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PROBUS would like to announce the passing of George McCaughey on November 08, 2024. George was a member of Saint John PROBUS Club for many years. George held the office of President in 2005.



George MCCAUGHEY

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It is with sadness that the family of George McCaughey announce his sudden passing at the Saint John Regional Hospital on November 8, 2024. Born February 23, 1936, in Greenock, Scotland, he was the eldest son of the late Robert and Colina (White) McCaughey.

George will be profoundly missed by the love of his life whom he met at just 17 years old, Hannah McCaughey; son John McCaughey; daughter Colina (Jim) Lutes; grandchildren Dayna (Jeremy), Michael (Christine), Thomas (Ragnheidur); great-grandchildren George, Russell, Jimmy, and William; as well as many nieces, nephews, dear friends and extended family members. He will be lovingly reunited with his parents; brothers Robert and John; and sister Jean.

Message for the President of PROBUS

**Hello everyone,
Compliments of the season!**

Just a brief note of update on the November meeting, the plan for our December meeting and Christmas luncheon (dinner!) and a couple of other matters.

November Meeting

Attendance at the November meeting was, I believe, the largest since I have been a member of PROBUS. Very encouraging! The meeting commenced with music by Don Tompkins, and singing (albeit after a short learning curve) by members present.

Also of note at the meeting was the exceptional number of prospective new members present (5) of which 4 are already in the process of joining our club. Our new Membership Committee under Peter Gaulton's leadership is off to a great start. A special salute to Chip Lawton (a member of Peter's committee) who brought 3 of the new prospective members. Well done Chip and Peter!

We had a very interesting presentation on the "**Fundy Quay**" development underway on the old Coast Guard property. It was exciting to learn of the challenges and the potential boost to Saint John expected from this project.

A large number of members and guests stayed for the meal which was, again, well received.

Overall, I thought there was an upbeat and enthusiastic "feel" to the meeting...now if we can just keep it going!!

December Meeting on the 18th

With the above in mind, I hope as many as possible will be able to attend the next meeting on the 18th. **The String Quartet** will be returning to (excuse the pun) "set the tone". Thanks to Don Mitchener for arranging their appearance. Barry Snodgrass will also be there to lead us in a seasonal sing song (Thanks to John Doyle for arranging Barry's return.)

There will be no speaker for this meeting, and you will no doubt be delighted that I will be keeping the business portion of the meeting to a minimum.

So, if you have not already purchased a ticket to the luncheon/dinner on the 18th I strongly encourage you to do so. Tickets will be available at the door for the same \$35 price as last year. It is a very good deal!

If anyone has a concern about transportation to the Villa Madonna for the meeting, please let me know and I will arrange help to get you there and back.

Field trips

In the November meeting we announced that the tour of the Irving Paper facility planned for this fall had to be deferred. The operations are sporadic at this point as a result of the outage at **Point Lepreau** nuclear plant. We hope to reschedule that tour when they are back to regular operation.

We also discussed at the meeting a possible tour of the Jewish Memorial Museum. A sign-up sheet was set up and 8 people attended a tour on Wednesday, December 4th. The tour was interesting, informative and, for those of us from Saint John, a reminder of Jewish friends many of whom have moved away. In view of the favourable response from those attending, a second offering is planned for some time in 2025, details to follow. Please note the museum advises that the effective maximum number for the tour is approximately 20.

I guess it is time for me to draw this note to a close and wish everyone all the best for a safe and very enjoyable Holiday season and a great 2025.

Hope to see you on the 18th!

PAUL.

December 04, 2024

Note from the Treasurer, *Gordon Burnett.*

For those members who have not paid their yearly dues, it can be done by E Transfer, if that is convenient transfer@sjprobus.ca The dues are \$45.00 per year.

Our annual Christmas dinner will take place on December 18th and I will be available to accommodate you at that time, as well.

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
Minutes from the Monthly Meeting
November 20th, 2024

The meeting was convened at 10 a.m. by President Paul Meier, with 32 members and 6 guests in attendance. Robert Taylor led the vocals for O Canada, accompanied on keyboard by Don Tompkins, who then chose 3 songs for a sing-along. There were cheers when he then announced, “That’s it for now”.

Guests: Tony Aziz introduced Ian Revill, a retired optician. Don LeBlanc introduced Councillor David Merrithew, an investment advisor. Gordon Dempsey introduced Dr. Eshwar Kumar from the hospital. Chip Lawton outpaced everyone with three guests: Shelton Gould, Ross Mouland, and George Teed.

Member News: David Flewelling had a fall and is in Halifax but will be moving to Shannex upon his return. Peter McGill had an accident from which he is recuperating – later he showed up! Bernard Cormier resigned, as he is too busy.

