



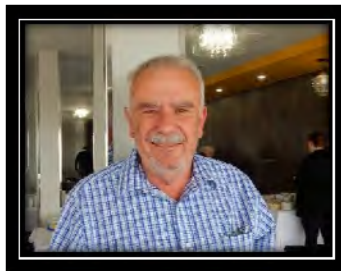
**PROBUS**

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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

## Memoriam.

*As it has been report in special bulletin, PROBUS has lost two of its members recently. One was Captain Torhjorn Bordevik followed by Ron Pearce. May they rest in peace.*

## Minutes for the Month of January

### **PROBUS Club of Saint John – January 17, 2024**

**Call to 10:10 am** – **Paul Meier**, 1st Vice-President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada, led by **David Flewelling**. There were twenty-seven members in attendance.

Paul discussed the issue of the recruitment of new members and encouraged Members to seek out prospects. **Tom Craig** indicated that the currently forty-five individuals on the Membership list and he would be compiling an updated list for circulation.

Tom mentioned that our PROBUS banner was missing and wanted to pursue acquiring a replacement, at a cost between \$100 - \$200. There was agreement that he pursue this.

**Ed Creaser, Treasurer** was available to accept Membership fees (\$35) from those who wished to pay. He provided a Report and advised that we currently have a balance of \$1417.98 on hand.

**Carl White, Secretary** moved that the December Minutes available in the latest edition of the Phoghorn be accepted. Seconded by **David Flewelling**

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. He asked for a show of hands for those interested in these ventures and there was dedicated support for both. Carl advised that he pursue the cost of a bus rental for the Sussex trip and report back. It was indicated that a Tour of Moosehead would be investigated for February.

Paul advised that **Greg Langille** would be pursuing a trip to **Camp Gagetown**. A suggestion to do a **Tour of YIP Brewery** at Long Reach was also a suggestion as an alternative.

**Gerry O'Brien, Paul Meier, and Carl White** provided some jokes.

**Ron LeBlanc** advised the Members that he would be conducting Short Storyteller presentation regarding the **Fort Latour Project** at the Public Library site on February 7<sup>th</sup>. at 11am. The presentation will include the history of Acadians in N.B.

Paul introduced the Guest Speaker, **Cornel Ceapa**, who operates the **Acadian Caviar & Sturgeon Inc.** He has an extensive background in the study of Sturgeon reproduction and operates hatchery that He built from the ground up and was able to acquire financial support when he initially developed his research plan and pursued his Caviar business. He pointed out that Sturgeon is an incredibly unique fish, and their evolution has been quite unique. He advised that China was #1 in Caviar production followed by Russia. Paul provided some remarkably interesting information related to Sturgeons and Caviar.

Following answering questions, he provided samples of **Caviar and Sturgeon meat** to Members in attendance. **Carl White** thanked him for the Presentation.

**Dale Stevens** won the 50/50 draw of \$98.00.

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

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN  
FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 1/23 TO DEC.31/23

Bank Balance May 31/23 \$572.74

INCOME-

Dues 42@\$35.	1,470.00	
Phoghorn Brewery-June	32.00	
Trolly Tour \$30.00		
Pictures 28.00	2.00	
50/50 Ticket Draws	225.00	
Tips- Oct	11.00	
		1,740.00
		2,312.74

EXPENSES--

Website licence	0	
Speaker gifts & Cards	80.00	
Office Supplies	396.77	
Name Tags	27.60	
Probus Canada—Ins	135.00	

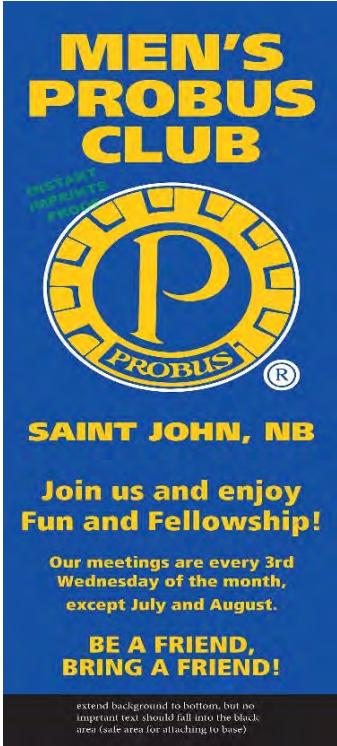
MEALS- Sept. at hotel-they collected.

