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2024—2025 Executive members

President ----- *Paul Meier*  
Past president ----- *Frank McCarey*  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice president ----- *Carl White*  
Treasurer ----- *Gordon Burnett*  
Assistant Treasurer—*Larry Timms*  
*House Manager*

**Next regular meeting for April is the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

*Ken Ellis*  
*Gary Sudul*  
*Robert Taylor*

**MINUTES**

**PROBUS Club of Saint John – February 19, 2025**

**Call to order at 10:07am** – **Paul Meier**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada. There were thirty-two members in attendance.

**Larry Timms** introduced **Bruce Wallace** and **Peter Gaulton** introduced **Frank Hamm** and **Frank McCarey** introduced **Gary Sudul** as potential new Members.

**Paul** advised that **Denis Skidmore** was, dealing with some health issues, **Robert Taylor** advised that **Mac Pike** was doing fine at Shannex, and that **Gerry O'Brien** had suffered a broken shoulder.

Robert Taylor moved it that the Minutes of the January Meeting be accepted as posted in the Phoghorn, seconded by **Gordon Dempsey**. Motion Carried

It was reported by **Paul** that things financially were on track and that it was expected to have a plus balance at the end of the year.

**Peter Daulton** reported that we had recruited six new Members since January and that there were currently six new potentials. **Paul** advised us that we have fifty-seven confirmed members, with four in process. It was indicated there is a Membership target of seventy-five, that was hoped to be reached by June 26

**Paul** indicated that the recent Management meeting It was decided to add regular a Member to the Management Committee; to suspend the Telephone Committee for now; to pursue someone to do a basic audit of our finances; to place the Bylaws and Constitution on our Website for viewing; to reach out to **Robert Lockhart** in regard to updating the Website; and it was decided after discussion, to maintain the Past Presidents Plaque and **Tom Craig** advised that he would take on that task.

**Carl White** has an update on the Dumfries Maple Syrup site planned road trip for March 25<sup>th</sup> and advised that individuals needed to sign up and pay before hand! It was indicated that Members may have the option of being a spouse or friend. It was indicated that there was a need to fill the bus, or potentially the outing may be cancelled. Carl said a reminder notice would be sent out.

It was indicated by **Chip Lawton** that Members would have an opportunity to gather for Bowling; **Paul** advised that he reach out to Members who maybe interested in gathering for coffee at McAllister Mall, and **Don LeBlanc** advised that Members were welcome to join a group that played cards. It was also indicated that there were some Members who expressed an interest in pool/billiards.

**Don LeBlanc** advised that for those interested in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Music, Tim Blackmore would be on hand at the Library on February 28th at 7pm to present some selections.

Following the Coffee Break the Guest Speaker was introduced – **Lisa Legere, Education Specialist**, employed with the Financial and Consumer Services Commission of New Brunswick. She talked about the issues of frauds that go on every day and how individuals have been conscious of being approached by individuals by telephone, door to door or through electronic means to try to defraud individuals out of money. People are advised to be careful about giving out personal information to sources that you are not familiar with and to remember that if something sounds to good to be true, it isn't true! It is important to remember that once your money is gone, the chances of recovering it are very slim! She fielded questions from Members and circulated related documents. She was thanked for her Presentation by **Willard Buckley**.

**Reminder that the men's PROBUS club will meet at the ladies PROBUS meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Hall on Wilson Street, West Saint John. Wilson street is behind the big Kents home improvement store.**

Several members are staying for lunch, Irish Stew, and

## Pictures for the PROBUS FEBRUARY MEETING.



Members gather around the table for coffee and conversation



Left, Donald LeBlanc, in conversation with other members.



Lisa Legere was our guest speaker this month. Talk was on the subjecty "FRAUD" and how to advoid it.



Willard Buckley presented a gift on behalf of PROBUS for her presentation.

Images by Tom Craig





Frank McCarey, left, having lunch with three other members of PROBUS.



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**Peter Gaulton** forefront, talking with **Bruce Watts** on left followed by **Richardo Bessoudo** and **Frank Hamm** on the right. All were enjoying the special lunch after the meeting.

# ***HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY***

A photographer on vacation was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta . There, at a large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it.

He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God.

'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston, and New York .

In every church he saw the same golden telephone . . .with the same '\$10,000 per call sign under it.

The American, upon leaving Vermont decided to travel up to Canada to see if Canadians had the same phone.

He arrived in Canada, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 cents per call'.

The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign 'Father, I have travelled all over America and I have seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I am told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the U.S. the price was \$10,000 per call.

Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Canada now, son . . .it's a local call.'

**KEEP SMILING**

*Submitted, Larry Timms*

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