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**Next Meeting  
Tuesday August 21, 2007**

**PAUL GRAVETT  
Executive Director  
Kay Meek Centre**

Paul Gravett is Executive Director of Kay Meek Centre, B.C.'s newest performing arts centre. In the short time between his appointment in September 2006 to April 2007, the Centre has increased average audience attendance with approximately 40,000 people attending 93 productions offering a total of 141 performances, nearly the equivalent of the population of West Vancouver.

A highly respected leader in his field, Paul brings a strong arts management and fundraising background, knowledge of the regional arts community and a commitment to local artists and arts organizations. With extensive experience as an arts administrator, facility manager and performing arts presenter, Mr. Gravett, prior to joining Kay Meek Centre, served for six years as executive director of ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island's centre for the performing and visual arts. Prior to joining ArtSpring, Mr. Gravett worked for seven years as Artists' Representative with Hart/Murdock Artists Management in Toronto. He received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Manitoba.

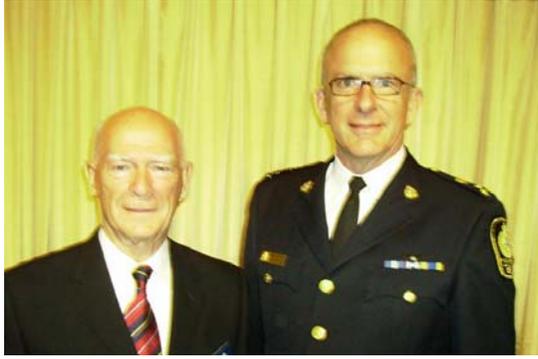
Mr. Gravett currently serves as a board member with the British Columbia Touring Council and Made in BC Dance on Tour, and is a WinterSong committee member.

Mr. Gravett will talk to us about this dramatic turnaround at Kay Meek Centre and how, in general, the arts contribute to West Vancouver's cultural and business life.

**Next Month – Tuesday September 20**

**MAURICE McELREA  
United Gospel Mission**

## LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER



**Lal Fox Introduced Chief Jamie Graham**

Chief Constable Graham presented himself, not as the tough administrator of a major Canadian city police force often portrayed in the media, but as a pleasant person who cares about his job and the people that work for him. He devoted a good part his talk to describing a few of the men and women and the situations they find themselves in their day-to-day responsibilities as police officers. He mentioned that for some years recruits were required to be 30 years or older with two years of college or university. As they became less available and difficult to attract the age requirement was lowered to the present 25 and may be reduced even more. "After all", he said, "I was recruited at 19."

On leaving his position next month, he said that, "we hold a position of responsibility for a short time, about five years or so, until the next person is ready to accept it." After five years one becomes complacent having accomplished what was planned. Leaving is difficult however, having developed many relationships and made many friends.

Of the judicial process he told us that lack of funding prevents crown prosecutors from charging individuals with gun violations and drug trafficking. The backlog of cases is never ending.

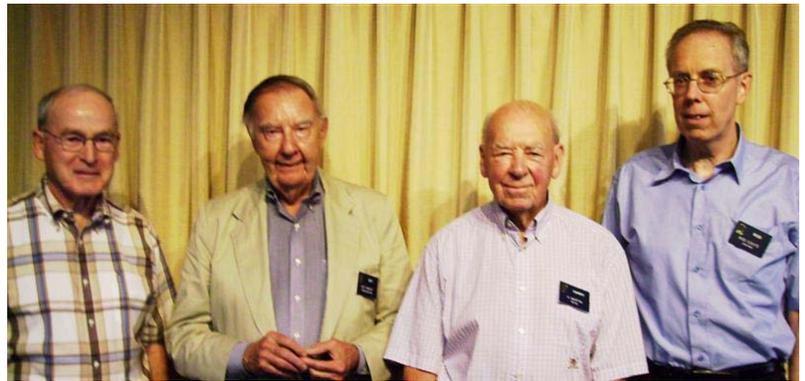
In developing a mass media strategy, Chief Graham said there are two choices in dealing with a highly competitive media, you can fight it and suffer the consequences or, embrace it accepting that you will rarely be reported as succeeding.

