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Tuesday November 20

Katherine Barber

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Canadian Oxford Dictionary

Canada's "Word Lady", Katherine Barber, Editor-in-Chief of the award-winning and bestselling *Canadian Oxford Dictionary* is known for her lively and engaging take on the history of our language and is a regular guest on radio and TV across Canada.

Katherine grew up in Winnipeg and studied French at the Universities of Winnipeg and Ottawa. She has been Editor-in-Chief of Canadian Dictionaries at Oxford University Press since 1991. She has overseen the production of 11 dictionaries, of which the Canadian Oxford Dictionary has sold over 200,000 copies and is the official dictionary of The Canadian Press, The Globe and Mail, and most of Canada's legislatures.

Katherine received the Canadian Booksellers Association's Editor of the Year Award in 1999 and the University of Winnipeg Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000. Her lively book of word histories *Six Words You Never Knew Had Something to do with Pigs* was on the Maclean's bestseller list for 14 weeks in 2006 and became a Canadian bestseller in its first year of publication.

In March 2007, her book *Only in Canada You Say, A Treasury of Canadian Language* was published. Her interests outside lexicography include ballet, travelling, choral singing, gardening, and cooking.

Next Month – December 18
Christmas Lunch
at Capilano Golf and Country Club
[see Reminder notice on third page]

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER



October Greeters: John Low and Tom Simpson



Steve Davis introduced by Ernie Maguire

Mr. Davis presented a brief history of the non-profit, volunteer driven, 300 member Independent Power Producers of BC organization. Its membership is comprised of independent power producers and service providers.

IPP functions to aid its members in: search for power generation sites, bid to BC Hydro for generation projects, win contracts, acquire permits, licenses and approvals, hire builders, assist finding financing to pay builders and help commission the project for operation.

IPP power generation projects are typically small when compared to those of BC Hydro with capital costs in the range 10 – 100 million dollars. The concepts are innovative in design including: wind towers, geothermal, wood product biomass, landfill biogas and small scale run of river plants. The projects typically require 2+ years to develop, 2 years to build and have a life of up to 40 years. There were 200 proposals in the system, 22 projects have been built, 5 are underway and 38 projects approved in 2006.

IPPs support BC Hydro in the challenge to return BC power generation to self-sufficiency by 2016. Obstacles for IPPs are the high cost of transmission lines to remote sites, escalating construction costs and, ideological and political opponents. IPPs are small but growing cost effective, renewable energy projects and will help BC return to energy exporting.

For more information go to the web site, www.ipcbc.com.

Esio Marzotto



In Memoriam: Doug Hull

On Thanksgiving week-end we lost Doug Hull, one of our Charter members, who many of you knew, in a hit and run car accident. It was a tragic end to the life of a man who was liked by everyone he met.

Doug had a successful career with Crown Zellerbach. He was a keen golfer, and an avid fly fisherman (he would talk for hours about which flies were working and which ones were not), but his woodworking skills were his number one joy.

When our Club started in 2003 we needed special cases to house our membership badges. Doug volunteered to make two cases for us and, they are a work of art.

When they were finished he said “now, don’t ask me to make another one of those d....d things, they are tough to make”.

So, when you put your badges back in the case, look and see what a wonderful job he did, including the third case he made about a month later (after some gentle prodding) to deal with our rapidly growing membership.

Doug Hull enjoyed life and he very much enjoyed Probus, and members will remember him for a long time.

Thank you, Doug, for being one of us.

Member Biographies



Ken Bishop (new member October 2007): *“After many years wishing to take up skydiving, finally on my sixtieth birthday I jumped out of a perfectly good aircraft from 15,000 feet, and fortunately I am here to tell you that I survived!”* Ken was Born in Withyham, Sussex, UK and attended Caterham School in England. After time in the Royal Air Force and working in Air Traffic Control in Germany, he moved to Canada in 1958, spending 16 years with CP Air before joining Britrail Travel representing European rail travel operators. Ken is a former Rotarian and Past President of Calgary and Vancouver Skala Clubs (an international travel association) and is Past President of the Prince George Chamber of Commerce.

Ken is married to Lillian and has two children and two grand-children in Calgary.



Wilfred (Bae) Wallace (member since March 2007): *BC Supreme Court and BC Court of Appeal Judge (15 years), senior counsel with prominent Vancouver law firm (39 years), LLB from Osgoode Hall, University of Toronto, three years of military duty, and continues to practice law restricting to dispute mediation and arbitration.*

Before taking up law in 1947, Bae received a BSc in Mining Geology from the University of Toronto. Bae became a Chartered Arbitrator through the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada in 1995. He has presided as sole arbitrator and on arbitration panels in a wide variety of complex international and local commercial disputes, motor vehicle and personal injury claims, and class actions.

Bae has been a resident of WestVan for 50 years. His family includes one daughter and three sons.

Current and Past-Presidents



Current and past-presidents were officially recognized and “pinned” by presentation with their official Probud president and past-president pins during the October meeting. Viewed left to right:

President (2007-2008) Art Eberwein
Past president (2004-2005) Stu McNeill
Past president (2003-2004) John Leonard
Past president (2005-2006) Don Brinton
Past president (2006-2007) Brian Cooper

Reminder of Christmas Lunch At Capilano Golf Club - 18th December

There is still seating available for Members and their guests to enjoy this gala event. Traditional meal, entertainment, and warm hospitality - all yours for \$35 per person.

If you've not yet made your reservations, please contact Malcolm Nicholson without delay by e-mail to probusevents@shaw.ca or you can call Malcolm directly at 604 922 2628.



President's Report

The October 16th Probus meeting was well attended with 138 members and guests to hear Steve Davis, President of the Independent Power Producers of BC, inform us about their role in supplying power to our electricity hungry province.

Members were saddened to learn that Douglas Hull, one of our charter members, died tragically in a hit and run accident in North Vancouver. John Leonard spoke of Doug's many contributions to our club. Members observed a moment of silence in his memory.

Our Club has many talented members, and it was a pleasure to recognize Vic Harrison for his talents, not the least of which is as a potter. Vic supplies the beautiful ceramic bowls we present to guest speakers.

Probus Canada encourages Clubs to support the formation of new clubs in their district, and, in certain circumstances, to sponsor a group wishing to establish a new club. Sponsoring involves a number of activities, but the principal ones are:

- To guide the new group through the steps involved from getting started through to their application for and the granting of their charter,
- The lending of funds to cover their early expenses. The Vancouver Probus Club was our sponsor four years ago, and they advanced us \$800 as start-up funds which we repaid in our first year.

Many of you are aware that a group of sixty women on the North Shore have expressed an interest in forming a Women's Probus Club on the North Shore, patterned after a similar club in Vancouver. Your Management Committee has

discussed and agreed that we would sponsor the Women's group should we be invited to do so.

In this regard, we are fortunate to have our Regional Director John Leonard who has been through the sponsorship and start-up process while forming our club. Most of the sponsorship duties would fall on him and me, although it is only fair to say that John would shoulder the greater load. I will attend with John at important sessions throughout the new Club formation and start-up process, and of course will report to you on a monthly basis as to the status of their application and ultimately their progress.

I hope you have marked your calendar for our December 18 Christmas lunch. Malcolm Nicholson promises an outstanding lunch and a very festive environment!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 20, and I encourage you all to attend to enjoy our guest speaker, Katherine Barber, Chief Editor of the Canadian Oxford Dictionary. She has spoken to a number of Probus clubs in eastern Canada, and we have it on very good authority that her talk will be both interesting and humorous. I look forward to seeing you there.

Art Eberwein

MEETINGS

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

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