



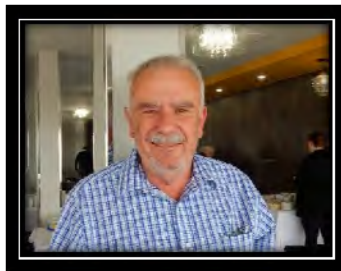
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PROBUS President

Frank McCarey

Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club

2023—2024 Executive members

President -----Frank McCarey
Past president -----Don Mitchener
1st Vice president -----Paul Meier
2nd Vice President -----Carl White
Treasurer -----Ed Creaser
Secretary -----Carl White
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MINUTES from the OCTOBER 18TH MEETING

PROBUS Club of Saint John – October 18, 2023

Call to 10:05 am – **Frank McCarey**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada. There were twenty-four members in attendance. The meeting was held in the cafeteria area of the Villa Madonna. It was indicated that **Ralph Wood** and **Bob Purdy** were absent due to a health issue and that **Torborn Bordevik** has been diagnosed with ALS and would not be returning. Members were advised that the November and December meetings would be held at the Villa and it possible that we may arrange to have future meetings here as well. It was indicated the cost of lunch would be \$18 (cash only) and the December 13th Christmas dinner would be \$35, and that Members could pay in advance at the next meeting if they wished, which would help with the count for the dinner.

It was indicated that October was Probus month and that a cake would be available at coffee break. Birthday wishes were acknowledged for **Wes Cosman (90)** and **Frank McCarey (75)**.

Ed Creaser, Treasurer was available to accept Membership fees (\$35) from those who wished to pay.

Carl White, Secretary indicated that last Minutes were available in the Phoghorn. Moved by **Tom Craig** and seconded by **David Flewelling** to accept the Minutes.

Ed Creaser, Treasurer indicated that a report would be presented at the November meeting.

Paul Meier presented highlights of the Membership Survey that was circulated at the September meeting. Some suggestions were: increase membership numbers, more involvement by Members, sing songs and field trips. Members were encouraged to put forth suggestions for guest speakers and field trips.

It was indicated that the Nominating Committee would be made up of the Past and Current President and a Member. **Blair McDonald** agreed to be on the Committee. The Members were informed that a Regional Meeting of Probus was coming up in New Minas, N.S. later this month, but following discussion it was determined that no Executive Member would be available to attend.

Paul Meier provided jokes.

Following the Coffee Break, **Paul Meier** introduced the Guest Speaker, **Ray Gracewood, President, Area 506 Ventures**.

Ray confirmed he was the founder and Chairperson of Area 506 and that the concept began with the thought that Saint John needed an event that would target is as a destination site, such as the Harvest Blues Festival has become for Fredericton. It was a vision that Saint John could encompass three elements for such an Event – Music, Culture and Goods (with a focus on local products through such companies as Moosehead, Crosby's and Ganong's). A key element for success was to attract corporate sponsorship, which proved successful. Also, support was acquired through the Provincial and Federal Governments, with backing of course from the Port of SJ. They were able to acquire the containers through negotiations with suppliers who would be delivering goods in containers to our area, but we are willing to make the empty containers available. There are fifty-six containers on site and the work needed to convert them into workable sites for vendors was completed by local trades people. On June 8, 2022, the current site was opened and identified as **AREA 506 Waterfront Container Village!** The Tourism Industry of Canada has awarded the prestigious Innovator of the Year Award. The site is not only open to Cruise Ship passengers, but also local people. Following questions from Members, **Brian Mitchell** thanked Ray for the informative presentation.

Willard Buckley won the 50/50 draw of \$36.00.

Minutes presented by **Carl A. White, Secretary**

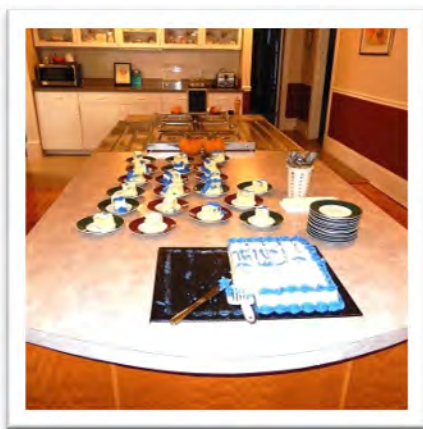
It has been brought to our attention the PROBUS member Gerry Barnett has passed away last week. Gerry was a great supporter of the PROBUS Men's Club and a former District Governor of Rotary Club.