On drug enforcement, he said it was his duty to uphold the law that he could not support violations albeit with the best of intentions. He supports the treatment centres and the just cause of reducing drug trafficking when sanctioned by the legal system.

He was open to questions and responded easily to query's on the effect of local politics and the morale of officers and staff.

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



(L – R) Jack McConville, Harry Martin, Art Knight, and Rod Coote



**Ron Bennett and Jim Connell  
Were the July Greeters**

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## MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES



**Herb Grubel**

Herbert G. Grubel is Professor of Economics (Emeritus) at Simon Fraser University and a Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Herbert was born in Germany in 1934. He has a B.A. from Rutgers University (1958) and a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University (1963).

He has taught full-time at Yale University, Stanford University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Pennsylvania; and has had temporary appointments at universities in Berlin, Singapore, Cape Town, Nairobi, Oxford, and Canberra.

Professor Grubel was a Reform Party Member of Parliament in Ottawa from 1993 to 1997, serving as the Finance Critic from 1995 to 1997.

He has published 18 books and 190 professional articles in economics, dealing with international trade and finance and a wide range of economic policy issues. His recent research interests include capital gains taxation, monetary union and immigration policy.

Herb's personal website containing precise references to his publications is found at [www.sfu.ca/~grubel](http://www.sfu.ca/~grubel).



**Jack McConville**

Jack was born in Vancouver. He grew up in Kerrisdale where he attended Maple Grove, Point Grey and Magee schools. He obtained a law degree from the University of B.C. in 1955.

After graduation, he spent six months travelling in Europe. He travelled by motorcycle, logging over 8,000 miles. As it was winter, he remembers it as more of an endurance test than a holiday. Returning home, he articulated and practised general law for about five years. He then joined Placer Development where he worked for 29 years until retirement in 1991.

In addition to being general counsel he, at various times, was also company secretary and had administrative responsibility for accounting, purchasing, and corporate communications functions. Jack says that his years at Placer were a time of rapid growth with development of mines in U.S.A., Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Chile, and Mexico as well as Canada. During his working years, Jack served as president of the Association of Canadian General Counsel and one term on the Senate of the University of B.C.

After retirement, he served on and chaired The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation, the West Vancouver Library Board and the West Vancouver Board of Variance. He says that since retiring, he has kept busy with a University of B.C. Continuing Education program for retired people, gardening and golf. He is a member of the West Vancouver Historical Society and the Winston Churchill Society of B.C.

Jack is married to Joan. They have two children, both graduates of the University of Victoria.

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## President's Report

*In our group of ten clubs, North Shore and Langley have men's clubs; Vancouver and White rock have both a women's club and a men's club. South Delta and Abbotsford have mixed clubs, while Chilliwach has two mixed clubs.*

*I have visited all of these clubs, and have found it so interesting, how each club approaches its Probud activities in a slightly different way. Learning from each other can go a long way toward making our clubs stronger.*

*In September of 2008 a National Convention will be held in Saint John, N.B. I look forward to representing our Club, and our District at that time."*

Gentlemen:

This month, to give you a broader perspective of Probud Canada, I have asked our own member and Past President, John Leonard, to give us some pertinent facts about the national, regional, and district scope of this fast growing organization.

Earlier this year, John was elected as a National Director for B.C.'s District Two, in which our club and nine other lower Mainland and Fraser Valley clubs are located.

Here is some information about Probud Canada that he has provided and which I think you will find interesting.

*"In B.C. our thirty clubs are divided into three districts. District One is Hope and all areas north, with three clubs. District Two has ten clubs in the lower mainland, while District Three covers thirty clubs on Vancouver Island.*

*There are now 187 Probud Clubs located across Canada. Of those, three new clubs have started this year in Ontario: Lindsay, Gananaoque and Burlington. That brings our total number of Probudians in Canada to well over 33,000.*

*As a director, my prime responsibilities are to strengthen the communications between each of the ten clubs and to search out the possibilities for starting new clubs.*

Gentlemen, I am sure you will agree that with John being one of the founding members of our club and its first president and his high personal interest in the success of Probud overall, he is extremely well suited to be a National Director.

I am sure you will join me in wishing him well in his new position and hope he will join at us at our meetings as frequently as his time allows.

Congratulations -- John!!

Brian Cooper

### MEETINGS

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

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