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2025—2026 Executive Team 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*

PROBUS Members Observing Birthdays for the month of May



Sheldon Gould, Bev Harrison, Howard Pearn, Brent Seely,
President-*Carl White*

President's Message 2026

Well, here we are starting the countdown to the closure of our Meeting season! As we move through May to our final meeting and AGM in June, I believe we can be pleased with ourselves that we had a pretty good Meeting season. We were able to attract a number of new Members, and our slate of Guest Speakers were able to share some informative information with us. We will finish off our current season on a high note with our outing to **Yip Cider** on June 17th and I expect that it will be quite enjoyable! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming Meeting on May 19th. Also, I want to remind everyone about our Tour of the **Shining Horizons** facility in **Red Head on May 26th**

Secretary-Greg Langille



Minutes: PROBUS Meeting 15 April 2026

President **Carl White** opened the meeting with the singing of **O'Canada**.

Name tags were presented to new members **Ben Smith, Terry McInerney, Kent Grass, and Dan Kirk**.

Two guests were introduced. **Steve Smith** was introduced by Blair MacDonald and **Tom Creamer** was introduced by Paul Meier.

Motion by **Greg Langille** to approve minutes of the Probus meeting held on March 18th seconded by **Tony Aziz**, motion approved.

Brief report from **Chip Lawton** about the ongoing campaign to recruit new members. He reminded everyone about the draw to win a free membership for any member that brings in and signs up new members.

Gord Burnett gave us a treasurer's report. It was reported that we now have 71 paid up members and have \$3,380.00 in the bank. A motion to accept the report by Gord, seconded by Paul Meier.

Paul gave an update on member profiles. We now have approximately 45 member's profiles submitted (63% of membership). Paul to send out an email encouraging those who have not yet submitted their profiles a final chance to do so. Members can now access member profiles by going to Saint John Probus website, access members only section, sign in using username (sjprobus) and use password (villamadonna).

Community Activities: We are looking into a tour of the Shining Horizons Therapeutic Riding Association facilities in Red Head before our next meeting in May.

Guest Speakers: Alyssa Long and David Ryan of The New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation gave a presentation outlining the program that provides return-to-service scholarships for New Brunswick medical and allied health professional students who commit to and aspire to practise in the province following completion of their studies.

To date, over 50 program alumni are practising across New Brunswick while more than 200 have pledged to return. The program provides over \$1.1 million in tuition relief annually and has a 75% retention rate for new doctors.

Review of upcoming meetings:

May: Matt Conradi, Strescon Limited, Saint John. Presentation on the King St. Project. This is a major 12-storey, mixed-use development located at the former Woolworth site, with completion expected this year.

June: June meeting will be at YIP cider on the Kingston Peninsula. The PROBUS ladies' group is invited along with our spouses. Cost for lunch to be \$20-25. There will be more details to follow.

Rescheduled to September: Jennifer Estey- The Estey Art Initiative. This is a transformational art program that is offered to children all over New Brunswick. Students gain self-confidence, sense of pride, and a sense of accomplishment through the direction of talented Art Instructors.

Once again here is the information to enter the secured page for PROBUS on the Web site.

- Connected to the web: type sjprobus.ca
- On this page, click “PROBUS club of Saint John NB
- On that page, bottom --left-hand side of that page, click “MEMBERS ONLY:
- Top of the page you will see --username..... [sjprobus](#)
- Password.....[villamadonna](#)

You are now on the PROBUS SJ page.

Enjoy.

May monthly meeting is on Tuesday the 19th!

This month only.

The required *Annual Meeting, AGM*, will take place in June with the recommendation of incoming Executive for 2026-2027 by the Nominating Committee.

Some Highlights from the April meeting.

Four New members were presented their name tags at the start of the meeting.

The new members are:

Ben Smith, Terry McInerney, Kent Grass, and Dan Kirk.



PROBUS member Paul Meier is giving an update on Web Site project.



**Our guest speaker *Alyssa Long* and *David Ryan* of
The New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation**



Some of the food being offered for lunch



Dale Stevens ready to enjoy the feed.

This a picture of the June meeting, AGM, place and tour, ***Yip Cider***.

Instruction on how to arrive at this location will be issued during the coming days.



Yip Tours & Tastings

Immerse yourself in the crisp, refreshing world of Yip Cider

nestled in the heart of New Brunswick.

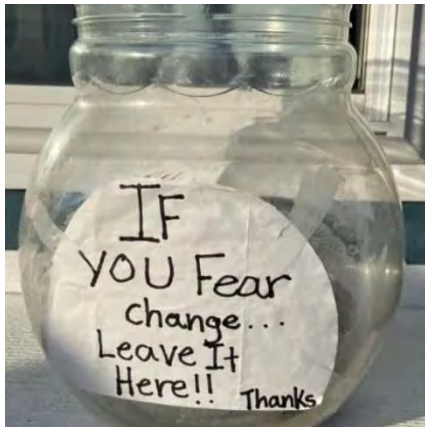
Our tours and tastings happen every Friday, with tailored experiences at 1:00pm and 3:00pm for groups of 8 or more. Delve into the artistry behind our craft in our state-of-the-art production room facility. Led by knowledgeable guides, you'll learn about the process behind our award-winning cider and our storied history in the cider-making business to the precise fermentation techniques. After the tour, savour a curated flight board featuring four of our most flavorful and distinctive ciders.

Yip Cider promises an unforgettable experience where every sip tells a story of Yip's history, modern innovation, and the vibrant spirit of New Brunswick.

FUNNIES

**My wife told me that I
should put a clean pair
of socks on every day.**

**By Friday, I couldn't
get my shoes on.**



WEIRD ENGLISH FACTS

1. "Queue" is pronounced like "Q" — the rest of the letters are just waiting.
2. "Almost" is the longest common English word with all letters in alphabetical order.
3. "Strengths" is one of the longest words with only one vowel.
4. "Set" has 400+ meanings, making it one of the most flexible words in English.
5. "Pronunciation" is often mispronounced — and "misspelled" is often misspelled. Ironical.
6. The dot over i and j is called a tittle.
7. If you are not following us, you will never see us again, have a great life my friend.

Your exective for 2026-2026



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The next meeting is at the Villa Madonna MAY 19th, 2026

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**Meetings are at the *Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay NB,*
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