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Speaker – Monday, November 10 Dennis Molnar:

Researcher of WW II battles and operations:

*“The German Enigma Machine and British efforts
to break the military encryption codes”*

Dennis, a Probus member, has an Engineering degree and an MBA. He worked at MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates and at Argus Technologies Ltd. where he was a director and President. In addition to his business interests, Dennis has served a variety of organizations such as Capilano College, Science Council of BC, Kenneth Gordon School, and St. George's School Foundation. He is now an investor and spends time as a volunteer mentor for businesses and people.

Dennis is a member of the Churchill Society of BC. As a member of the Program Committee, he researched and presented lectures on the Enigma Machine, D-Day and The Dam Busters, all related to WWII and all of which have been the subject of movies.

Dennis will speak to us about the “Enigma Machine”, a sophisticated encryption device developed by the German Armed Forces in 1939 to encrypt their communications, and the thrilling story of Britain’s successful efforts to crack the Enigma encryption codes.

For information on the Churchill Society, see www.winstonchurchillbc.org/



NEXT MONTH - Tuesday, December 16



**Annual Christmas Lunch
Capilano Golf and Country Club**

[See reminder notice and registration form attached as a **5th** page]

Last Month's Speaker



Esio Marzotto with Paul Evans

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is an independent, not-for-profit think-tank on Canada's relations with Asia, created by an Act of Parliament in 1984 and funded primarily by an endowment from the Canadian government. The Foundation functions as a knowledge broker, bringing together the most current and comprehensive research, analysis and information on Canada's transpacific relations. Dr. Evans is Co-chair and senior advisor to APF.

APF research includes polls to measure ideas and opinions on our Canada-Asia relations. From a poll of the audience, Dr. Evans was impressed that 50% of members had travelled to China at least once.

In regard to China, he believes that its influence in global affairs will soon equal that of the USA. Canadians are well aware that we are now dealing with a China that is not only engaged in the international system but is altering it in fundamental ways. China is no longer "out there", it is "here" now as a part of daily life for most Canadians.

China's political system is changing quickly, now blending communism with capitalism with a large measure of consumerism. China has always believed in a combination, but does not have it right -- not yet.

Globalization is China's goal. Economically, China has posted annual growth rates of more than 9% for the past 25 years; it generates 14 percent of world economic output in purchasing parity terms; it is the world's largest consumer of commodities including steel, copper, coal and cement; and, it is the second biggest consumer of oil. It is now the third largest

international trading country with its inter-country trade having doubled in 2007.

Is Canada ready to deal with a Global China? Canadians are increasingly apprehensive about certain aspects of the new reality of a global China. For many, China is the sharp edge of increasing globalization that threatens Canadian jobs, our financial security and way of life.

Although private institutions and active individuals will develop ideas and push connections to the best of their abilities, Dr Evans believes that Canadian government officials have a special responsibility to build constructive relations with their Chinese counterparts and conduct state-to-state relations while combining pragmatism, prudence and balance.

Getting our China policy right is both exceedingly difficult and fundamentally important. Dr. Evans described the Harper government's tone to date as "*cool politics, warm economics*", and it talks about the virtues of a "*principled foreign policy*" towards China. He does not believe that this type of policy is sustainable over time or that commercial relations can thrive in this context. Rather, he believes that Canada must become much more involved in the area of social justice, governance and the rule of law, areas where he suggests we can play the most constructive role.

Further information on our relations with China and other Asian countries is available at the websites of Asia Pacific Foundation www.asiapacific.ca/ and Liu Institute for Global Issues www.ligi.ubc.ca/.

Ernie Maguire

October Greeters



Edward Fraser and Bob Taylor

SOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS



**Bob
Peirman**

Bob was born in Victoria and earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from UBC. He served in the Vancouver School system for 35 years moving through a number of schools and rising through teacher, Vice Principal, Principal to Associate Superintendent. Upon retirement, he formed a consulting firm with the focus on school formation and recruiting administrators and teachers for international schools in Asia and the Middle East. After introducing the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at his high school, he became very involved in the governance of the IB. He was elected Chair of the Heads of IB Schools worldwide, served as President of IB North America for 10 years and held various positions on the international IB Board and Executive Committee. Bob and his wife Pat have 2 sons and 1 daughter and 6 grandchildren.



