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Next Meeting

Monday, July 11th, 2011

with speaker

Dr. Corina Andreoiu,

Professor of Nuclear Science, Simon Fraser University
and TRIUMF

“Nuclear Plants and Issues Around the World”

Dr. Corina Andreoiu, Professor of Nuclear Science, Simon Fraser University, is an expert in nuclear physics and nuclear chemistry. She has worked with TRIUMF, SFU, and the media in interpreting the events at Fukushima in March 2011. She will discuss the basic physics of nuclear power plants, the standard variations on design and engineering and the facts about Nuclear power around the world, She will explain nuclear isotopes and their role in nuclear power as well as how they are used more broadly in research and industry.

Dr. Andreoiu will bring along a *cloud chamber* so that we may be able to visualize how cosmic rays bombard us and a radioactive toy box, including a Geiger Muller, to demonstrate various aspects of radioactivity.



August Meeting

Monday, August 8th

Bob Abrams, Manager, Criminal Investigations Team

Marty Nicholls, Senior Investigator

Enforcement Division, Invest Right, BC Securities Commission

“How to Protect Yourself from Securities Fraud and Inappropriate Investments”

Register Now to see Canada's Award Winning Comedy Duo

Double Exposure

Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00 PM

Probus Rendezvous Banquet Entertainment

Only \$100 for a delicious meal, great company and superb entertainment

Plus two speakers events and workshops during the day

Email: info@probusrendezvous.com to obtain a registration form

Last Month Speaker



Vivian Krause with Probus member Ralph Sultan

Vivian Krause is an independent researcher and writer based in Vancouver who has published a number of articles identifying the role of US based foundations in financing the activities of environmental groups in Canada. Her major source of information has been the reports filed by foundations with the US Internal Revenue Service which she first began reviewing when she was employed by the BC Salmon Farming Association. Now an independent researcher, meaning on her own and without any funding, she has continued her research work and authored several articles published in the *Vancouver Sun*, *Financial Post*, *Montreal Gazette* and elsewhere.

According to Krause US foundations paid \$US 300 million to Canadian environmental non-government organizations from 2000 to 2010. She expressed concern that Revenue Canada requires limited disclosure and makes it necessary for Canadians to rely on US tax returns to figure out who's funding who in Canada.

Much of this funding from US foundations has been targeted at the BC fish farming industry as well as an attempt to ban oil tanker traffic and stopping the Enbridge pipeline from the Alberta oil sands to the BC North Coast.

Krause wondered whether all this money is truly being spent to promote the improvement of the environment or whether the promotion of the Alaska salmon industry and the preservation of the US as the sole market for oil sands production might also play a role in motivating these efforts. Why are these major US foundations spending all this money on these issues when there are so many more deserving causes throughout the world?

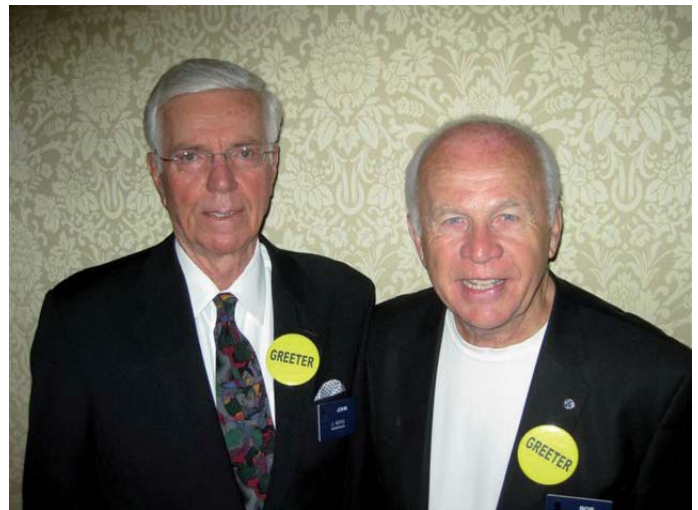
Krause presented a map illustrating the thousands of miles of oil pipeline in the US and Canada. Why is the opposition to the Enbridge Pipeline generating such fierce opposition?

And why, when oil tankers ply the ocean all over the world, is the North Coast of BC a target for tanker exclusion?

Fair questions. And if you want further information you can visit Krause's website <http://www.fair-questions.com>

Dan Potts

June Greeters



John Berg and Bob Peters

Recent New Member Informaiton



Bill Soprovich (*member since November 2010*)

Bill was born in Vancouver. He followed in his parents' footsteps pursuing a professional career in hairdressing, initially with a large firm before venturing on his own. During his 50 year career, while living and working in West Vancouver, Bill traveled the province teaching his trade and founding an academy of hair design teaching licensed hairdressers advanced training methods while winning top awards in major trade shows in the US. Outside work he began his notable community volunteering in 1978 with the Chamber of Commerce and Coho Festival, and later Parks and Recreation Commissioner and other important roles within West Vancouver, ultimately serving 15 years as an elected Councillor.

