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NEXT MEETING CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Noon Tuesday December 20, 2005
Capilano Golf and Country Club
Dress Code: Jacket and Tie

COMING UP IN 2006

January 17

James Delgado, FRGS
Executive Director
Vancouver Maritime Museum



February 21

Andre Gerolymatos
Dean of Hellenic Studies
Simon Fraser University



March 21

Jonathon Manthorpe
International Affairs Columnist
The Vancouver Sun



SEASONS GREETINGS
With Best Wishes for 2006



Brian Cooper introduced our Speaker Bramwell Tovey, Musical Director, Vancouver Symphony

Maestro Bramwell Tovey demonstrated that he is a man of many talents in addition to his great knowledge and expertise with the many facets of music. He captivated the audience with his humour, his broad knowledge of the world of music and his passion for educating children and young adults to appreciate music in its many forms.

He explained that music is a universal language of communication that does not need translation. It does what words cannot do. He told of a troubled child that presented problems for his teacher, and came to a VSO concert with his class. The next day the teacher asked the students to write a brief statement about the concert. The troubled youngster wrote three lines: it was a very beautiful building; it was beautiful music; and, it was the best day of my life. Bramwell believes that education through music is part of the solution to community problems.

Organized in 1919, the VSO ranks third among Canada's Symphonies and second only in size to the Stratford Festival among institutions for the arts. The three levels of government share the ten million dollar budget with public subscriptions approaching 45% of the total. He is hopeful subscriptions will exceed 50% in the near future.

President Don thanked our speaker.

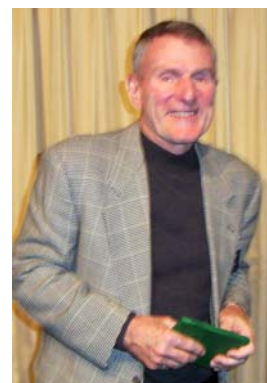
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Bob Kerr

In honour of our speaker, two classical CDs were door prizes this month. Bob Kerr and Jack Newman were present to receive the prizes.

Dave Anderson, Geoff Burgess, David Merrifield, Geoff Marlow, Peter Bellamy and John Stollery missed out on the opportunity by their absence.



Jack Newman

Probus Bridge Group Concludes Session

The Probus Bridge activities for the year finished mid-November with a 4 table wind-up evening hosted by Bob O'Brien.

Fraser Grant was the big winner, having a grand total for the year of 26,220 points.



Barry Gosney scored the highest total for one evening during the year when he had a total of 5,480 points. Pretty good for a Kiwi!

Prizes of excellent Aussie wine were presented to the various points-achievers for the year. One exception was a bottle for the "low man of the year", **John Leonard**, who won that battle without too much competition.

Art Eberwein was the bridge-master for the year's activities which started in February and were played on a Monday evening each month, skipping July and August and concluding in November.



Next year's bridge will start in January under the stewardship of **Phil Boase**. If any of you would like to join the bridge group '06 call Phil at (604) 985-2790. He would like to enlarge our group and would welcome your call.

This year's players included Ron McAdam, Vic Harrison, Bob O'Brien, Ray Hunter, Laffin Tomkins, Edgar Elwes, Norm Currie, Bill Gardner, John Leonard, Phil Boase, Darryl Stodalka, Glenn Ferguson, Fraser Grant, Jim Bilsland, Barry Gosney, Art Eberwein, Don Brinton, Jack Newman, Joe Williams, John Philip, Murray Budd, Stu McNeill, Keith Pople, Ian Thompson and David Osaba.

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BIOGRAPHY

Tony Harris

Tony was born in London, England, but he didn't live there long enough to become a 'Londoner' as the family moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, at two months of age. Four years later they moved to Vancouver B.C. He received his early education at Carlton Elementary School and John Oliver Secondary School in Vancouver B.C.

Tony has had a long career in the information technology industry having held major positions including in house I.T. Consultant with Fred Myers of Portland, Oregon and as Chief Information Officer with Finning Ltd., a company with three billion dollar annual sales.

The Foundation for International Services recognizes Tony's I.T. work experience as equivalent to a Masters Degree in Computer Science. He received an award from the W.C.B. with several C.I.O. colleagues for the development of a Computer Programming Course for people who were disabled and could no longer work in their original profession.

Tony's second career is: Advisor in Health and Stress Management; Represents a U.S. firm, "IMAC" Mergers and Acquisitions; ePlus, a company that provides software for procurement.

His hobbies include: jogging, hiking, cycling and sailing. Tony and spouse Pat have three adult children, a son, two daughters and 5 grand children, and live in West Vancouver.

Last June, Tony and Pat vacationed on a Baltic Cruise with stops in all the Scandinavian Capitals, the highlight being the visit to Saint Petersburg Russia and the visit to the Hermitage and the famous Amber Room. They also sailed in the Caribbean on a brand new 50-foot sailboat. Tony enjoys meeting members and learning from the quality presentations.



Presidents Report

How fast the years roll by. It must be something to do with our age. Another December and time to assess our achievements during the year at our Probud Club of North Shore Vancouver.

Our membership is now at the 260 level, and although we dropped a few at renewal time, we have more than made up with the arrival of a steady flow of new members. We decided to remove the “cap” on numbers as we have more than enough room at Hollyburn to accommodate many more.

This year’s eleven guest speakers all provided excellent and interesting presentations...from health to academics...football to bee-keeping...transportation to international affairs analysis....all had their own special appeal for our members. For this I thank Brian Cooper for his very strong effort and drive to keep our programs coming (just have another look at page 1 and see who we have coming to speak to us in the New Year).

And while you’re reading page 1 check the blue column to the left. Our club could not function without the very strong and competent Management Committee. This group meets monthly to carefully plan all aspects of our club’s function. While the format of our meetings looks simple, it only works well because every little detail has been planned and delivered well...from Greeters to projectors, lights, name badges and even the warmth of the muffins with your coffee. I thank Art Eberwein and all on the House Committee.

We consider our club to be very special in the whole Probud family. You only have to read the various bios in “Shorelines” to realize the immense wealth of experience of our members. And we have many more to publish in future issues. This is why our programs are targeted towards “intellectual stimulation” as against straight entertainment. And, with two years of track record behind us, your playback tells us that we are

very much on the right track.

With Malcolm Nicholson at the helm of “Special Events”, we have enjoyed some very “Special Events” such as “Bard on the Beach”. And there are more on the horizon.

Talking about the horizon...while it is interesting to look back and see what has been achieved, it is far more fascinating to think about the road ahead of us. We are a maturing club, building a successful track record and continuing to attract excellent members to our ranks. We aim to continue on that path, but we are also looking to see how we can work with other clubs in B.C. and across the country, and Probud National and Probud International. Working with these other members of the Probud family we might even have the opportunity to help host a Probud National Convention in Vancouver a few years from now (only a thought at this stage).

On behalf of the Management Committee, I wish you the compliments of the Season and look forward to another successful Probud year in 2006.

Don Brinton

MEETINGS

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