A note for our Treasurer, Ed Creaser, that the 2024 Yearly dues are being collected now. As a club, PROBUS has a few commitments that require these funds. The amount is \$35.00 per year. At our November meeting, those that have not paid, can do so at this meeting. Thank you.

At our November meeting, tickets will be on sale for the December Christmas Turkey dinner December 13th, at a cost of \$35.00 each. Ed Creaser and I, Tom Craig, will be selling the tickets. Your choices are Turkey Dinner with the trimmings or Salmon Dinner. Please note that once your choice is made, it can not be changed because the correct amount of food has been ordered for the tickets sold.

In some cases, you may pick up your ticket and pay at the door if we have been notified beforehand.

PICTURES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING.



This being PROBUS MONTH, A cake was in order.

Wes Cosman, birthday boy, followed by Sid Lodhi and David Flewelling make up the centre picture.

Eric Johnson, Robyn Humphries and Willard Buckley make up the third picture.



At the mike, VP Paul Meir is addressing the group. Eric Johnson was presented with his PROBUS pin by Frank McCarey, president



Brian Mitchell presents a PROBUS gift to Ray Gracewood whom was our guest speaker for this meeting. The talk was on “**AREA 506**”.

Wes Cosman, one of our PROBUS members, celebrated his 90th birthday a few weeks ago. A large celebration was held, and many friends and family dropped by the recreation center located in South Bay. A few of the PROBUS members showed up to congratulate and have some treats. Not only a birthday cake but three cakes were on the table. All were good!



WES COSMAN



Paul Meier and Willard Buckley along with Barry Snodgrass.



A very well attended function for sure.

PONDER THESE

1. ONE TEQUILA, TWO TEQUILA, THREE TEQUILA..... **FLOOR.**
2. **ATHEISM** IS A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION.
3. IF MAN EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS AND APES, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE **MONKEYS AND APES?**
4. THE MAIN REASON THAT SANTA IS SO JOLLY IS BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHERE ALL THE **BAD GIRLS LIVE.**
5. I WENT TO A BOOKSTORE AND ASKED THE SALES ASSOCIATE, "WHERE'S THE SELF- HELP SECTION?" SHE SAID IF SHE TOLD ME, IT **WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.**
6. WHAT IF THERE WERE **NO HYPOTHETICAL** QUESTIONS?
7. IF A DEAF CHILD SIGNS SWEAR WORDS, DOES HIS MOTHER WASH HIS **HANDS WITH SOAP?**
8. IF SOMEONE WITH MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES THREATENS TO KILL HIMSELF, IS IT CONSIDERED A **HOSTAGE SITUATION?**
9. IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR **SYNONYM?**
10. WHERE DO FOREST RANGERS GO TO "**GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?**"
11. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN **ENDANGERED PLANT?**
12. IF A PARSLEY FARMER IS SUED, CAN THEY **GARNISH HIS WAGES?**
13. WHY DO THEY LOCK GAS STATION TOILETS? ARE THEY AFRAID SOMEONE WILL BREAK-IN AND CLEAN THEM?
14. IF A TURTLE DOESN'T HAVE A SHELL, IS **HE HOMELESS OR NAKED?**
15. WHY DO THEY PUT BRAILLE ON THE DRIVE-THROUGH **BANK MACHINES?**

16. HOW DO THEY GET DEER TO CROSS THE ROAD ONLY AT THOSE YELLOW ROAD SIGNS?



**I'm no Magician but I
once turned a back rub
into 2 kids and a
mortgage**





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NOVEMBER'S MEETING WILL BE ON THE 15TH.

Time and place –Villa Madonna, Rothesay, 10:00 am.



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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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