

# NEWSLETTER

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Frank McCarey

Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club

2023-2024 Executive members

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#### Presents Message:

#### Fellow PROBUS Members:

On behalf of your new executive, I want to welcome all members to a new year of PROBUS meetings. I especially want to thank Tom Craig for staying on top of the meeting venue issue, throughout the summer, and as he has reported we will be starting our first meeting of the new PROBUS year at the old time of **10:00 am** in the newly renovated area on the first floor of the Best Value Inn on Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

For your information, your executive has decided that on an ongoing basis, the Nominating Committee each year will consist of the past president, current president, and incoming president. This initiative will take place this PROBUS year.

As with any organization membership is key to our success and all current members are encouraged to bring in new members. Often, newer members may be aware of contemporaries, not known to the older members, who may have an interest in our type of organization.

Over the last few years, we have enjoyed several off-site excursions for which the members have expressed appreciation. Your committee welcomes any ideas the members may have for similar excursions. It would be great if we could identify a couple of destinations for this year.

At our first meeting we will be looking for ideas for speakers this year and will also be presenting to the members, proposed membership fees, for their approval.

Looking forward to a great turnout for our first meeting and a successful Probus year.

Thanks.

Frank McCarey

September 05, 2023

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice on meeting location and time.

Our September meeting on the  $20^{th}$  will take place at the usual hotel on Main Street.

What is different is the TIME of the meeting will revert to the START time of 10:00am.

The second news is we will meet in <u>the downstairs</u> location. The downstairs location has been divided into two sections.

Our meeting place will be the room down near the restaurant.

#### Remember, the meeting starts at 10:00am.

A second notice will be sent out prior to the meeting date.

TOM CRAIG – PROBUS

#### Other news.

Not much news to report in this issue.

Progress report on PROBUS member Keith Dow.

One thing, it was reported last year that PROBUS member *Keith Dow* had slipped on ice while walking his daughter's dog. He was taken to hospital, and it was determined that his head injuries were profoundly serious. He is suffering long term effects of this. He is still in the hospital.

You may recall **Keith Dow** was a member of parliament a few years back and served with the Progressive Conservative Party from 1982-1987.

Word has it Past President Richard Burpee is in the hospital.

#### SOME AMUSING ITEMS.

**1.** "If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up" said the sarcastic teacher.

After a long silence, one freshman rose to his feet.

"Now then mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?" enquired the teacher with a sneer.

"Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

**2.** The psychology teacher had just finished a lecture on mental health and had proceeded to give an oral quiz to the students.

Speaking specifically about manic depression, the teacher asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear of the room raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

I saw a man standing on one leg at the bank.

Confused, I asked him what he was doing...

He said: "Just checking my balance."

And for those of us who moved from Chicago . . . .

At The Villages in Florida last week, there was a bumper sticker on a parked car that read:

"I miss Chicago."

Someone broke the window, stole the radio, shot out all four tires, and left a note that read:

"Hope this helps."



Mother-in-law came for dinner and said, "Why does the dog keep looking at me?" I said, "Because you're using his plate!"

Early in the night, the ghost of FDR appears. Trump asks him, "How can I make America great again. FDR says," Think only of the people; don't promote hate & bigotry. Trump sneers and goes back to sleep. A few hours later, he is awakened by George Washington's ghost. Trump asks, "How can I make America great again?" Washington replies, "Never tell a lie." Trump laughs and goes back to sleep.

At 3 in the morning, he is visited by the ghost of Abraham Lincoln. Again, Trump asks, "How can I make America great again?" Lincoln responds, "<u>Go to the theatre."</u>

As you may recall, PROBUS went on a trolly bus tour of the greater Saint John in May of this year. We had copies of this picture made up for all those who attended plus a few extras and will be available at the September meeting.





I told my wife to embrace her mistakes.

She gave me a hug.



A view of the Saint John Harbour with the second cruise ship of the season.

Just a note for all, see the past information on your club from years ago. You could be surprised how some things have changed.

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PROBUS CANADA website www.probus.org

# OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>.



# **PROBUS SAINT JOHN NB**

#### A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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