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Past president ----- *Frank McCarey*

1st Vice president ----- *Carl White*

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Assistant Treasurer—*Larry Timms*

House Manager

Next regular meeting for May 21, 2025.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Tony Aziz

David Flewelling

Sheldon Gould

Lunch this month will be Lasagna.

Message from President May, 2025

Hello everyone,

Finally...spring!!

Things have been active and continue so as we make our way to the end of our fiscal year. We had an enjoyable field trip to Rothesay Netherwood School that included an excellent presentation by the Head Master, Paul McLellan, in their newest building, Science Hall, followed by a guided tour of the campus (impressive and beautiful) and then held our regular monthly meeting followed by lunch. Our attending members seemed very impressed with the "hidden gem" that is RNS and enjoyed the outing.

Coming up next (as I write this) is a tour of the Jewish Memorial Museum on May 7th. A small number of our members attended this tour last December and found it interesting and informative. On May 21st, we return to Villa Madonna for our regular monthly meeting. The speaker will be Stephen Tobias of the Saint John Theatre Company. Stephen spoke recently to the Women's PROBUS Club and they spoke very highly of his performance. The May meeting will be the last meeting at the Villa as they have a major conflicting event in June. They have done a great job for us and we are fortunate to have the Villa as our venue.

Looking further ahead, (and as noted in a recent note to all members) our final meeting will be held at the Saint John Marina on June 18th. We will meet in their restaurant for our (very brief) formal meeting, then have lunch in the restaurant and then, assuming sufficient sign-up, enjoy a special 3-hour river cruise. Spouses/partners are invited to participate in our meeting (hoping for some "appropriate" jokes), the lunch and the cruise. Seems like a great way to finish up our year!

Our Nominations Committee, comprised of Chip Lawton, Frank McCarey, Don Mitchener, Carl White and me met on April 25th to identify candidates to fill openings in our executive and committees for the next fiscal year. The contact process has begun and we will be revealing the slate for 2026 to members in the June meeting for approval. If you have an interest in serving please let me know. It is rewarding and "many hands make light work".

I think that is it for now. Enjoy the spring weather. I hope as many as possible will be able to attend the final two meetings...especially the June meeting and river cruise. I am confident you will be pleased you did.

Paul

PROBUS Club of Saint John, N.B.

Monthly Meeting- April 2025

Minutes/Notes

The monthly meeting was held at ***Rothsay Netherwood School*** in the new Science Building on the campus. The morning commenced with an excellent presentation by the ***School's Headmaster, Paul McLellan*** who spoke on the history, philosophy, strategy, and present status of the school. The school was founded in 1877 and presently has an enrolment of over 300 students.

After the Headmaster's presentation, members, in small groups, were given a tour of the campus lead by several students who were delightful and well informed about the school. The campus is beautiful, and the buildings and other facilities are impressive. (For those who were unable to attend and have not seen the campus, it is well worth the time and effort to visit and explore.)

After the tour, members had a brief meeting. We welcomed a guest, Kishor Pranchmatia who expressed a wish to join our club.

Members were reminded of the upcoming field trip/visit to the Jewish Memorial Museum of May 7th and a sign-up sheet was circulated. Looking ahead, the next monthly meeting on May 21st will return to the Villa Madonna and the speaker at that meeting will be ***Stephen Tobias of the Saint John Theatre Company***. Stephen was recently the speaker at the Women's PROBUS Club and was very well received.

Looking ahead to June, the Villa is not available to us, and we have arranged to meet at the Saint John Marina in Ketepec. That meeting will be held in their restaurant and lunch will be available after the meeting. After lunch (and subject to sufficient sign-up) there will be a 3-hour river cruise. Members, after discussion, agreed we would invite spouses/significant others/guests to participate in the lunch and river cruise.

The President gave a brief summary of recent developments. Our financial status is much improved, and we expect to close this fiscal year with over \$1,000 in the bank. Regarding membership, we continue to be successful in finding new prospects and members. Current membership is approximately 60 and we have three or four prospects "in the chute". The Membership Committee has established an objective of growing our membership to 75 by the end of the 2026 fiscal year. Management Committee met on April 8 and dealt with several issues.

The Nominations committee comprised of ***Chip Lawton, Frank McCarey, Paul Meier, Don Mitchener and Carl White*** has been established and will meet on April 24th to develop a slate for the 2026 fiscal year.

The 50/50 draw was won (again!) by ***Willard Buckley***.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch, prepared by RNS and well received by members, followed in the meeting room.

Paul Meier per Carl White.

PROBUS Club of Saint John, NB

Note regarding June Meeting Request for Information

To all members, our normal meeting venue, Villa Madonna, is not available to us for our final (June) meeting. We have arranged to meet at the Saint John Marina (2050 Westfield Road) in Ketepec for the final meeting.

The plan is to keep the meeting formality to an absolute minimum and basically limit the content to the AGM requirements, jokes/stories and any other business that may arise. We will be meeting in the restaurant and then having lunch there.

After lunch, there is an opportunity to take a 3-hour river cruise. Quite a few of our members have taken the cruise previously and all of those have spoken highly of the experience.

