



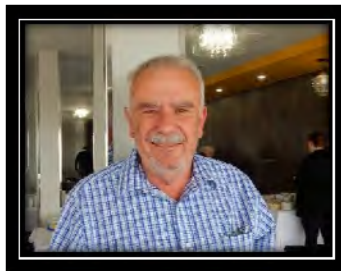
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**PROBUS President**

***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

*PROBUS meeting is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the regular location, Villa Madonna in Rothesay.*

## Minutes from FEBRUARY 2024

### **PROBUS Club of Saint John – February 21, 2024**

**Call to 10:05am** – **Frank McCarey**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada, led by **Robert Taylor**. There were 24 members in attendance. **Gerry O'Brien** introduced **Graham MacDonald** as a guest and potential new Member. It was pointed out that a new banner had been purchased and was on display.

Frank thanked **Paul Meier** for chairing the January meeting in his absence. He also advised that there were several Members who were celebrating Birthdays in the month of February and those in attendance sang Happy Birthday to them. Frank presented **Gordon Dempsey** with his 15-year Membership pin. Frank indicated that help was being sought for someone to assist in the selling of the 50/50 tickets.

It was moved by **Carl White**, Secretary and seconded by **Chip Lawton** that the Minutes of the January Meeting as published in the latest edition of the Probus be accepted. Motion Passed

**Ed Creaser**, Treasure advised that there were only 3 or 4 Members who needed to bring their dues up to date.

Carl advised that he would be booking a date for the **Tour of Moosehead** and would send out a message to the Members to advise of the date and would be requesting that those planning to participate would need to respond back! He advised that the cost would be \$17.50 per person. He also reported that information regarding the outing to the **Maple Syrup facility above Sussex** would be forthcoming and that he was able to secure a bus at the cost of \$500 through Jay Chang.

**Bev Harrison** indicated that the plan to **tour Base Gagetown** was still in the works and Harold Wright was involved in working out the details. It is planned to have this outing in May, which may be considered as our meeting time as we cannot meet at the Villa.

**Paul Meier** provided some jokes.

Frank introduced **Don Mitchener** as the Guest Speaker for the meeting, who talked about implications of individuals investing in Tax-Free Savings Accounts and circulated related documents to those in attendance. He clarified how individuals are affected by the process based on the Provincial Tax Rates.

He further advised that an individual must be aware of the process in the event of a Contributor as the original owner of a TFSA and how It would work to transfer the plan to a Spouse or children in the event of no surviving Spouse. The receiving individual could be entitled to the same terms and conditions as the original of the TFSA. He responded to questions from Members and was thanked by **Paul Meier**.

**Robyn Humphries** won the 50/50 draw of \$45.

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

We have two members that have Birthdays in March. They are **Robert Taylor** and **William Covert**.

Happy Birthday to you both from PROBUS members.

- **Larry Timms** has volunteered to handle the 50/50 ticket sales. Thank you Larry
- The conversation after the meeting, about the tours, seems to have generated some enthusiasm.

#### **Potential Tours:**

- Moosehead Breweries
  - Maple Sugar Bush tour.
  - Military Displays in Gagetown.
  - Could we do the CASINO in Moncton?
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- Report from our treasurer, **Ed Creaser**, indicates were in fine shape.

**If at first, you do not succeed...  
Skydiving is not for you.**

#### ***PICTURE MOMENTS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING.***



Secretary **Carl White**, at the podium addressing the membership with President **Frank McCarey** looking on.



V.P. **Paul Meier** at the podium. Our new Banner is displayed to his left. It was well received.



Vice President Paul Meier at the podium with President Frank McCarey, on the left and Carl White, secretary, on the right.



**Gerald O'Brien**, on the right side, introduces a guest **Graham McDonald** to his left. At the table, to Graham's left, is **William Covert**, **Gordon Dempsey**, and **Robert Taylor**. Back row is **Don LeBlanc** on the left and **Peter Gaulton**.

**I HAVE MANY JOKES ABOUT UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE---**

**SADLY, NONE OF THEM WORK.**



Our guest speaker this month had conflicting commitments, so Don Mitchener came forward with a talk on TFSA taxation.



**Gordon Dempsey** was presented his 15-year pin by President **Frank McCarey**.

It also gave a chance to show off our new banner of **PROBUS**.

## GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH

The guest speaker for February is **Stuart Munroe** who owns and runs the KenVal Rehab and Sports Injury Centre on the Marr Road in Rothesay and another facility at the Rothesay Netherwood School.

Stuart is well known in Greater Saint John, in part because he has provided physiotherapy and injury recovery services to the Sea Dogs for many years. I expect Stuart will speak to us on such topics as the importance of continuing to exercise, the best types of exercise, recommended frequency and intensity of exercise and the consequences of not continuing exercise later in life. He will of course also be available for questions.

### Some Funnies

There I was sitting at the bar staring at the drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, and grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

“Well, whatcha gonna do about it?”, he says menacingly,  
as I burst into tears.

“This is the worst day of my life,” I say. “I’m a complete failure.

I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don’t have any insurance. Left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then the dog bit me.

So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink; I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drank the whole thing!

But enough about me, how is your day going?

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Jack, a handsome man, walked into a sports bar around 9:58pm. He sits down next to this blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV screen as the 10:00pm news came on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Jack and said, “Do you think he will jump?”

Jack says, ‘You know what, I bet he will.’ The blond replied, Well I bet he won’t.” Jack placed \$30 on the bar and say, “Your on!”

Just as the blond placed, her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death. The blond was very upset and handed her \$30 to Jack, saying, “Fair’s fair....here is your money.”

Jack replied. “I can’t take your money; I saw this earlier on the 5:00 pm news and knew he would jump.”

The blond replies, “I did too, but I didn’t think he would do it again.”

Jack took the money.

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- Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone.
  - Teamwork is important; it helps to put the blame on someone else.
  - I always tell new hires, don't think of me as your boss, think of me as a friend who can fire you.
  - Patient: Oh doctor, I'm just so nervous. This is my first operation. Doctor: Don't worry. Mine too.
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**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting date.**

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



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

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