Minutes of the October 16th meeting were adopted as published in the Phoghorn. **Moved** by Don Michener and **seconded** by Brian Mitchell.

There was mercifully short discussion of proposed amendments in the Club Constitution, Bylaw’s, and Duties of Officers. Tom Craig noted that all references to the “Bulletin” should read “Newsletter”. **Moved** by John Doyle and **seconded** by Gordon Dempsey to accept the circulated document with this one amendment – motion **carried**.

Finances: Gordon Burnett summarized the 4-month statement for July to October, showing a current bank balance of \$1176. E-transfer is available for dues (\$45) and special events: treasurer@sjprobus.ca

Member Recruitment: Peter Gaulton reported. Chip Lawton suggested members look through the contact lists on their smartphones for potential members. The committee aims to gain 25 new members. Also suggested was recruiting from spouses of Ladies’ Club members.

Field Trips: The trip to Irving Paper is deferred. The Jewish Historical Museum on a Sunday was suggested.

President’s Comments: Paul noted several items from the September discussion groups, including forming activity sub-groups. He noted that several Atlantic Clubs are having success with this.

Jokes were shared by Chip Lawton and Paul Meier.

After coffee break, Andrew Lewis and Chris Elias of Fundy Harbour Group spoke about the Fundy Quay development project, funded to \$33M by 3 levels of government and the Group almost equally. The Southwest building is the first to go up, and a hotel is planned for the site. Thanks, from John Doyle.
50-50 Draw was won by Fred Shillington (\$58).

The majority of members and guests stayed for lasagna and Caesar salad lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor
Acting Secretary.

PROBUS SAINT JOHN OUTING December 04,2024



This is home of **The Jewish Historical Museum** on Leinster Street, up-town Saint John. Our **PROBUS Club** was present for a tour on Dec.04/24.

The building was build in 1897 by Charles Peters and was a wedding gift to his daughter.

In 1940 it was purchased by the late **Senator Francis Emerson**.

In the late 1960's it became a funeral home. A small addition was added at the back of the building at that time. Today that addition is the **Synagogue**.

In 1986 the building was purchase by the **Jewish Community** and still in operation as the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum. Very active membership.

Images by Tom Craig



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Katherine Biggs-Craft is the Executive Director and Curator. Her she is addressing the PROBUS members.

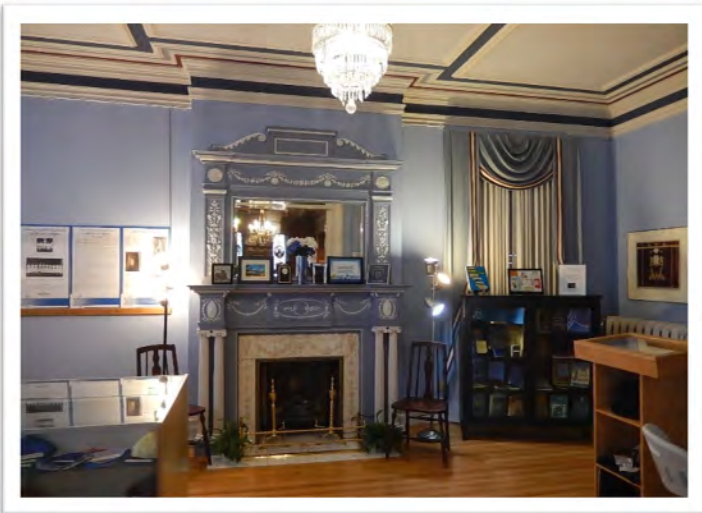


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Paul Meier and Larry Timms along with other member are observing the displays as pointed out by our guide.



These are some of the rooms with period displays of material used in the Jewish faith, some from many years ago.



An old scroll, written in Hebrew language and noise makers, used in certain celebrations. Rooms were well set up.



Images by Tom Craig

This is a view of the main entrance, untouched from original build in 1896. The craftsmanship was superb. Larry Timms and Paul Meir, and Don Thompkins are shown in this picture talking to Katherine Biggs-Craft.

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*When I was a boy, my mother would send me
down to the corner store with \$1.00 in my pocket.
I would come back with:
5 potatoes,
2 loaves of bread,
3 bottles of milk,
A hunk of cheese,
A box of tea, and 6 eggs.
You can't do that now days, too many security cameras!*

Message from Mary Campbell—PROBUS Atlantic Director.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Wendy Machmer** <wendy.machmer@probuscanada.ca>
Date: Sun, Nov 24, 2024 at 5:56 PM
Subject: Podcast, YouTube, Facebook and more
To: Wendy Machmer <Wendy.Machmer@probuscanada.ca>

Please share with your team. Lots of great info here.

Hi everyone

We are happy to introduce you to several exciting initiatives that PROBUS Canada has undertaken to let more people know about PROBUS Canada and about your clubs.

