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## **Speaker – July 14**

### **Maxine Davis**

Executive Director, Dr Peter Centre, Vancouver  
*“Providing Comfort Care for People  
Living with HIV/AIDS”*

Maxine Davis brings years of experience in community health care in Metro Vancouver to her role as Executive Director of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. Founded in 1992, the non-profit organization specializes in health care services for people with HIV/AIDS. The Foundation established the Dr. Peter Centre as the province’s only HIV/AIDS Day Health Program and 24-hour Residence with palliative care services. The only program of its kind in Canada, the Centre provides leading-edge care and support to improve the overall health of people most in need, particularly individuals with added issues of addiction, mental illness, homelessness and other life disadvantages.

By sharing its model of care, helping other health care workers develop their skills at the local, national and international level, the Foundation strives to facilitate larger change in HIV/AIDS care in communities throughout Canada and around the world.

Maxine describes her commitment to the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation and the Dr. Peter Centre as the most profoundly life-enriching work of her career. She will share with us her Dr. Peter Centre experience and her passion about making societal changes that will improve the health and lives of people living with HIV/AIDS.

## **Next Month Speaker – August 11**

*Originally scheduled speaker unavailable*

**New speaker to be announced when confirmed**

## Last Month Speaker



**Esio Marzotto with Martin Cronin**

Martin Cronin relied on his experience in the Middle East and South Asia to describe the critical threat we face internationally and at home.

In the struggle between democracy and terrorism he challenged us to reject the notion that we will be safe from terrorism if we retreat from robust overseas engagement or detach ourselves from the US. We must be open-eyed about the threat from Al Qaeda (“AQ”) and understand what motivates them.

He described terrorism as violence in search of a cause. For the global Jihad network, radicalization is an end in itself, not simply a reaction to events. They believe governments like our own that stand against them must be bombed, shocked and revulsed to the point of submission, and that civilian casualties are to be encouraged since they are seen to aid the cause of radicalization. The hope must be that AQ misjudges and revulses an ever-increasing number of Muslims. There are already some signs of that.

The terrorism battle is with violent extremism, not with Islam, and it is not just waged by a small group of fanatics. There are systemic problems in parts of the Islamic world rooted in poverty, illiteracy and a wholly fantasized view of global affairs that seemingly provide an endless flow of recruits to the cause. We need the help of mainstream Islam to address the threat; and neither we nor they can do it alone.

There is a growing number of home grown militants in Western democracies who have accepted the Jihadist propaganda message that it is all our fault and

are prepared to commit indiscriminate acts of terror against their fellow citizens. It is, in the words of British columnist Gerard Baker, “a fearful complementarity that makes today’s crisis so potent – a civilization all too willing to accept the blame for the woes of people all too willing to blame them”.

Mr. Cronin believes that it would be a grave mistake for Canada to become complacent about the threat. As a major player confronting the Taliban and AQ in Afghanistan, we are certainly on their target list. A Canadian election in which division over Afghan mission loomed large would no doubt be an attractive time for AQ to think about attacks here.

The sad reality is there will be more attacks, but there is much that we can do at home and abroad to mitigate the threat. We need to be open-eyed about it and not put our heads in the sand. We have to understand that the motives of Al Qaeda are far more complex and indeed more ambitious than a simple reaction to US, UK or Canadian policy. At the same time we must address Islamic world legitimate grievances.

The Middle East Peace Process is critical. People must understand that AQ are not fighting a war of liberation in Iraq or Afghanistan, so we should not give them succour by swallowing their propaganda. We have to do better at winning the information war at home.

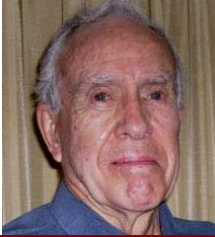
Our law enforcement agencies must have the tools they need to protect society and we need to engage in a realistic debate about agreeing where is that acceptable balance between individual liberty and the protection of society at large.

We need to understand that we are in the middle of a protracted struggle and we do not have the option of walking away. In these circumstances, it is good to have friends and allies and Mr. Cronin said that he is very pleased to be among friends in Canada.

