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**Next Meeting
Tuesday May 15, 2007**

NICK GEER
**Chairman of the Board of NAV
Canada**
**Provider of Civil Air Navigation
Services Coast to Coast**

Nicholas Geer was born and educated in London, England. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia. He has held positions with Coopers Lybrand, London, England, Nigeria and Liberia, West Africa; Partner with Ernst and Whinney; Vice Chairman, Managing Director, Jim Pattison Group of Companies; Chairman and CEO, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; and currently holds the position of Chairman with NAVCANADA.

Presently he holds Directorships and Advisory Committee Memberships with: Vancouver Airport Services Ltd.; Chair of Audit Committee Nav Canada; Kinetic Capital Partners (Adv. Ctte); Chair of Audit Committee, Hillsborough Resources Limited.

His career highlights include: creation and development of the "Butterfly" tax reorganization in Canada; foundation and success of Collingwood School; turning around the Westar Group of Companies; the Public offering of the Westshore Terminals Income Fund; turning around The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia from a loss of \$250 million in 2001 to a profit of \$389 million in 2004.

Mr. Geer will tell us about NAV Canada's mission of safety in Canada's skies.

NEXT MONTH – JUNE 19

DON KROGSETH
Past Chair
The Nature Trust of BC
35 Years of Conservation

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER



**John Leonard introduced Speaker
Bev Van Ruyven**

Ms. Van Ruyven is quite familiar with Probus Clubs. She has addressed 5 Clubs in BC and her parents are members of the Victoria Club with her mother as current President.

In her ten years with BC Hydro she has witnessed the need for long-term planning (20 years ahead) in an industry that must stay ahead of economic development and population growth. She has seen the organization grow to 4,300 employees, 39 hydroelectric dams and returning to government, \$500 million from electricity generation and 200 million from water. Our rates for electricity are third lowest in North America due to the heritage of resource dams.

The long term plan foresees a growth in demand of between 25 and 45% over the next 20 years. Meeting this increasing need, while retiring the Port Coquitlam gas fired plant in 2015, will require an aggressive plan of purchasing more energy from the private sector (99 contracts), building more dams (Revelstoke and Mica expansion) and conserving more. British Columbians use more electricity per capita than any in North America. The 2007 Energy Plan Includes:

- Acquisition of 50% of resource needs through conservation by 2020,
- 90% from clean renewable sources,
- Energy sufficiency by 2016,
- Establishment of a clean energy fund,
- Zero GHG emissions from coal,
- New & existing generation electricity to have zero net GHG emissions.

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NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED



Ten new members received pins from Vice-President Art Eberwein and Membership Chair Ron Lively.



Our greeters were Bill Prentice and Jack Darc

VISIT THE TITANIC EXHIBITION IN VICTORIA

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

For this full day Probus Special Event, the deluxe motor coach will leave West Vancouver at 7.00 am. Inclusive cost \$80 per person.

Only 40 seats available.

For full details and reservations contact

probusevents@shaw.ca

PRESENTATION TO PIDGE McBRIDE



Pidge McBride and John Leonard

Today I am making a little presentation to a man who was instrumental in helping us start the Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver. His name is Pidge MacBride.

Pidge has been involved with Probus for a long time. He is a member of the Vancouver Probus Club but, more importantly, for the past six years he has been a Director on the Canadian National Board of Probus. He has been the representative for the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley Probus clubs and has been very supportive in helping get a number of clubs started. And that includes our club.

In February of 2003, just four years ago, Don Brinton and I decided it was time for a Probus club on the North Shore. We approached the Vancouver Probus Club and they agreed to sponsor our application. And it was Pidge who steered us through the proper channels so that we could get started and hold our charter meeting in September. Incidentally, we didn't know how many members we would have to start...30, 50 or maybe 60...so we were amazed when we had over 150 members signed up by that charter meeting.

Pidge we are so pleased that you are with us today, as we know that your term as a National Director will finish at the end of April. It gives me great pleasure to thank you for all that you have done for Probus over the years and particularly these last six years on the National Board.

Please accept this small gift as a token of our sincere appreciation.

John Leonard

MEMBER BIOGRAPHY



Richard (Dick) Woodcock

Dick Woodcock was born on a farm near the village of Quinton, Saskatchewan, and attended elementary school in a one-room school (grades 1 – 8), with an outhouse and stables, but no phone, running water or electricity. He completed his schooling in BC earning a degree in Geological Engineering at UBC and a MS from Caltech.

His experience in geology included four summers as student assistant with the Geological Survey of Canada. Following graduation, Dick joined Kennecott, and worked on mineral exploration in many parts of Canada. He moved to the Geological Research Division in Salt Lake City and a special project of porphyry molybdenite deposits. Dick says, "it was a great learning experience working with a staff of eight highly dedicated young geologists."

In 1969, Dick formed J. R. Woodcock Consultants Ltd. His work was mainly in Canada, USA and the Latin American countries. It included appraisals for the Superintendent of Brokers, the Vancouver Stock Exchange and, the Investigations Committee of the Society of Professional Engineers. Although now retired, he continues to do occasional appraisal work and is working with a prospector on some ideas and prospects.

Dick has four children and six grandchildren. Bridge, skiing, hiking, gardening, plotting stocks and traveling keep him fully occupied.



President's Report

Gentlemen:

I am sure you will agree that having a good "Speakers Program" for our Club is one of the cornerstones of our success. From your responses to the recent survey we seem to be doing quite well on this front. However, it does not just happen. To please everyone in the eclectic type of audience we have is not a simple task!

Lal Fox and his Speakers Committee are doing a yeoman's job in continually looking for a range of good, diversified speakers, who are willing to speak to us on a gratis basis.

Potential speakers need to be proficient in public speaking, have a topical and interesting subject and, be able to relate to our audience profile. Not an easy assignment! As you can appreciate, it's virtually impossible to please all of us all of the time, but we are trying.

At our last meeting, for example, Ms. Van Ruyven gave an informed and effective presentation on the B.C. Hydro Energy Plan for the future. Her personal commitment on conservation was indeed thoughtful and sincere. We are fortunate to be able to hear from individuals of this calibre.

You can be assured that we will continue to strive to arrange for competent, interesting, and entertaining speakers and, we hope you will continue to provide suggestions on similar presenters for our future monthly programs.

Brian Cooper

The Understanding Wife

A husband and wife were having a fine dining experience at their exclusive country club when this stunning young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a big kiss, says she'll see him later and walks away. His wife glares at him and says, "Who was that?!"

"Oh," replies the husband, "she's my mistress."

"Well that's the last straw," says the wife. "I've had enough, I want a divorce. I am going to hire the most aggressive, meanest divorce lawyer I can find and make your life miserable."

"I can understand that," replies her husband, "but remember, if we get a divorce, it will mean no more wintering in Key West, or the Caribbean, no more summers in Tuscany, no more Cadillac Escalade in the garage, and no more country club, and we'll have to sell the 26-room house and move to two smaller homes, but the decision is yours."

Just then, a mutual friend enters the restaurant with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

"Who's that with Jim?" asks the wife. "That's his mistress," says her husband.

She replies, "Ours is prettier."

MEETINGS

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