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### ***Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club***

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*Larry Timms*

**Probus Club of Saint John, NB**  
**Message from President**  
**November, 2024**

Hello everyone,

I am writing to provide a brief update on recent club developments and to encourage all members that can, to attend our next regular meeting at Villa Madonna on November 20th. You will learn the details in the meeting but to provide a quick preview, we will be advising of some organizational changes; giving an update on the status of our planned field trips; outlining a proposal regarding possible “interest based” sub groups; providing a financial update and, possibly, outline some other initiatives and news.

In the November meeting we will have a speaker from the Fundy Harbour Group that is doing the major (\$300 million?) development on the former Coast Guard property at the foot of King Street. A number of members have expressed interest in knowing more about the project. As someone said recently, we don't have many projects with that scope here in Saint John! Also, thanks to Don Tompkins, we will, again, have some music again at the beginning of the meeting.

I hope as many as possible will be able to attend. We had the largest number in a while attending the October meeting. The content of the meeting seemed to be very well received thanks to the music from Chip Lawton's group (thanks Chip!) and an excellent speaker (David Alston) who provided an interesting and informative presentation on the Tiny Homes project underway for East Saint John. The food was good and the level of conversation between members reflected the greater number of members present and the enthusiasm for the music and the presentation.

I hope to see you there on the 20th. All the best.

Paul

***Note on the Christmas Luncheon: Tickets will be available at the door from Larry Timms. The cost is \$35.00 each. Bring cash or cheque, would be appreciated.***

***Dinner is on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Madonna at 12:00 noon.***

## **PROBUS Club of Saint John – October 16, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at 10:10 am** by **Paul Meier**, President. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada, led by **Robert Taylor** with **Don Tompkins** on piano. There were 33 members in attendance. **Paul** introduced **Philip Ames** and **Pat Gallagher** introduced **Mike Gunter** as guests and potential new Members. **Carl White** presented **Ken Ellis** with his Membership pin and booklet. **Paul** recognized **Robert Lockhart** for his assistance in looking after our website. Paul advised that we had to be careful that material posted in the Phoghorn did not violate potential copyright rules.

It was indicated that the position of *Secretary* and *Chair of the Membership Committee* were open. The position of *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President* is also open.

**Pat Gallagher** advised that he had attended an event held in Rothesay entitled 50 Plus Expo which was about exploring activities that individuals could involve themselves in as they get older. He indicated that he was able to recruit Mike Gunter as a new Member and he spread the word about Probus with others in attendance. Paul advised that the revised Constitution and Bylaws would be circulated to Members prior to the next meeting.

It was indicated that potential upcoming Field Trips would be possible Tours of Rothesay Netherwood School, the Irving Paper Mill and the Maple Sugar Operation above Sussex.

Members sang Happy Birthday to **Wes Cosman** who was turning a young 91 years of age on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Don LeBlanc** advised that on this upcoming Saturday a presentation about War Brides was being made at the library at 1pm by Melinda Jarrett. She is the Curator at the Base Gagetown Military Museum.

It was confirmed that the Christmas Dinner would be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$35 each.

It was moved by **Frank McCarty** and seconded by **David Flewelling** that the Minutes of the June Meeting be accepted as posted in the current Edition of the Phoghorn. Motion carried.

**Larry Timms** indicated that 31 Members have paid their dues to date.

**Gerry O'Brien, Paul Meier, Larry Timms,** and **Bev Harrison** provided jokes. **Don LeBlanc** circulated a written document related to things connected to quirks related to age.

Musical entertainment was provided by **Chip's** band, *Just Four of Us*, which included Ross Mouland, Geoff Banks, Shirley Cochran, and Don Vincent.

**David Alston** gave a Presentation regarding the Mini House Project, which was being proposed for development in the eastern part of the city in the area between Fern Hill Cemetery and East Point. He advised that their initiative was prompted by a project in Fredericton that has proved successful in addressing the homeless problem in the community. The intent is to build 75-80 units here at a size of 300-350 sq. ft. He responded to several questions from Members and was thanked for his Presentation by **Tony Ariz**.

**Eric Johnson** won the 50/50 draw of \$60.

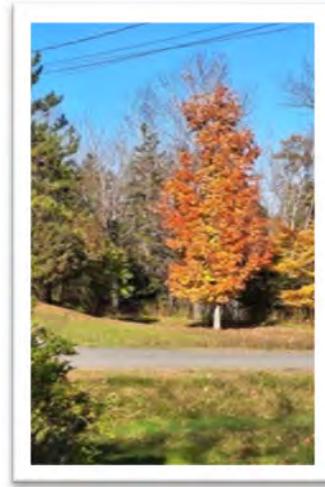
The Meeting was adjourned by the President.

Minutes submitted by **Carl A. White**, Vice-President

*Last shades of Fall -- which of course means lots of leaves to rake up.*



(Images :by Tom Craig)



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*President **Paul Meier** opens the meeting. New member **Keneth Ellis** is welcomed by V.P. **Carl White**.*

*Several members in attendance.  
(all Images: by Tom Craig)*



***Gary Watson**, left, and **Willard Buckley** in conversation. **Greg Langille** and **Tony Aziz** catching up.*

*(Images: by Tom Craig)*



*A special group provide some entertainment at our meeting . It was well received by all accounts.  
(images: by Tom Craig)*

*The group consisted of; Left, **Ron Vincent** on piano, **Geoffrey Banks** on drums, Singer **Sherry Cochran**, PROBUS member in the background **Chip Lawton** and **Ross Moulund** on sax. The group call themselves, “just the four of us”.*



*Singer **Sherry Cochran** singing to the PROBUS group. Several members were tapping to the tunes.  
(image: by Tom Craig)*



**Ross Mouland**, on Sax, is a nephew of our former PROBUS member, **Gordon Mouland**.  
(images: by Tom Craig)



Our special speaker, **David Alston** is presented a gift from **Tony Aziz** on behalf of the PROBUS club.

Its good to see the local **McAlister's Mall**, displaying pictures of members of the military from the previous wars in overhead banners. A Remembrance theme. I believe this is the fifth year for the display.



**As in past years, McAlister Mall has displayed posters of fallen WWII Service men and Women.**  
(Image: by Tom Craig)



*This display is effective as it makes you think of the sacrifices made by so many.*

(image : by Tom Craig)

## **NOTE**

*The meal for this month's lunch will be LASAGNA. I'm sure it will include other items as well. This dish was well received previously by our members.*

*It has come to my attention that **PROBUS** member David Flewelling has taken a fall and has broken his shoulder. David is currently in Halifax at his son's place recouping from that injury. He hopes to be back in December.*

It was good to see Gary Watson back at the meeting. Gary fell and injured his hip a few months ago. Gary has fully recovered.

**See you at the November meeting, 10:00am at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay.**



**PROBUS SAINT JOHN NB  
CANADA**

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

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