Mr. Cronin remained to answer the many concerns and questions of our members.

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## Brief biographies of some of our recent new members



**Chuck Beer**, Banking (*member since March 2008*) Born in Calgary; moved to BC to complete high school. Graduated for UBC with B. Comm. degree in 1949 and joined Scotiabank, retiring in 1987.

Chuck is married to Susan.



**John Boston**, Dentist (*member since March 2008*) Born in Salisbury England and came to Canada in 1957. After graduating in dentistry from McGill University John practised throughout Canada until settling in BC in 1977.

John is married to Marilyn.



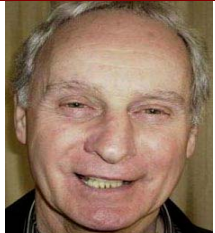
**Ralph Carder**, Electrical Engineer (*member since April 2008*) Born in England and came to Canada in 1952 where he worked in Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver with Rockwell International and other companies.

Ralph is married to Gillian.



**Mike Clark**, Retail (*member in June 2008*) Born in Vancouver; retired after 39 years as owner and operator of a chain of gift, jewellery and Canadiana stores at hotels and resorts in BC and Alberta.

Mike is married to Pat.



**John Eaves**, Architect (*member since January 2008*) Born and schooled in Cheshire, England. Retired after 40 years practising as an architect in Vancouver following emigration to Canada in 1966.

John is married to Denise



**George Poling**, Educator (*member since April 2008*) Born in Alberta and lived in BC for the past 40 years. He has had a distinguished career in the mineral resource industry and is Professor Emeritus - Mining and Mineral Process Engineering having served as a Professor at UBC for 29 years, from 1968 to 1997.

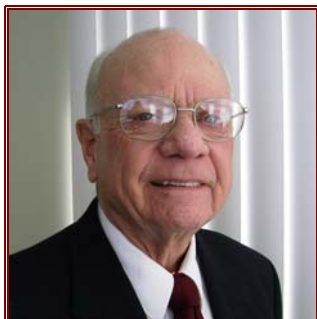
George is married to Verna.



**Robert Taylor**, Real estate development (*member in June 2008*) Born in Calgary, became a Chartered Accountant and then went to work with Shell Canada in Calgary and elsewhere. Bob retired to BC to take up golf and other retirement activities. After 24 moves, Bob has now settled in West Vancouver.

Bob is married to Marni.

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**Art Eberwein**

## **President's Report**

The feedback I have received from those of you who attended our June meeting to hear Martin Cronin speak has been nothing short of "RAVE", as in rave review. Several of you are of the view that he ranked up at the top of our favourite speakers. We thank you for your comments, and now we have to ask you to continue to point us in the direction of equally interesting and talented speakers. Please advise us if you have suggestions for a speaker.

And speaking of speakers, our change of dates with our move to Capilano continues to be upsetting to the schedules of some of our previously arranged speakers, and such was the case for July. Thankfully, David Osoba came to our rescue introducing Maxine Davis, Executive Director of the Dr. Peter Centre in Vancouver, a well known HIV/AIDS day health program and 24 hour care residence in B.C.

David tells us that she will not only inform us of the current situation on the most pervasive disease of our time, but her skill as a speaker is outstanding. So, if you are in town, I strongly recommend that you attend our July 14 meeting.

Our planning and recruiting for your next year's Management Committee is progressing well, and we will be pleased to present our new executive at our annual meeting in September.

However, we continue to need "new blood" in support roles in a number of areas, and I encourage you to come forward to help out. The work is not onerous, and the fellowship is great.

It is always interesting to be involved in the deliberations necessary to make an organisation work, and our club is no exception.

Please speak to me or to Esio if you feel you would like to work with us. If at this time you are not so inclined, please inform one of us if you know of some other member who may have an interest, even perhaps needing a little encouragement, and we can speak to them.

I look forward to seeing you July 14, and DO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS!

## **June greeters**



**Ed Byrd, John Bowkett, Bryan Chalmers, Ralph Carder**

### **MEETINGS**

Second Monday of every month: 9:30 am -11:30 am  
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