First, some other exciting news for clubs who have wait lists, our [New Club Ambassador Program](#) has successfully started several new clubs. More are on the way.

There are also other clubs whose numbers have dropped, mostly due to Covid, who could use a boost. And of course, there are many cities across the country who do not yet have clubs. We have been hard at work developing some tools for you to use.

Podcast

Audio podcasts are popular ways to learn about new and interesting subjects. PROBUS Canada is pleased to announce that our very own podcast is now available on Spotify. In about 12 minutes, our wonderful organization is introduced to the uninitiated in an easy-to-follow discussion.

This podcast can be found

* By searching for the words "Probus Canada" on the Spotify app

* by using the direct link to

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3UvApDVFqmFxxebNdEBLDe?si=JtyUibthTXCWxZYJn8zgw&t=7>

* By going to our website <https://probuscanada.ca>, scrolling down to the footer, and clicking on the green Spotify icon.

Facebook

Keep up to date on news from Probus clubs in Canada. If your club has a Facebook page, please follow us. <https://www.facebook.com/probuscanada/> Perhaps individual members would like to follow us, as well. So far, we only have 78 followers. We currently have 247 clubs and 35,080 members! Get Connected. Stay Connected.

YouTube

We just started a YouTube channel. You might want to check out our two new videos that were developed this year. <https://www.youtube.com/@PROBUS-Canada>

Newsletter

Check out the latest issues of the PROBUS Canada Connections on our website at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/news>.

If you have articles to submit from your club for the Newsletter, please send them to our editor: Mary Campbell, District Director for Atlantic and Maine. Mary.Campbell@probuscanada.ca.

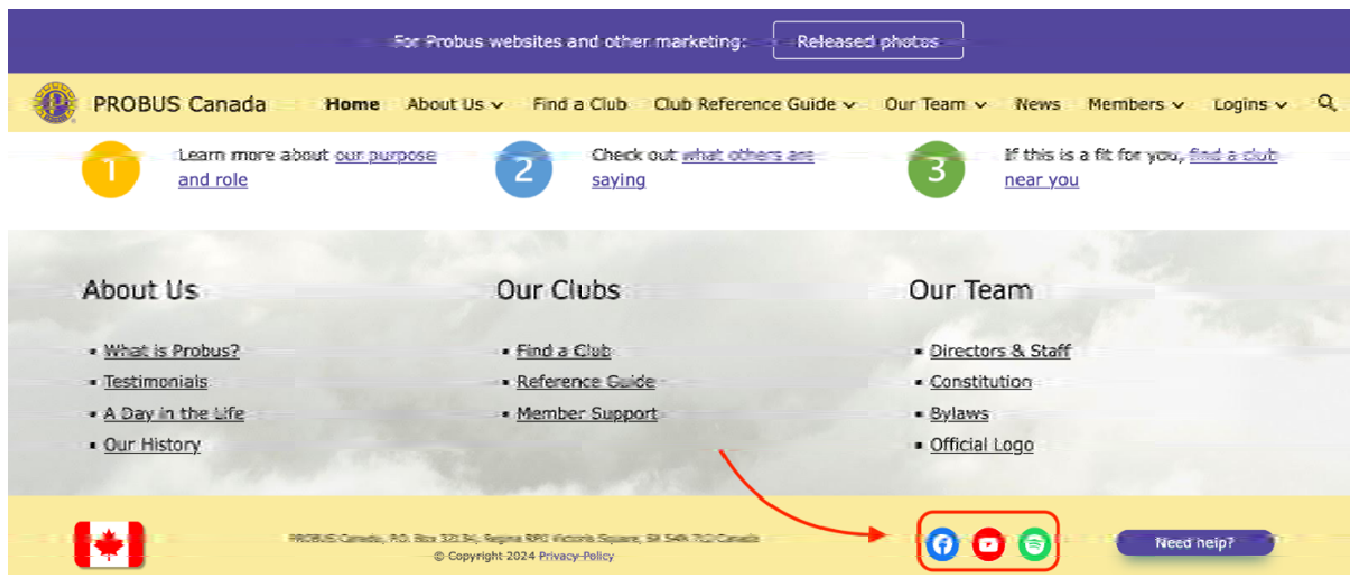
Club Reference Guide

Be sure to check out the [Club Reference Guide](#) on our website. It is loaded with ideas to help out your club. If you want to promote your club, check out the **Marketing** section. Many of our new supports for clubs are featured there.

Items for your Newsletters and Websites

Feel free to add links to our Podcast, YouTube channel, and Facebook page to your newsletters and websites.

You can access all three by clicking on the links at the bottom of each page of our website: green for Spotify, red for YouTube, and blue for Facebook.



Wishing you all the best

Wendy

MERRY CHRISTMAS ***TO ALL. 2024***



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