**Howard
Aldous**

Howard was born in Vancouver and graduated from UBC and the Ontario Veterinary College in veterinary medicine, then joining industrialist E. P. Taylor's Winfield Farms and National Stud Farm, renowned for breeding racehorses in Ontario. Seven years later, Howard returned to UBC to earn a degree in family medicine, opening a practice as a General Practitioner and Emergency Physician in Kelowna, a practice he maintained for 30 years. An avid heli-skier, Howard and his brother Pat purchased Alpine Helicopters and later Hans Gmoser's Canadian Mountain Holidays. In 2005 the businesses were sold to Intrawest and the Aldous' moved to West Vancouver. Donna and Howard have 2 sons, a pilot and a lawyer, and 3 grandchildren. Leisure activities include travel, golf and skiing. A memorable day in Howard's life was when he skied 55,000 vertical feet, a new record for one day's heli-skiing.



**Godfrey
Chowne**

Godfrey is a native Vancouverite and attended UBC graduating with a B. Comm. degree. He went on to receive an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. His first job was with Pratt & Whitney in Montreal following which he spent 9 years in Toronto before returning to Vancouver to join Clarkson Gordon, now Ernst and Young. Later, Godfrey formed his own company, Godfrey Chowne and Associates, consultants in human resources retiring in 1994. Toni and Godfrey have a son and a daughter living and working in Vancouver and a second son working in Washington, D.C. The Chownes have enjoyed traveling widely over the years, with Paris being Toni's favourite city. Vancouver remains Godfrey's favourite place.

Bridge Club Notes

Our bridge club will hold its wind-up session for the year on November 10 and will soon be planning for next year.

The group was formed in 2004 and has been a popular addition to our Club's activities. Generally, the Club meets at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of the months of January to June, September and October for a total of eight rounds of bridge (16 hands per round on a modified Chicago system) with an annual wind-up session in November. Currently, there are two groups of eight players plus spares. The schedule integrates on a random basis all sixteen players into two groups of eight to be played in Club members' homes.

Members interested in joining the bridge Club are invited to phone Phil Boase at 604-985-2790 for details.



President's Report

I'm sure you will agree that Dr. Paul Evans gave one the finest presentations to date at the October meeting. In the hour he employed to describe the socio/political situation in China and the questions that followed about Asia in general, we received no less the graduate course in "*China Today*".

It was a bit difficult to manage the question period as so many of you had interesting and provocative queries, many of which had to go unanswered due to time limitations. Not a single member left the room until Dr. Evans indicated he had another meeting to attend and concluded the session.

Thank you for your acceptance of the survey questionnaire. Many of you completed it and returned it at the end of the meeting. Others can drop it off at next meeting or mail it to us. We will do it again next month hoping to catch those who missed the October meeting. The survey results will be shared with you and will be key to our program planning for the coming year.

The November meeting will feature a special Remembrance Day program recognizing the fallen in war. The featured speaker will be one of our own Club members, Dennis Molnar, an accomplished story teller who will have an interesting story to relate.

The December meeting will be the annual Christmas Lunch, a popular event for members and significant others. Sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Esio Marzotto

In Memoriam

Raymond Preece died on September 9, 2008, at 74 years. Born in England; graduate of Sandhurst military academy. After 20 years service in the British army, Ray came to Canada in 1970 where he spent his career in the outdoors, including his helping to start Outward Bound in BC. Ray is predeceased by his wife Gwynneth and is survived by many children and grandchildren.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

January 12: Bjorn Moller, President and CEO of Teekay Shipping, a major global shipping company with its operating headquarters in Vancouver specializing in providing marine services to the oil and gas industry will speak to us on "*Building a Global Franchise*".

February 9: Dr. Andre Gerolymatos, recognized as a world-authority on Middle Eastern affairs, is welcomed back for an unprecedented 6th time to provide us with his updated clear and concise analysis of recent developments and current problems in the region.

MEETINGS

Second Monday of every month: 9:30 am -11:30 am
Capilano Golf and Country Club
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Please Join Us at our

Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 16th, 2008

Capilano Golf and Country Club, West Vancouver

11:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Cost for members and guests (including taxes and gratuities) \$35 per person

This gala event will again be held in the Main Dining Room of Capilano Golf & Country Club featuring the usual social fellowship and traditional Christmas meal. Due to the popularity of this event and the capacity of the dining facilities, reservations will be issued on a "first come, first confirmed" basis with a restriction of ONE guest per member.

- **Member Name:** _____
- **Phone:** _____
- **I plan to bring a guest: (Name)** _____
- **I am enclosing my cheque for \$ _____ payable to the Probus Club (Please put "Probus Christmas Lunch" on the envelope for easy sorting)**

Please Note: Reservations cannot be accepted without prepayment. This payment will be refundable in full up to December 9th but cancellations thereafter may be subject to a charge.

