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**Next Meeting
Tuesday March 21, 2006**

Russell J. Anthony

**President & Project Director
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion
Project Ltd.**

Russell J. Anthony was appointed President & Project Director of Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. in 2003 following a varied career in law, government, real estate advisory services, and program/project management. Mr. Anthony holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg, Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Toronto, and a Master of Law degree from the University of London (England) in urban planning.

Mr. Anthony has served in a number of public and private organizations. After practicing law, he worked as a senior policy advisor at the Privy Council in Ottawa, Vice-President and General Counsel for the Expo '86 Corporation, Chief Operating Officer of Toronto's Ballet Opera House Corporation, President of Penreal Advisors, and President of RPA Projects (which became part of Stantec in 2002). Throughout his career, Russell has played an active role in industry, community, and charitable organizations including Project Management Institute, British Columbia Construction Roundtable and Vancouver Economic Development Commission. He is Chair of Sport BC, and a Director of the Vancouver Opera Foundation and Lambda Alpha International, an honorary land economic society.

**Upcoming Speaker
9:30 AM, Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Murray Leith,
Odlum Brown**



**John Leonard introduced
Guest speaker
Dr. Gerolymatos**



Back for his third annual visit, Dr. Gerolymatos did not disappoint the members present. His insightful assessment of events unfolding in the Middle East over the last year kept the audience on the edge of their chairs.

The recent furor over the cartoons of Mohammad is an example of how little the West understands the people of the Middle East. We have forgotten how many other cultures value and protect ethnic images and language. Language police are alive and well in many countries including France and Canada. The issue, like many others, is exploited by the militant element of Islam.

The Islamic world is undergoing a fundamental transformation. Dr. Gerolymatos predicts that the two major Islamic forces, one based in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, will continue to compete with Shiite Islam based in Iran. Radicalism was in decline before 9/11 but, America's war on terrorism, instead of damaging it, has in fact given it new strength.

Ironically attempts to introduce parliamentary government have been frustrated as radical leaders simply proclaim that they have embraced democracy and then use the ballot box as a tool to maintain their dictatorial control.

The West is unable to reach the Middle Eastern people as communication with them is controlled by extremists who use Islamic schools and mosques to condemn the Western philosophy.

Dr. Gerolymatos is not optimistic about the future. He suggests that matters will deteriorate as a second generation of Muslims appear on the scene.

President Don Brinton thanked Dr. Gerlymatos.



Grant Colpitts wins the raffle prize.

Douglas McArthur, Dave McDonald, David Finley, John Ross, all missed out by their absence.

**In Memoriam
We regret to announce the passing of
John Catchpole
and extend our sincerest sympathies to the
Catchpole family.**

THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH SHORE VANCOUVER

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2006

With Comparative Cash Flow for the Six Months Ended 28 February 2005

	2006	2005
RECEIPTS:		
Membership Dues	\$17,740.00	\$12,580.00
Meeting Dues	----	3,155.00
Guests Revenue and Other Income	<u>270.89</u>	----
	<u>18,010.89</u>	<u>15,735.00</u>
EXPENSES		
Probus Canada	635.00	710.00
Probus National Conference	500.00	----
Hollyburn Club	2,029.56	1,742.41
Speakers Gifts	539.28	278.21
Door Prizes	61.04	----
Lapel Badges and Pins	606.42	363.71
Management Committee Expenses	188.39	----
Secretarial Services	----	165.75
Stationery	532.17	862.84
Postage	448.95	948.83
Christmas Lunch	1,244.20	983.88
Special Events	<u>(128.00)</u>	----
	<u>6,657.01</u>	<u>6055.63</u>
NET CASH GENERATED	11,353.88	9,679.37
CASH IN BANK, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	8,935.08	752.61
CASH IN BANK OR IN HAND, END OF PERIOD	<u>\$20,288.96</u>	<u>\$10,431.98</u>

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Presidents Report

With this mailing all members receive a package including the following important pieces of Club information:

- Semi-annual financial statement, note the excellent condition of Club finances;
- Club application form to be shared with interested prospective members (current membership 271);
- Membership roster, complete and updated list of members and phone numbers with distribution limited to members only;
- March Shorelines, in hard copy on this occasion only (also available on the website in living colour), note: the savings to the Club for email distribution to 80% of the membership exceeds \$2,000.00 annually.

A new member package of materials is being prepared which will include: Club Constitution and Bylaws, descriptive Club brochure and roster. These documents, except for the roster, will also be available on the website shortly. Members of the Management Committee will be pleased to respond to any queries concerning Club operations.

Don Brinton

Future Programs

April 18 ---- Murray Leith, Odlum Brown

May 16 ----- Jack Poole, 2010 Olympics

THE WORLD OF LAWS

Barth's Distinction: There are two types of people: those who divide people into two types, and those who don't.

Bartz's Law of Hokey Horsepuckery: The more ridiculous a belief system, the higher the probability of its success.

Baruch's Rule for Determining Old Age: Old age is always fifteen years older than I am.

Becker's Law: It is much harder to find a job than to keep one.

Boling's Postulate: If you're feeling good, don't worry. You'll get over it.

Bombeck's Rule of Medicine: Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

Borstelmann's Rule: If everything seems to be coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Year Round
Hollyburn Country Club
West Vancouver

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