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2025—2026 Executive members

President ---------- *Carl White*
Past President --------- *Paul Meier*
1st Vice President ------ *Tony Aziz*
Secretary……*Greg Langille*
Treasurer---------- *Gordon Burnett*
Assistant Treasurer----------Larry Timms
& House Manager

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Wes Cosman Tom Craig Ian Revill

Ed Creaser Perter Gaulton Kishor Panchmatia

Robyn Humphries J C Robert Lockhart Jim Shillington

Sid Lodhi Paul Meier Dolald Mitchner Carl White

President-***Carl White***

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

We are officially into the Fall season now and so far, we have had lots of sunshine. On September 24-25 I was in Truro, Nova Scotia to attend the Probus Atlantic and Maine District Meeting. I had the opportunity to meet and share information with 9 other Clubs, which included the Saint John Women's Club. I will be sharing highlights of this Meeting at our October meeting. I have been reaching out to perspective Speakers to attend our Meetings and will give an update on this. As always, I look forward to our upcoming meeting and hope to see as many Members as possible in attendance!

Secretary-*Greg Langille*

Minutes from the September meeting

Minutes: Probus Meeting 17 Sept 2025

Introduction of new members.

Motion by ***Greg Langille*** to approve minutes of executive meeting held on 3rd September, seconded by Tony Aziz.

Review of upcoming meeting dates. October and April meeting to be in dining room at Villa Madonna. June meeting to be a tour or a cruise, as Villa Madonna will not be available.

Motion to increase membership fees from $45 to $50 by Gordon Dempsey, seconded by Tom Craig.

Motion to eliminate years of service pins by Bev Harrison, seconded by Frank McCarey.

Agreed to eliminate handing out Probus binders to new members as all this information is online at the Probus Canada website.

There is a possibility that we will have a joint meeting with the Probus Saint John women's group in March next year, which will be on March 17th (*Saint Patrick's Day).*

It looks like we will be getting back the ***Saint John Quartet*** for our meeting in December.

Bev Harrison was our speaker. He gave a highly informative talk on his travels to Africa with emphasis on Eswatini. He is a representative of the charity **Hampton Diggs-Peak Partnership** whose mission is to reduce the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS in Eswatini**.**

October meeting speaker will be ***Jennifer Yeomans***, chief development officer at the Saint John YMCA.

Possibility of having someone from ***Cook Aquaculture*** as guest speaker for November meeting.

Phoghorn: Looking for someone to shadow Tom Craig on the process of publishing the Phoghorn Newsletter.

(back up) Any costs involved in publishing the Phoghorn will be covered by the club.

Paul Meier discussed future projects. 1. File of members CVs along with photos. 2. A day seminar on end-of-life issues. 3. Have ***Gord Burnett*** give talk on getting into a senior home.

As in tradition***, Paul Meier*** had his name added on the “past presidents’ plaque” located on side off the back wall. All past presidents’ names are there since the start of the club some 33 years ago.

GREG

NOTES:

- ***October’s meeting will take place in the dining room. The main meeting room is scheduled for another event, booked some time ago. This will happen twice during this year. Start time is still 10:00am.***
- ***Guest speaker for this month is Jennifer Yeomans of the YMCA.***
- ***Executive members are trying to arrange for a “outing,” shortly, such as tour of the oil refinery , tour of the local port facilities, etc.***
- ***Membership committee also met this week to brainstorm how to find, recommend, new members from the existing membership. More on that subject at the monthly meeting.***
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Treasurer-*Gordon Barnett*

At our first monthly meeting, on September 17, 2025, the annual dues were approved by the membership to be $50. To date 21 members have paid. Would everyone either e-transfer their dues to : treasurer@sjprobus.ca or kindly pay them at the October meeting?

Thank you! Gord Burnett ---Treasurer

PICTURES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING.

images by Carl White.

On September 25th, our president ***Carl White*** attended a gathering of representatives of various PROBUS clubs from around the Martimes and the state of Maine. The meeting took place in Truro NS. Here are a few pictures taken by Carl. More information at the monthly meeting.

District representative addressing the gathering, some skits put on by delegates and Carl White at the podium.

Group photograph of the delegates at Truro, NS.

Images by Tom C

President ***Carl White*** opens the first meeting in September 2025-2026 season.

Harold Wright assists ***Bev Harrison*** in arranging various items collected from his trips to Africa.

images by Tom Craig

Presenter ***Bev Harrison*** shows a picture with some of the “friends” he has nurtured over the years

Chip Lawton telling a funny story.

Past president ***Paul Meier*** adds his name to the **PP** plaque

Members setting down to a meal of *Chicken pot pie*. On the left is ***David Flewelling***, ***Barry Snodgrass***, **Bruce Watts** and ***Gary Watson.***

Images by Tom Craig

Another group enjoying their dinner. On the left is guest, ***Harold Wright, Frank McCarey, Sid Lodhi, Robert Taylor*** and guest speaker and PROBUS member, ***Bev Harrison.***

ENTERTAINING QUOTES

Spoted on a local garage wall. It says it all

MECHANIC HOURLY RATES

$100.00 /hour …….Minmum

$50.00 /hour ……..If you watch

$175.00/hour …….If you help

$200.00/hour ……if you worked on it first

$250.00/hour…… if you tell me how to do my job.

I don't mean to brag, but….

I just put a puzzle together in 1 day

and it said 2-4 years

Birthdays are good.

The more you have

The longer you live!

HUSBAND: I want a divorce, my wife hasn't

spoke to me in six months.

LAWYER: Think about that once again,

Wives like that are hard to find.

I talk to myself. Sometimes I need an expert's advice.

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "Oh I will remember".

The next meeting is at Villa Madonna on OCTOBER 15, 2025.

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