little stories with lots of meanings

- Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.  
That is faith.
- When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.  
That is trust.
- Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarm to wake up.  
That is hope.
- We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.  
That is confidence.
- We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children.  
That is love.
- On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years experience.'  
That is attitude.



## PROBUS SAINT JOHN NB

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