



President-**Carl White**



## **PRESIDENTS REMARKS**

Hi guys, well another month has come and gone, and we are getting closer to Christmas! Our October meeting went great, and we had some guests who plan to join our Club. Our recruitment efforts to attract new members seems to be on the right track. As always, we encourage all of you to reach out to friends and colleagues who may be good Member prospects. Chip and his Membership Committee are doing a great job! Our guest Speaker for the November meeting will be **Claire Ryan** who will be giving us a look at **Cooke Aquaculture** and the great success they have achieved in becoming a

worldwide operation!

I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting!

Secretary-**Greg Langille**



## **Minutes from the November meeting**

**Minutes: Probus Meeting 15 Oct 2025**

Introduction of new members.

Motion by **Greg Langille** to approve minutes of Probus meeting held on 17 September, seconded by **Paul Meier**, motion approved.

Motion by **Paul Meier** to approve the new Probus membership process, seconded by **John Doyle**, motion approved.

Review of upcoming meetings:

**November:** Our speaker will be **Claire Ryan** from **Cooke Aquaculture**.

**December:** We have the **Saint John Quartet** for our meeting in December.

**January:** We will have an update on the **New Brunswick Museum**.

**April:** This meeting will be in dining room at **Villa Madonna**.

**June:** This meeting to be a tour or a cruise as Villa Madonna is not available. Paul Meier to investigate this.

## **Regional meeting of Probus in Truro:**

**Carl White** gave a brief of this gathering. Nine (9) Probus groups attended. One item discussed was how to recruit for executive positions. The best approach was to speak directly to potential candidates. Probus Canada has 253 clubs with over thirty-six thousand members. All newly formed probus clubs must now be Co-ed.

Carl also brought up the need for a dedicated 50/50 person to our meetings and the need for someone to shadow Tom Craig on the process of publishing the Phoghorn. Carl to reach out on this.

**Chip Lawton** discussed on going recruitment drive and the new on-boarding process for new members. This process to be published in the November version of the Phoghorn.

A reminder to pay your Probus membership dues of \$50 to our Treasurer, **Gordon Burnett**, by 19 November preferably by E transfer or cheque day of the meeting.

**Paul Meier** started an online Probus member's profile. He will be sending out a request for an abbreviated resume along with a photo.

Discussed future road trips. We will not be having any long road trips. Possible local tours include Port of Saint John and Irving Oil refinery.

**Don LeBlanc** asked if anyone would be interested in playing bridge at the Bill McGuire Center on Tuesday afternoons and golfing with United Commercial Travelers (UCT). Anyone who is interested can contact Don.

**Jennifer Yeomans**, chief development officer at the Southwestern New Brunswick YMCA, was our guest speaker. She gave an overview of their impressive operations and programs.

#### **Treasurer-Gordon Barnett**



#### **Treasurer's report**

To date, we have received dues from 33 members. This includes two new members, Graham MacDougall and Brian Robertson. It is important that dues are paid by our November 19 meeting. We have to report membership numbers and pay insurance to Probus Canada in early December. Kindly submit your dues of \$50 by e-transfer to [treasurer@sjprobus.ca](mailto:treasurer@sjprobus.ca), or bring a cheque to our meeting on November 19. Our bank balance as of October 31 is \$1,812. To this date we have spent \$3,691, the largest item was \$2,585 for the river cruise. All expense categories are under budget. See you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

#### **Christmas Dinner**

We will be holding our **Annual Christmas Dinner** at our regular December meeting, at The Villa Madonna, on December 17. Our choices for lunch are either **Turkey or Salmon** at a cost of \$35. Members, who wish to have dinner in December need to **commit to it by December 10** and pay either at our November meeting or by E-transfer to [treasurer@sjprobus.ca](mailto:treasurer@sjprobus.ca), by the 10<sup>th</sup>. More details to come at our November meeting.

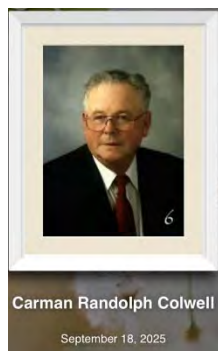
#### **NOTES:**



It is with heavy heart that we announce the peaceful passing of Randolph "**Randy**" **Douglas Giffin** on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Shannex – Concorde Hall, Quispamsis at the age of 99. Randy was a member of PROBUS for many years.



I also announcing the passing of another PROBUS member on October 11<sup>th</sup>/25  
**Robert "Bob" Bustin.** Robert was a member a few years ago before illness set in.  
Bob was 81 years old.



A **PROBUS** member **Carman Colwell** and former Rotarian, has passed away on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Carman was a member of this club several years ago and was well known in the community.



**McAllister Mall** have installed banners honouring vets from WW1 and WW2 and beyond.  
I believe this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year this has been displayed  
In the village of **Hampton**, these banners are also displayed on Power line poles. Well done.

Images by Tom Craig

The **PROBUS** annual Christmas Dinner will take place December 17, 2025. The meal will offer a choice of *Turkey or Salmon*.

The price will be \$35.00 per plate, same as last year. Tickets will be available at the November meeting. For those that wish to pay by E transfer, this is available at [treasurer@sjprobus.ca](mailto:treasurer@sjprobus.ca). Cash at the door or cheque options are also available.

Choice of meal can be made when purchasing your ticket.

*For our Christmas meeting, it has been decided to hold a fun event  
By hosting an "ugly Christmas Sweater contest" A prize will be awarded. So go  
through your closet and find that sweater!*

**THE LUNCH menu this month will be *LASAGNE***



One of our former PROBUS members, **BILL COVERT** now lives in the assistant Living complex at Claton Park near Halifax. Last week a group of motorcyclists from the local club provided members with a ride in a motorcycle “sidecar”. As you can see Bill gives two thumbs up. His picture even made the front page of the **Halifax Chronicle Harold Newspaper in Halifax.**

Photos by Tim Krochak.

## PICTURES FROM OCTOBER MEETING.



President **Carl White** at the podium



**Jennifer Yeomans** guest speaker





Coffee time. **VP Tony Aziz** in the blue sweater, can't wait.



**David Flewelling** forground, and group enjoying lunch

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**Willard Buckley**, left, talking to **Gary Watson** during the break.



**Carl White** presents a gift to our speaker **Jennifer Yeomans** of the YMCA.

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## ENTERTAINING QUOTES

- *I did some financial planning and figured it looks like I can retire at 97 and live comfortable for 11 minutes!*

- *Water came out of a tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would become a laughing stock.*
- *The only thing that was never aloud on out table was elbows, hats, cell phones.*
- *Cooking out side was called "camping"*
- *Years ago, sugar was considered "white gold" in the good old days.*



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we  
lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields





***The next meeting is at Villa Madonna on NOVEMBER 19, 2025.***

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

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