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Next Meeting

Monday, November 14th, 2011

with speaker

Nicole Garton-Jones

Heritage Law

“Estate Planning Essentials and New Law in BC”

Nicole Garton-Jones will review the basics of Estate Planning, and provide an overview of the new laws on Incapacity and Estates which come into force this year in BC. The *Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act, 2007* came into force on September 1, 2011. It has resulted in significant changes to the law on Incapacity in BC through amendments to the *Power of Attorney Act*, the *Representation Agreement Act*, and the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*. In addition, a new Act called the *Wills, Estates and Succession Act* is slated to come into force later in 2011. It will result in significant changes to the *Wills Act* and the *Estate Administration Act* (informally known as the *Intestacy Act*).

Nicole received a B.A. and a Bachelor of Laws from U B C and was called to the Bar in British Columbia in 2001. Nicole is a member of the Wills and Estates, Elder Law, Family Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution sections of the Canadian Bar Association, the Estate Planning Council of BC, Collaborative Divorce Vancouver and the Civil and Family Rosters of Mediate BC. She is certified as a Family Mediation Canada Comprehensive Family Mediator and is also a Certified Professional Consultant on Aging. Nicole has been a guest instructor on Law Office Management, Wills and Estates and Mediation for the Law Society of BC Professional Legal Training Course.

Nicole founded and manages Heritage Law which has been described in the media as “one of the most streamlined, automated and forward thinking legal business models in Canada.” She is the recipient of the Business in Vancouver Top Forty Under 40 Award.



Annual Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 12th

Registrations and payments accepted by mail

You can also bring your payment to the November meeting

Note: Your Spouse is welcome to attend as your guest



Last Month Speaker



Dr. André Gerolymatos

At our monthly meeting on October 3rd, we were delighted to welcome back Dr. André Gerolymatos, an Honorary Member of our Club, Chair of Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University, and an authority on the Middle East.

In his talk entitled "*The Arab Winter: Transformation of the Middle East*", Dr. Gerolymatos reflected on the region's dramatic events in 2011. Grass-roots revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya overthrew long-entrenched dictators, there were uprisings in Bahrain and Yemen, and violence in Syria has been on-going for many months. The initial events, and particularly those in Tunisia and on Tahrir Square (Liberation Square) in Cairo, were dubbed the "*Arab Spring*". Sadly, the early liberal ideas expressed on Tahrir Square are not coming to pass, and events are moving toward chaos.

The early promises of Nasser's secular revolution in the 1950's soon gave way to authoritarian rule and corruption. In Egypt the army, which had backed President Mubarak, is still in charge, and its promised steps toward democracy are being delayed. Except for the Muslim Brotherhood, and the organizations it supports, opposition parties are fragmented. In the meantime, Muslim organizations built support among the people by providing social and educational services. Support of authoritarian regimes (largely for oil) and of Israel by the West, particularly the United States, has strengthened the Islamic cause, and weakened prospects for secular democracy.

Dr. Gerolymatos anticipates over time militant Islam will win. He sees many clouds on the horizon:

- Libya will become an Islamic state.
- Turkey has shed its western image and friendly relations with Israel, is becoming a moderate Muslim state, and may become involved as a supporter of Syria.
- Iraq is fragile, and won't survive upheavals such as

may be triggered by Kurdish pressure for autonomy. It will then join Afghanistan and Pakistan as failed states in the region.

- President Obama's friendly overtures to Egypt, Turkey and the Arab world in support of liberal democratic ideas have failed.
- In the long run the US likely will support military regimes, the only ones that can maintain control.
- China is becoming a factor in the region with trade, ships in the Mediterranean and joint air exercises with Turkey.

Regrettably, western policies have been reactive and have failed to use economic influence to foster liberal ideas. The Middle East situation has for long been an intractable Gordian Knot. Any progress will require, as a priority, resolution of the Israel-Palestine problem.

Alex Tunner

October Greeters



John Low and Ron Defieux

Special Events Survey

http://www.kwiksurveys.com?s=OILD00_2dfcee70



If you have not already filled in our survey, please click on the link above by **November 14th**. Your input is appreciated for the planning of future events.

