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Next Meeting

Monday, February 8th, 2010

with speaker

Dr. André Gerolymatos,

Chair of Hellenic Studies at SFU

“The Way Forward in the Middle East”

Dr. Gerolymatos is one of the most dynamic and interesting speakers we have had address our Club and we are delighted to welcome him back for an unprecedented seventh time. As such, he hardly needs any introduction.

Prior to joining Simon Fraser University, Dr. Gerolymatos was Director of the Hellenic Studies Centre at Dawson College in Montreal. In addition to the numerous books and articles, he has written on conflicts in the Mediterranean and Middle East, and he has lectured on those subjects at Harvard and Stanford Universities.

He is an internationally recognized authority on Middle East affairs, specializing in military and diplomatic history and has published articles and books on these subjects. The great value in his presentations is his ability to provide clear and concise analyses of the current problems in the “hot spots” of the region and its constantly changing dynamics.

In addition to bringing us up to date on what has happened during the past year, Dr. Gerolymatos will deal with possible solutions to the Middle East problems.

March Meeting

Monday, March 8th - Jock Finlayson,

Executive Vice President - Policy, Business Council of BC,

*“Prosperity in a Competitive World:
British Columbia’s Post-Olympic Decade”*

Last Month Speaker



Dr. John S. MacDonald and Dan Potts

Dr. John MacDonald is Chairman and CEO of Day4 Energy Inc. A record 195 attended his presentation about Energy in the 21st Century; a time when demand is expected to exceed the availability of conventional supplies. John also talked about evidence of climate change, the big driver behind the move to use renewable energy.

The outstanding quality of life enjoyed over the last 100 has been enabled by an ample supply of low cost energy and that is about to change. Three issues are bringing this change; security, global warming, and balance in the supply and demand of energy.

A German think-tank and The Royal Dutch Shell Group, predict that solar energy will supply 65% of energy world wide by 2100. All US energy requirements could be provided by using 150 sq km of solar panels in the Arizona desert, while 250 square km of the Algerian desert could power the entire planet. Renewable sources are secure (local), environmentally friendly and inexhaustible but, they are also intermittent and location dependant. Large scale energy storage is required to provide power when needed. Implementing a power system based on renewable sources will require new technology in the power grid; something that is now being talked about as the “Smart Grid.”

John also talked about climate change. Carbon dioxide in our atmosphere has climbed to 387 parts per million. There is disagreement over the role played by human activity, but scientific models now show that existing levels lie within reasonable bounds that are modeled based on actual fossil fuel consumption levels. Eleven of the 12 years from 1995 to 2006 were the warmest measured since 1850 when measurements began. Rapid change in climate has caused problems. Four of the last 5 great extinctions on earth are thought to be the result of rapid climate change.

The northern ice cap has shrunk dramatically since 1982. The river flows that depend on glacier melt during summer months are drying in some cases. This alone may bring serious problems in parts of the world.

A renewable energy supply is one means that is available now to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. BC is fortunate in having ample supplies of almost all forms of renewable energy.

Gordon Adair

Life Membership



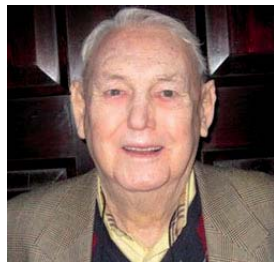
Dan Potts presents John Leonard with a Life Membership Certificate

January Greeters

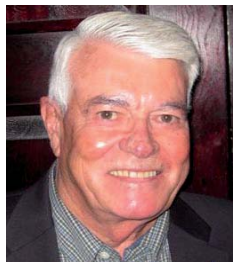


John Boston and Jack Gallagher

New Members Welcomed and Introduced at January Meeting



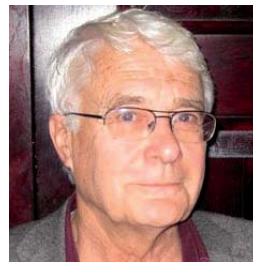
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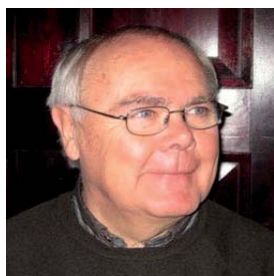
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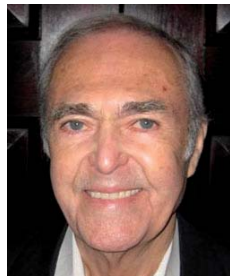
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Pete McDonald
Banking



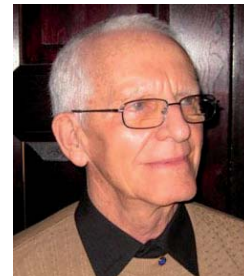
Jim McJannet
Lawyer



Nick Nicol
Lawyer



Doug Scarlett
Lawyer



Norm Thomas
Pharmacist

Brief Backgrounds of a Few of Our Recent New Members



Gary Morrison (*member since July 2009*) was born in Edmonton, Alberta and moved to Ambleside, West Vancouver in 1948. He is a graduate of University of BC with a B.Sc., M.D. and CCFP. Gary practiced General and Family Medicine on the North Shore from 1967 until his retirement in 2002, and during his practice career was involved with Medical Staff Advisory, College of Physicians and BC Medical Association.



Gary Bailey (*member since November 2009*) was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba and he has lived in the Vancouver area for 47 years, the past 24 in West Vancouver. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a B. Ed., Adult Education later earning a Diploma in Urban Land Economics from UBC. Prior to joining BCIT as an instructor Gary enjoyed a lengthy career in real estate sales and management and as an insurance claims adjuster.



Lorne Bohlman (*member since November 2009*) was born in Edmonton, Alberta and he has lived in West Vancouver for the past 49 years. He is a graduate in Engineering from University of BC. Lorne's specialty is structural engineering and in 1970 he was one of two founding partners of Bush Bohlman and Partners, a Vancouver based firm of structural engineering consultants that continues today under his name after almost forty years.

President's Notes



President David Osoba

February 2010... it's time for the Olympics, eh! It's not just the Olympics in Canada – it's the Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler, all around us and in our back yard! Are you getting excited? We probably won't get another chance to have this experience so close to home for a long time.

I know that some of you will be helping out as volunteers, while many will be there in person and others will be watching the spectacle on TV. I also know that some of you are probably pretty blasé about it all and some may even be turned off by the hype. Well, that's fine, too.

I'll be cheering for the Canadian athletes from Tucson, where Leslie and I have been coming for the past few winters. Another member of Probus is also here and has a satellite dish to draw in the Canadian channels. So instead of being restricted to watching only American athletes on American TV, we can go over to Gerry Leonard's house and watch our Canadians. We wish them well!

It's interesting to note that the Olympic Games do not make the local sports news in Tucson. Local TV stations and the main Tucson newspaper, the "Arizona Daily Star", make little mention of them. Perhaps that's not too surprising; while there is snow on the local mountains, it's above 5,000 feet and is to be admired from a safe distance. With 350 days of sunshine per year, college basketball, football and baseball occupy the sports pages. The NHL Phoenix Coyotes get short shrift, even when they win.

Ideally, the Games are about good fellowship despite the fierce competition. No doubt the athletes will try their hardest to get on that podium but when the competition is over, they put that behind them and just have a good time. I wish all of you a good time, too!

David Osoba

Olympic Torch Bearer



Can you guess which member of your executive is in this photo?

He carried the torch on January 27th in Kamloops.

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.

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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