## PROBUS Club of Saint John Monthly Meeting December 16, 2015

The fourth meeting of our 2015-2016 season was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10:00 a.m., Dec. 16, 2015. With President Robert Taylor in the chair, and some 37 members in attendance, we led off with "O Canada", and let our Musical Director Gordon Mouland have the morning off. Condolences were expressed to Len Kinsella, having by-pass surgery. Minutes of the October 21, 2015, meeting were seconded by David Flewelling, and of the November 18, 2015, meeting, seconded by Ralph Wood. As the treasurer was absent, an up to date report was not available. John Hickman introduced his guest Gerry McCracken. President Robert welcomed two new members, Jim Young and Tom Craig, pinning them into our fold. President Taylor advised that he and Past President Ralph Wood attended "Patron's Dinner", at the Boys and Girls Club, on behalf of our PROBUS Club. Nominations for the Board of National PROBUS, (Past Presidents only), to replace the retiring Steve Campbell, were requested. Our President then amused us with his rendition of "Comfort and Joy". Ralph Wood followed with his version of Fabulous Funnies.

Our semi-annual donation of \$600.00 to the Boys and Girls Club was presented to Amy Shanks.

This was followed by the 60/40 draw, the magnificent sum of \$147.00, won by George Akerley, and generously donated by him to the Boys and Girls Club.

Our Guest Musicians – The Saint John String Quartet – consisting of David Adams, violin; Danielle Sametz, violin; Sonja Adams, 'cello; Christopher Buckley, viola; entertained us with music appropriate to the season. Thanked by President Robert.

Most member stayed for the special turkey dinner and choice of dessert. Meeting informally adjourned around 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Willard Buckley Secretary