Brief Backgrounds of a Few of Our Recent New Members



Peter Hall (*member since September 2011*) was born in Vancouver but has lived in West Vancouver for the past 75 years. He graduated from UBC with a B.Sc. in Forestry and is a Life Member of B. C. Association of Registered Foresters. Peter's career in the industry progressed on the management side, including CEO of Balfour Forest Products, a prominent manufacturer of wood products. Peter has been active with community organizations and on West Vancouver advisory committees.



Bill Sproule (*member since September 2011*) was born in Vancouver where he continues to reside. He graduated from UBC and U. of Alberta and practised in general dentistry before attending U. of Washington to specialize in orthodontics. Bill spent most of his career in Vancouver, including four years operating a part time practice in Squamish. He has been active in his professional and in community organizations and currently teaches in the Graduate Orthodontic program.



Art Tinker (*member since September 2011*) was born in St. Catharines, ON, raised in Toronto and has lived in North Vancouver since 1999. He graduated from University of Toronto, is a Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) and a Fellow of the International Outplacement Institute. Art's career in Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver moved from placement and executive search to career transition and outplacement consulting and included management positions in human resource services, and during that time he wrote "How to Job-Hunt Successfully".

Special Event - TRIUMF Tour

Owned and operated by a consortium of Canadian Universities, TRIUMF is a world-class research laboratory that focuses on basic research, sometimes with no idea where that research might lead, to research for potential commercial applications of known results. It works closely with 32 foreign institutions in 16 different countries.

As Canada's National Laboratory for sub-atomic physics, TRIUMF specializes in various areas. For nuclear physics, it houses the world's largest cyclotron used to generate exotic atoms for unlocking the secrets of the stars. ($E=MC$ squared). For particle physics, it provides skills and infrastructure for some of the world's most sophisticated research projects. For nuclear medicine, it has developed new methods for disease detection and treatment. Lastly, for materials science and theory groups, it utilizes analytical and computational prowess in cutting edge experiments to create breakthroughs in fundamental understanding.



A visitor is impressed by the size of the facility. It is housed in three buildings with a fourth under construction at UBC campus. Included in the facility is a cyclotron which stands on top of a massive concrete enshrouded particle accelerator which operates 24/7. There is also a piping network through which particles are directed at $3/4$ the speed of light. By observing resulting collisions through a monitoring system attended by the physicists, information is obtained about the target atoms.

Our 54 participating members enjoyed an excellent lunch at University Golf Club to top off the outing. You can view more photos on our website under the [Photogallery tab](#).

Fraser Grant

President Alex Tunner's Notes



PROBUS – Its Origin and Scope

Prompted by several recent questions about the origin of Probus and its presence today in Canada and around the world, here is a brief overview.

While the word PROBUS is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness, “membership embraces anyone who has had some measure of responsibility in any field of endeavour.”

The purpose of Probus is:

- To provide opportunities for active retirees to meet together for fellowship, and to make new friends;
- To keep the minds of members active and expand their interests, through intellectual and social activities;
- To be simple in structure, and free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs.

Probus was started in England in 1965 by a recent retiree in Welwyn Garden City, who decided to form a luncheon club for retired men. Under the auspices of the local Rotary club, the “Campus Club” was formed. Later, the Rotary Club of Caterham formed the first “Probus Club”. The two clubs soon merged, and flourished under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Bromsgrove, Birmingham, England. In 1974, Probus clubs were formed in New Zealand and by 1976 the idea had spread to Australia.

The first Probus club for seniors in North America was in Canada, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt, Ontario, in 1987. There are now over 200 Probus clubs in Canada, with about 30,000 members. The majority are in Ontario, and there are 45 clubs in BC.

Although Probus membership has its greatest concentrations in Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and Canada, clubs today exist in all parts of the world in some two dozen countries, including the USA, Belgium, India, South Africa and other countries in Africa and Asia. Probus South Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, Philippines) is, by far, the largest Probus region, with some 2200 clubs and a membership of over 200,000.

In Memory



*Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.....
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark....*

Remembering our members who passed away this year:

Bill Bailey
Don Erb
Donald Smith
Mal Smith
Ernie Wells

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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