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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice president -----Paul Meier  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President -----Carl White  
Treasurer -----Ed Creaser  
Secretary -----Carl White  
Chip Lawton

## MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

**Call to 10:10 am** – **Frank McCarey**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of O'Canada, led by **Barry Snodgrass**. There were 29 members in attendance. The meeting was held at Villa Madonna, which will be the site for future meetings. Barry also provided some music prior to the start of the meeting and led those in attendance in the singing of a variety of Christmas carols.

**Ed Creaser, Treasurer** was available to accept Membership fees (\$35) from those who wished to pay. He advised that an updated report would be presented at the January meeting.

**Carl White, Secretary** moved that the November Minutes available in the latest edition of the Phoghorn be accepted. Seconded by **Don Mitchener**

Carl advised that as a follow-up to the Members interest in pursuing field trips he had gathered some initial information regarding possible tours of Moosehead Breweries and to the J. Prosser & Sons Maple Syrup facility near Sussex. It was indicated that further discussion would be held at the January meeting.

**Chip Lawton, Paul Meier** and **Carl White** provided some jokes.

Prior to the break for the *special Christmas dinner* the Members were entertained by the *Saint John String Quartet*. The four members were *Danielle Sarnetz, Ali Leonard, Stephen Mott, and Chris Yoon*.

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**Pat Gallagher** won the 50/50 draw for \$53.00.

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

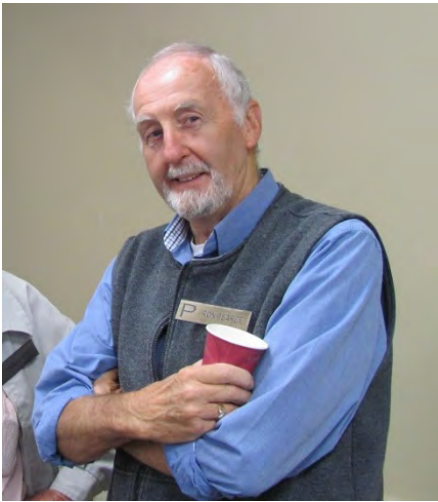
## Captain Thorbjorn Roald Bordevik



**Captain Thorbjorn Roald Bordevik** -Long time **PROBUS** member, passed away on December 18, 2023.

Thorbjorn was a past president of PROBUS and was a member since 1999.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at the **Reversing Falls Restaurant**



**Ron Pierce has passed away. Ron was in Australia visiting his daughter for the Christmas season. He flew down to Australia on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He planned on staying until the end of January.**

**Ron has been a member since 2016. Arrangements are not known at this time.**

Our **guest speaker** for the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting should be of interest to a lot of **PROBUS** members.

Thanks to a lead from **Bill Covert**, I am pleased to advise that our speaker at the January meeting will be **Cornel Ceapa**, PHD. Cornel is the Founder, Owner and President of **Acadia Sturgeon and Caviar Inc.** He will be speaking about aquaculture in general and about his **Sturgeon/Caviar operation in Northern NB.**

**Cornel** has suggested that he could be bringing some caviar to sample. His operation appeared on the Rick Mercer show and a link to that episode is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvx2mAwSA3E>. The clip speaks to the taste and value of his caviar so I hope he will bring a sample for all attendees to try!

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(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvx2mAwSA3E>) – highlight this link, OPEN Hyperlink, (right hand click on the mouse), and you will get the video of **Rick Mercer at the Sturgeon facility.**

You will see from the clip that Cornel has “spark”. I hope as many as possible will be able to attend. **Paul Meier**

## **The SAINT JOHN ANNUAL PROBUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The annual Christmas lunch was held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay on December 13<sup>th</sup>. A large number of members were in attendance for the meeting with a fair number staying for the lunch. As usual, we had a sing along with **Barry Snodgrass**, featuring songs of the season.

After the morning break, we were joined by the *Saint John String Quartet*. Several Christmas songs were expertly played with a sing along as well. The members were presented a token of our appreciation on behalf of PROBUS. Danielle thanked everyone and stated they will be back next year for sure.

Members of the group were: **Danielle Sarnetz, Ali Leonard, Stephen Mott, and Chris Yoon.**

It should be noted member **Chris Buckley** is having some health issues and was not present.



***Secretary Carl White and President Frank McCarey opening the meeting with the group sing along.***



**On the left, Wes Cosman, Fred Shilling and Brian Mitchell share some conversation during break time.**

**Robyn E. Humphries poses.  
What he really saying "no more  
pictures"**





Choir master **Barry Snodgrass** leads the group in some spirited seasons songs.



**Saint John String Quartet.**



*Very intense while playing. Nicely done.*

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**I said, “Scissors, I win” and drove off.**

**He wants a rematch – he has been chasing me for 45 minutes!**

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**They will not be laughing at Christmas.**

**when there are no eggs under the tree!**

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**Ten men and one woman.**

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**They could not choose that person, until the women gave a very touching speech.**

**She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope because as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return.**

**As soon as she was finished her speech, all of the men started clapping.....**

**Most unusual find and lots of luck for this homeowner.**

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***Most Dangerous job in the world!***



January's meeting will be on the 17<sup>TH</sup>.

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



PROBUS SAINT JOHN NB

***A Professional and Business Retirees Club.***

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