



*Lighthouse in Grand Manan, New Brunswick*

# PROBUS

## ***The PHOGHORN NEWSLETTER***

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2025—2026 Executive Team members

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

**PROBUS Members Observing Birthdays for the month of April**

**Tony Aziz—David Flewelling—Kent Grass—David Iles—John Petticrew**

**President-Carl White**



**President's Message – April**

Hello everyone! Well, we got through March pretty good and now we are halfway through April. The days are slowly getting warmer, and I think a lot of us are looking forward to golf and boating season. We have been having good numbers turning out for our meetings and our numbers are growing thanks to all who have been bringing in new Members! We have May and June to get through before we break for the Summer, and we hope to have an enjoyable event for the June meeting! Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next meetings.

The Guest Speaker for the April Meeting will be David Ryan, Fundraising Manager, NB Medical Education Foundation.

**Secretary-Greg Langille**



**Minutes of the PROBUS meeting March 18th, 2026**

President Carl White opened the meeting at 10:06 with the singing of O'Canada.

Name tags were presented to new members **Bruce Dykeman, John Jarvie, Dave Hall.**

Guess **Ivo Smryz** was introduced by Chip Lawton. Ivo spoke briefly and mentioned he came to Canada from Czechoslovakia in the early 1990's and worked as a Gynecologist and Obstetrician

News of member: President Carl mentioned **Mac Estey** is at home waiting for an operation.

**Tony Aziz** made a motion to accept February's minutes as published in the PHOGHORN Newsletter. and seconded by Tom Craig.

Treasures report assistant treasurer **Larry Timms** handed out financial statement showing actual income of \$4,891 dollars and a closing cash of \$3,228. Dollars. \$2,000 over budget. Larry mentioned we now have seventy paid up members. A motion to accept the report by **Don Mitchener** and seconded by **David Isles.**

Membership report: Chip thank members for their participation in recruiting. Chip mentioned that his method of contact is generally by e-mail or by text and has been relatively successful.

**Paul Meier** reported that on the member profile website forty-seven out of 70 members have supplied information. Paul will include the access information in the next foghorn.

Carl spoke regarding the vials of life which our speaker in February had mentioned. Carl receives several vials, each accompanied by a sticker that is meant to be placed on the front door of your home. The file should contain information regarding medication used by their resident and their apartment information. The vial should be kept in the refrigerator.

Carl mentioned that approximately twelve of our members have attended the ladies PROBUS meeting March 12, 2026. The lady's group have 125 members. They had cake to celebrate **Saint Patrick's Day.** The ladies were invited to attend our final meeting in June to be held at **Hip Cider at Long Reach.**

Carl is exploring ideas of a field trip. The **Pulp Mill** is not available at the present time due to a shutdown. Point Lepreau was discussed however it is understood field trips are not welcomed at this time.

A trip to Shinning Horizons Therapeutic Riding Association in Redhead, will be arranged over the next month or so.

Future Speakers: **April** –Jennifer Estey from Estey Art Initiative.

**May**-- Matt Conrade of Strescon, to describe the construction process for the new apartment building at the head of King Street.

**June** --we will have a meeting at Yip Cider Long Reach. Spouses and members of PROBUS ladies will be invited to attend.

Jokes were supplied by Chip and Paul. Introduction of the guest speaker by Brent Seeley. Timothy LaBlanc, P. Engineer, Chief Executive officer of recycle New Brunswick and Karen Ulmanis, NB Director for Electronic Recycling Program, spoke regarding the NB programs followed by a question-and-answer period.

A 5050 draw was won by Pat Gallagher.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

### **Assistant Treasurer—Larry Timms**



As with recent reports, the Clubs finances continue to be in excellent shape. Revenues increased by \$235 in March, the result of new members, along with the 50/50. On the expense side, there was the venue rental and guest lunch charges amounting to \$83. As a result, our current bank balance is \$3,380. The main item accounting for this larger than anticipated balance is the increase in memberships, all other revenue and expense details remain close to budget.

## **Pictures from the March 2026 meeting**



**President Carl White welcomes members to the PROBUS March meeting**



**Three new members were welcome into the PROBUS fold during the March meeting.**

**They are; L-R**

***Bruce Dykeman***

***John Jarvie***

***David Hall***

***When people see a cat litter box they say "oh" you have a cat"***

***You reply, no, that's for company!.***



**Our Guest speaker this month was Mr. Tim Leblanc of Recycle of NB**

**His presentation was most informative with the recycle program expanding covering more items.**

***The government discontinued the penny.  
Therefore, your two cents is no longer required!***



***Did you ever noticed that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS"  
together it spells "Theirs".***



As you may recall, the ladies PROBUS invited the PROBUS Men's group to their monthly meeting on March the 17<sup>th</sup>. The occasion was St. Patrick Day lunch. Guests enjoyed refreshments and a huge cake, naturally topped with green frosting.

As you can see there was a large turn out. The ladies membership is currently around 125 members.

Current president is **Lueille MacKinnon**.

Two of the PROBUS ladies pose for a picture prior to cutting the cake in smaller pieces.

**Allison Hannah** on the left, and **Paulette Kimball** on the right.



Really?

◆ A chemist walks into his shop to find a man leaning against the wall. 'What's wrong with him?' he asks his assistant. 'He came in for some cough syrup,' the assistant explains. 'But I couldn't find any, so I sold him a bottle of laxatives instead.' 'What!' the chemist says, horrified. 'You can't treat a cough with laxatives!' 'Of course you can,' the assistant declares. 'Look at him — he's far too scared to cough.'

### Interesting Facts.

- *The Sahara Desert is almost as large as the United States.*
- *Antarctica holds about 70% of the earth's freshwater, locked up as ice.*
- *Mount Everest isn't Earth's tallest mountain, its Maune Kea in Hawaii.*

**Sneek preview of the upcoming "meeting venue for June" "Yip Cider".**



Have you ever noticed that the Roman Numerals for forty (40) is XL

The easiest way to find something you lost is to buy a new one.

For our new members, here is the Current Exective for 2025--2026



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***The next meeting is at the Villa Madonna APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

**PROBUS SAINT JOHN, NB**

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

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Meetings are at the ***Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay NB,***  
***every third Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am.***

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