

Probus Club North Shore Vancouver
Guest Speakers and Presentations During 2003

Condensed October 2003 President's Report

“Last February, when Don Brinton and I found there was a two year wait for admission to The Probus Club of Vancouver, we wondered "Why not start a Probus Club on the North Shore?" That was the beginning. Vancouver Probus offered support and their sponsorship. Stu McNeill, Barry Gosney, Don Smith and Glenn Ferguson joined us to form a founding Management Committee. A formal name was chosen, stationery designed, a bank account opened and a meeting place secured.

“By early summer we wondered how many members we might attract. By mid-July we reached over 60 and by early September we were more than 100. We knew that the quality of speakers is key to a successful club, so we concentrated on building our speaker programs and we now have an excellent line-up of speakers through to March 2004. For those of you who missed our Charter meeting on September 16, it was a memorable morning with 116 present, pushing our membership above our decided 150 cap, with applicants on a waiting list. With our Charter Certificate in hand we chose Tuesday, October 21 for our inaugural meeting and the third Tuesday of each month for regular monthly meetings.

“John Leonard, President”

In 2003 we welcomed the following distinguished speakers.

October	Dr Rick Skinner , President, Royal Roads University, Victoria BC: <i>“Report from the Edge: A new model of university education”</i>
November	Michael Ryan , businessman, financial analyst, radio financial program host devoted to increasing the understanding and function of business: <i>“Havoc in American corporate culture --- Déjà vu Japan?”</i>
December	No speaker due to Christmas Luncheon