We have arranged a special cruise for members and guests only and a discounted all-in rate (\$55 per person versus the normal rate of approximately \$75 per person, for a group of 40). That rate is subject to our having at least 40 persons sign up for the cruise. You can obtain additional details including pictures of the tour boat on the Saint John Marina website: saintjohnmarina.ca.

At the meeting yesterday members discussed whether we should invite spouses/partners to attend the meeting/lunch and participate in the cruise. The consensus was that we should invite spouses/ partners.

To ensure the restaurant kitchen is properly supplied for our group, they need for us to give them our food orders in advance.

We will also have to pay for the river cruise in advance. We circulated a sign-up sheet for the members present at the meeting yesterday and at this point 23 members and spouses/partners have signed up for the meal and cruise.

The menu selections are as follows:

Fish and chips-\$19.99.

Clubhouse and fries- \$19.99

Seafood chowder and rolls-\$19.99

Taco salad with beef-\$19.99

Caesar salad-\$16.99

We will have the sign-up sheet at the May meeting so members can indicate if they will attend the meeting, have lunch and participate in the river cruise (alone or with a guest).

Because we will need to pay in advance for the river cruise, we will need members to make their payment at the May meeting or, if not attending the May meeting, make their payment to our Treasurer (Gord Burnett or Larry Timms) ideally by e-transfer (treasurer@sjprobus.ca). We are rebuilding our "cash cushion" and therefore want to ensure our club does not end up having to pay for members who sign-up but are then unable to attend.)

SOME HUMOR

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers . . . if you do find one, what's your plan?

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine .

Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk ... I got sour and chunky.

As you may recall we had a tour/meeting at the RNS complex in April. Here are a few pictures of that event. I believe the turnout was good at 28 PROBUS members.



The newest building in the background, the “*Science Hall*”



Headmaster of RNS is *Paul McLellan*, explaining about the school programs.



These two lovely students were our guides. The girl on the left was from *Moncton* and on the right is Dale,

right, *Thailand* .

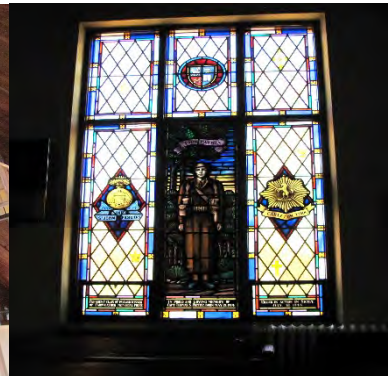
Willard, Fred and Don Mitchener.



A view inside of the church.
windows.



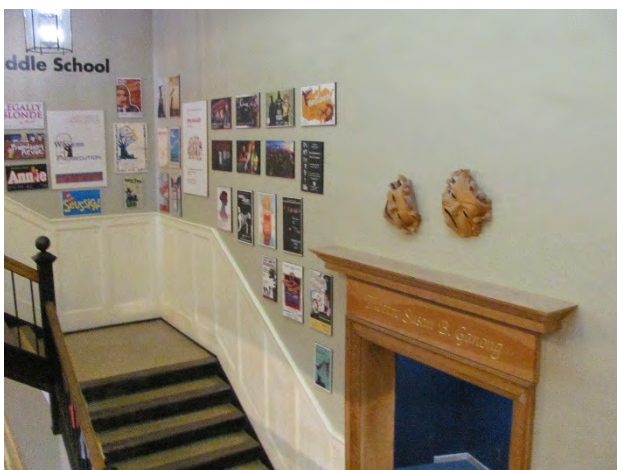
The support structure for the roof was taken
from the wooden vessels of days gone by but “inverted”



One of the stained-glass



Our group, Fred Roberts, Dale Stevens, Willard Buckley, and Don Mitchener along with our two guides.



This is the entrance of the *Susan B. Ganong Theatre* with a view of the stage and seating.
Plays are performed frequently.



A view of the many buildings. Natural beauty.



**This is a view of the very large cafeteria. This is only one half!
On the left, a piano is located, and many students play during the day.**



A relaxing pond of water has come to life with the warmer weather.



Impressive architecture on this building .



This is one of the Drawings performed by a student,impressive.
.
tour.



President Paul Meier, conducting our monthly
PROBUS meeting after the



Settings for lunch, read to go. Lunch was great. All images by Tom Craig

On May 07, 2025, 9 members of our PROBUS group went on the tour of the **Jewish Museum** in Saint John. This is the second group for that visit. It was well received. After the tour, several members met at **Swiss Chalet Restaurant** for lunch. Here is a picture of that group minus, **Tom Craig**, the photographer.



Front view of the Jewish Museum



From Left to right, *Gary Sudul, Sheldon Gould, Kishor Panchmatia, Blair MacDonald and Frank McCarey*

The man and magic Lamp

A man finds a magic lamp, rubs it, and a genie comes out.

"I'll grant you one wish."

The man thinks and says:

"I want to be irresistible to all women."

The genie snaps his fingers...and turns him into a credit card!

They say we can have gatherings with up to eight people without issues. I don't even know eight people without issues.

Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

If you see someone buying candy, popcorn and a soda at the movies, they must be a drug dealer. There's no other explanation for that type of income.

Dr. Oz says rubbing coffee grounds on your naked body will get rid of cellulite. Apparently, you can't do this in Starbucks. And now the cops are here.

I still have a full deck; I just shuffle slower.

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