



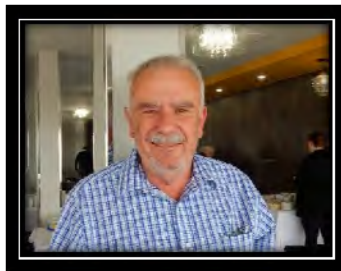
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Frank McCarey

Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club

2023—2024 Executive members

President -----Frank McCarey
Past president -----Don Mitchener
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2nd Vice President -----Carl White
Treasurer -----Ed Creaser
Secretary -----Carl White
Chip Lawton

It is with regrets that we announce the passing of *Richard Burpee*. Richard was a good supporter of PROBUS and was president during the years 2008-2009.



Richard Alan Burpee FEC., P.Eng.

We announce the passing of Richard Alan Burpee, FEC., P.Eng. of Saint John, NB, on April 18th, 2024. His life was one of family, community, and professionalism. His departure leaves a void that will be felt by many, from his loving family to the numerous lives he touched through his professional and volunteer work.

Richard was born April 23, 1941 in Saint John to his parents Guy Allen and E. Dorethea (Meurling) Burpee. He and his wife of 60 years, Anne Louise (Lewell), were a beacon of dedication, raising two sons, David Alan (Anne Marie) and Brian Arthur (Geraldine Lynn) that inherited his spirit of community service and professional integrity. His grandchildren Christopher, Sarah (Ryan Brown), Nick (Chantel Stack) and Jennifer and great-grandchildren Bennett Burpee, Lucy Brown and Henry Brown will carry forward the values

he instilled, ensuring his influence will continue to resonate for generations. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Peter (Marilyn), David (late Donna) and Ken (Linda) Lewell and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Besides his parents, Richard was predeceased by his infant great-granddaughter Rowan Avery Burpee.

He was a dedicated family man. Many family vacations were taken across Canada and the US. Later in his career and in retirement, Richard and Anne travelled extensively throughout the world and ultimately wintered in Palm Hill, Florida. When in Saint John, they hosted many gatherings for family and friends.

Richard's life was one marked by achievement and service. A proud West Saint Johner, a graduate of Saint John High School and UNB, with a BSc in Electrical Engineering. Richard led a fulfilling career, which spanned four decades, at Civic Hydro of Saint John, culminating in his role as President & CEO of Saint John Energy. His professional accolades were many, reflecting a career dedicated to excellence and innovation in his field. He was a Professional Engineer of the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of NB (APEGNB) and Fellow Engineer of Canada.

Minutes from the April Meeting of PROBUS

PROBUS Club of Saint John – April 17, 2024, at the Villa Madonna, Rothesay NB

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by **Frank McCarey**, President. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada, led by **Robert Taylor**. There were 26 members in attendance. **Tom Craig** introduced **Kenneth Ellis** as a guest and potential new Member. Frank advised that **David Flewelling** was celebrating his Birthday in April (84 years) and those in attendance sang Happy Birthday to him. It was indicated that Members should advise **Tom Craig** when their Birthday was, if they haven't already done so, to be acknowledged at future meetings.

Tony Aziz received his Membership Pin and Booklet

Carl White moved/seconded by **David Flewelling** that the Minutes of the March Meeting be accepted as posted in the current Edition of the Phoghorn. Motion carried.

Frank advised that the upcoming Executive to be put in place at the June meeting would be **Paul Meier**, President, **Carl White**, Vice-President, **Gordon Burnet**, Treasurer and **Pat Gallagher**, Secretary (**Larry Timms** as backup)

It was indicated by **Tom Craig** that **Ed Creaser**, Treasurer would be arriving late, but that the funds on hand were approximately \$700. Members were reminded to pay their \$20 lunch fee to Ed.

Bev Harrison indicated that the plan to tour Base Gagetown was still in the works. It is planned to have this outing on May 15th. Members were asked to confirm their interest in participating in this outing by signing up on a Membership list that was circulated. Bev shared some details of the trip and Carl confirmed that Jay Chang would have his bus available for this outing. **Paul Meier** advised that he would be sending out an email to Members requesting that they confirm their interest in participating. It is planned that those participating would meet at the Lily Lake parking lot at approximately 8am.

Paul Meier, **Bev Harrison**, and **Gordon Chip Lawton** provided some jokes.

Unfortunately, the scheduled Guest Speaker did not arrive.

Tom Craig won the 50/50 draw of \$51.00.

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

CFB Gagetown Outing/Tour

The plans for our visit to CFB Gagetown have come together.

We should meet in the upper parking lot at Lily Lake by 8:30am. **The fee is \$25.00 to cover transport** and a few extras, payable to **Ed Creaser** before boarding the bus. We encourage early arrival to help allow our departure time of 8:30am. We will be departing on a 24-passenger bus and two 6 passenger vans. Expected arrival times 10:00am. Harold Wright will be accompanying us on this tour.

1. We will be met at the main gate by Major Harold Skaarup, a retired intelligence officer who served in Afghanistan. Major Skaarup and Harold Wright are co-founders of the Friends of the NB Military History Museum. We will be getting a tour briefing before beginning our rounds.
2. Tour of the NB Military Historical Museum.
3. Lunch at the base at all ranks mess at 12:00. Cost of the lunch is not a fixed rate but is a la carte. Suggest taking some cash, debit cards are probably acceptable.
4. After lunch, tour of Engineers Museum.
5. Following this tour, we will be subject to the training schedule/commitments of 403 (helicopter) Squadron. If this is not possible on that day, we will visit Camp Argonaut and the Firing Range. Times for the afternoon programme and the order could change to maximize our tour possibilities.
6. Estimated time of departure about 3:30pm. Arriving at Lily Lake about 4:30.

See you on May 15th.

Bev Harrison

Note: Please bring cash, \$25.00 for the bus fees and lunch.

Highlights from the PROBUS meeting in April.



Bev Harrison is going over the plans for the outing to Base Gagetown, Military Museums in May.



PROBUS members gather around for coffee and news from each other.



On the left side, Brian Michell enjoys lunch with Jim Shillington and Fred Shellington. Jim has recuperated for a recent illness. Good to see Jim back.



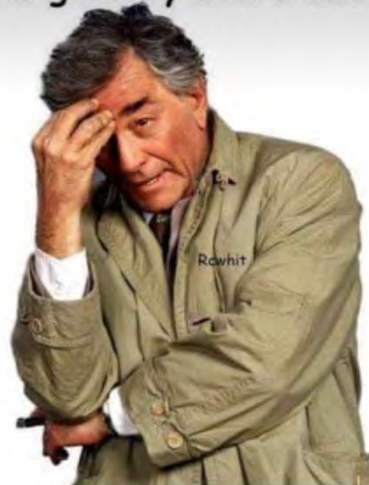
Members enjoy their lunch.

HUMOR SECTION.

Cricket: I was asked to explain cricket to someone. "It's quite easy to understand," I said. "There are two teams: ours and theirs. One out in the field and one in. Each person in the side that's in goes out, and when he is out, he comes in and gets the next man who is out. Then, when they have all been in and all out, the team that's been in the field goes in and the team that's in goes out and tries to get out those coming in. Sometimes you get players still in and not out. Then when both sides have been in and out, including not-outs, that's the end of the game. Simple."



go to the grocery store and buy:



A pound of sliced ham in a plastic bag, a loaf of bread in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins in plastic wrap, a store-made salad in a plastic tub, a plastic bottle of mustard and ketchup, but they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home because the plastic bag is bad for the environment?

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June 19th will be the next meeting date. This will be the AGM meeting.

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



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