Oct. at Villa 17 x \$18	306.00	
Paid Villa +tax	351.90	
room rental	75.00	
Cake	41.99	162.89
Nov. 22@\$20.	440.00	
Paid Villa	440.00	
Room\$50. Plus tax	57.50	57.50
Dec. Dinner 28@\$35.	980.00	
Paid Villa-(1guest)	1,015.00	894.76

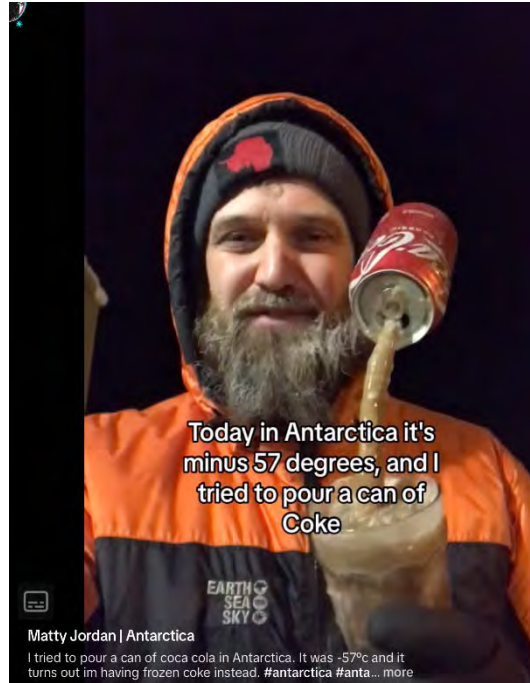
Cash on Hand Dec 31/23 \$1,417.98

Ed Creaser, Treasurer

Our previous **PROBUS BANNER** went missing during the **Covid season**. A latest version was chosen. A decision was made to secure a new one. It will displayed at our next meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the banner mechanism did come in at the \$200.00 range, but the printing of the banner elevated the cost to \$500.00 with taxes in. I did manage to obtain a discount before taxes of \$65.00. Other places were checked, and prices were similar.



*Minus 57 degrees is pretty cold!*



[The next few meetings will be held at the **Villa Madona** as usual. The only change is the month of May. PROBUS will meet in another location due to the Villa being booked for a previous event. You executive will keep you informed before that date. In the month of June we will be back at the Villa and no meetings during the months of July and August.]

### **PICTURES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING.**



Vice President, Paul Meier acting as MC for this month.



Don LeBlanc providing information for an upcoming event



Our guest speaker this month was **Cornel Ceapa of Atlantic Caviar and Sturgen Inc.** Secretary **Carl White** thanks **Cornel** and presents a token of PROBUS'S appreciation for his presentation.



**Mr. Cornel Ceapa** stands beside a specimen of a Sturgeon.



Following the presentation, a sample of **Caviar** was offered to all members. First time for some.

Our speaker for the month of February will be none other than **"DON MITCHNER"**.

Don will be speaking on the new rules of the TFSA'S.

## Humor section

A New York attorney called his client, a wealthy art collector: "Saul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "You know, I've had an awful day, Jack, so let's hear the good news first."

"Well, I met with your wife today," the lawyer said, "and she informed me that she has invested only \$5,000 in two very nice pictures that she thinks will bring somewhere between \$15 and \$20 million ... and I think she could be right."

"Holy cow! Well done!" Saul replied enthusiastically. "My wife is a brilliant business woman, isn't she? You've just made my day. Now, I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

"The pictures are of you and your secretary."



### **High school reunion**

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him,

however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

For past 21 years, my wife has been complaining about my not putting the cap back on the toothpaste. This anniversary, I decided to change this bad habit and make my wife happy.

For a week, I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste.

I was expecting my wife to thank me, but she never did it.

Finally, yesterday while taking dinner, she turned and looked at me and said "Why have you stopped brushing your teeth?"

**Marriage is a difficult relationship, I tell you.**

Cashier: Your total is \$18.53  
Me: *\*gives cashier \$20.53\**  
Cashier: Blank stare for 45 seconds... stuck  
Me: Just give me \$5 back...  
Cashier: That's what I thought it was... Just had to make sure... Here you go



Non mechanical Ferry on the Saint John River. St. Leonard 1904. The person pulled on the rope, to move the ferry across the river.



A view of Saint John Harbour front where the visiting "Tour Ships" tie up.

**February meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Time and place –Villa Madonna, Rothesay, 10:00 am.**



PROBUS SAINT JOHN NB

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

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