Special Events

Boeing Future of Flight Aviation Centre Visit

There were 44 participants who made this trip including 2 ladies from the Lions Gate Women's Probus Club.

More than anything, one is struck by the sheer size of the facility. The main assembly plant is the largest building in the world at 472 million cubic feet. Its floor space could hold 800 hockey rinks. Disneyland in California could fit inside the main plant with 12,000 square feet to spare.

We witnessed 737 and 747 aircraft being assembled in various stages plus the new 787 'Dreamliner', which is due to be test flown shortly. With a base price of \$158 million U.S. before engines and interior furnishings, little touch features are added including the replacement of blinds over the windows with the windows darkening by merely pressing of a button. As well, carbon-composite materials are now being utilized in the production process which are bolted together to provide a lighter, more fuel-efficient aircraft. The passenger experience zone in the Future of Flight Aviation Centre allows one to walk through partial aircraft mock-ups to get a feel for the various interior features.

While in the plant, we stood on balconies more than 100 feet high with production lines on either side. 32,000 are employed in this plant alone operating 3 shifts per day 5 days per week.

Paint shops are across a highway and are accessed at night to avoid traffic congestion by the only privately-owned highway crossing in Washington State.

In the words of Arline McFarlane of Lions Gate Women's Probus Club who volunteered the above synopsis, '*A most interesting experience for everyone*'.

Fraser Grant



July 14th Visit to the New Seymour/Capilano Water Filtration Plant

We are fully booked with 40 members registered and a waiting list is being compiled. The visit is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

A barbeque style lunch will follow on the patio of the Seymour Golf Club. Dress code is golf shirt with collar, no jeans. This promises to be an interesting and entertaining outing - see you there! Contact **Fraser Grant** by phone at 604-921-6660 or fsgrant@shaw.ca.



Above:
Photo of Seymour/Capilano Water Filtration Plant

Below:
Two photos from the Boeing Tour. Two were necessary to endeavour to include all the happy attendees.



President Dan Pott's Notes



Rendezvous 2011

The Probosc Rendezvous to be held at the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel in downtown Vancouver on September 13-15, 2011 keeps getting better and better. The Rendezvous Committee has arranged for Linda Cullen and Bob Robertson of Double Exposure to provide entertainment at the banquet on September 14. This comedy duo has captivated Canadian audiences on radio and television with their satirical comedy, political parody and clever impersonations for over a decade. The continual updating of their material assures audiences a relevant and entertaining evening.

For only \$100 per person you can attend the Wednesday morning sessions with Calvin Helin and Frank Palmer, the afternoon workshops, and the banquet with the newly acquired entertainment. This is a great opportunity for a fun day with Probosc members from across Canada.

The best deal is the whole conference for only \$185/person plus \$50 for the Thursday lunch with entertainment provided by Maestro Bramwell Tovey, Musical Director for the Vancouver Symphony, known for his musical talents.

Take advantage of this opportunity for an enjoyable stay downtown and combine the program with a stay at the beautiful Wall Sheraton Hotel and avoid the hassle of returning home after a wonderful night out. Please visit <http://www.probusrendezvous.com> and register today!

The Boeing Tour

Several of our North Shore Probosc members who went on the tour of the Boeing Plant in Everett on June 16th have reported that it was a great event. I want to express my sincere appreciation to Fraser Grant and Ernie Maguire for organizing this tour. The several special events this year which included a tour of the Britannia Mine and the Railroad Museum in Squamish have added an important opportunity for Probosc members to both be entertained, informed, and expand their social network. Thanks again to all.

Dan Potts

A Little Golf Humour

The Pros Prayer

The Pro is my shepherd, I shall not slice.
He maketh me to drive straight down green fairways.
He leadeth me safely across still water-hazards.
He restoreth my approach shots.
He guideth me in the paths of accuracy
For my game's sake.
Yea, though I chip through the roughs
In the shadows of sand traps,
I will fear no bogies.
For his advice is with me;
His putter and irons, they comfort me.
He prepareth my strategy for me
In the presence of mine opponents;
He anointeth my head with confidence;
The cup will not be runneth over!
Surely birdies and eagles shall follow me
All the rounds of my life;
And I shall score in the low eighties.

Amen

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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