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2010 Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 13, 2010

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Capilano Golf and Country Club

with lots of

Food, Fun, Fellowship and

Christmas Musical Entertainment with

Joyce Chen at the Piano

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January Meeting

Monday, January 10th, 2011

Dr. John Maynard, Co-Senior Medical Director, Coastal HSDA
“Health Care Report for North Shore, Vancouver and BC”

Last Month Speaker



Colonel (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell

We were treated to a very meaningful meeting November 8th. Colonel (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell took us through the D-Day landing in Normandy on June 6, 1944 for our Canadian troops and described their advance over the next 90 days through detailed maps and photos.

It was Canada's largest battle of the Second World War where 5000 Canadian Army, Navy and 1000 Airmen died.

Planning began early in 1943, involving three airborne divisions and five army divisions over the five beaches landed. General Montgomery was the overall commander who planned and directed the landing.

The pictures in Keith Maxwell's slide presentation, showing the battles, the soldiers and the equipment, were indeed powerful.

The next 90 days resulted in major breakthroughs, although not without large casualties, and the surrender of Germany in 1945.

A special follow-up was the honour of listening to three RCNVR veterans who landed our troops on the beaches. Lloyd Williams, Cully Lancaster and Owen Dolan who were 22 years of age at the time of the landings. Also present was Major Jack Gallagher, a Probus member, served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment and fought through Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Thank you gentlemen for sharing some memories of your experiences. "The past is never behind us - always beside us."

Ernie Maguire

Special Events

Our recent tours of The Museum of Anthropology in October and the Britannia Mine Museum in November were well attended and enjoyed by our members.

We are taking a break in January and looking into the possibility of a tour of Boeing in March. Our goal for next year is to arrange six events for the members to enjoy.

We are also planning for next year's bridge season. Each participant hosts one of the two groups of eight who play the 2nd Monday evening from January to June, September and October, with a plenary windup in November. Informal is the byword. To register contact Phil Boase by email at pjboase@telus.net or phone 604-985-2790.

Fraser Grant

Veterans at November Meeting



Owen Dolan, Jack Gallagher, Lloyd Williams, Brooke Campbell and Cully Lancaster.

November Greeters



Vic Harrison and John Boston

New Members Introduced at November Meeting



Tom Hodson
Lawyer



David Munson
Financial Services



Bob Peters
Retail Automotive



Andrew Wade
Residential Development

Brief Backgrounds of a Few of Our Recent New Members



John Tanton (*joined in September 2010*) was born on Valentine's Day, in a small town called O'Leary in PEI and now lives in West Vancouver. Following graduation from UBC with a Bachelor of Science, John had a successful career in the pharmaceuticals industry before leaving 30 years ago to co-found the Vancouver office of Tanton Mitchell, now Odgers Bernston, the largest executive search firm in our market. In addition to his business interests John has given a great deal of time in service to the community, as Chair, Board Member and fund raiser for many of our large educational and charitable organizations.



Don Vicic (*joined in September 2010*) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, USA where he graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Commerce. He has lived in West Vancouver for the past 20 years. Don moved to Vancouver to play for the BC Lions from 1957 to 1964, the team of that last year being admitted to the BC Sports Hall of Fame. Since retiring from football, Don has pursued a career in the investment industry principally with Pemberton Securities and RBC Dominion Securities.



Andrew Wade (*joined in November 2010*) was born in Victoria, BC and he has lived in North Vancouver for the past 7 years. Andrew studied physics and mathematics at UVIC before entering the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada minimum syllabus program of architectural studies. Andrew worked for architectural firms in Victoria and Vancouver for 12 years before joining Dominion Construction in project management and development management, working primarily on residential high-rise projects in Vancouver until retirement in January 2009.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

President Dan Pott's Notes



November is a month of remembrance and our program on November 8th really brought home the magnitude of the effort and sacrifice that was made to bring World War II to a successful conclusion. It is humbling to acknowledge the contributions of our forefathers. The presentation by Col. (Ret'd) Maxwell helped put in perspective our tendency to view our individual accomplishments as our own doing.

2010 has been a very good year for The Probud Club of North Shore Vancouver. Our finances remain strong with a healthy reserve in the bank for future contingencies. Our membership continues to grow, now at 354 compared to 329 a year ago. Attendance at meetings has been very good this Fall, in the range of 175, no doubt a tribute to the excellent job of the speaker's committee in arranging interesting programs.

I understand the Christmas Lunch is sold out with 180 reservations received. We would like to accommodate everyone but 180 is the maximum number the Capilano Golf and Country Club can seat for their buffet luncheon. I look forward to an enjoyable lunch and social time.

Our special events committee is off to a good start with a guided tour of the Museum of Anthropology in October and a tour of the Britannia Mine in November. Nothing is yet scheduled for next year but I am sure some interesting events will be forthcoming.

I would like to thank all the members of the Management Committee for their excellent work. All I have to do is stay out of the way.

As a last thought I would like to wish all the Probud Members, their families and loved ones a wonderful holiday season and joyous New Year.

Dan Potts

2011 Committees Support Group

We are delighted to recognize our members who provide valued support and share in the workload of the chairs of the committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the appropriate Chair.

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- * Gerry Leonard, Assistant Shorelines Editor
- * Linda Metcalfe, Shorelines Editor

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- * Phil Boase

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- * Bob Birch and Bill Guernsey

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- * John Elliott
- * Ernie Maguire
- * Fraser Grant
- * Mike McMahon
- * Bev Machesney

Special Events, Chaired by Fraser Grant

- * Phil Boase, Bridge and Golf Organizer
- * Barry Hicklenton
- * Esio Marzotto
- * John Leonard
- * Malcolm Nicholson
- * Ernie Maguire
- * David Osoba



Meetings

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays on that day; in addition, our Christmas Luncheon replaces the December meeting.

Dress Code: Business Attire. Jeans are **NOT** permitted.

Coffee and fellowship: 9:00 am to 9:45 am
Club business and speaker: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

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