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March Meeting at Chief Joe Mathias Centre 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver

Monday, March 10th

with speaker

Dr. Robert G. Evans

Health Economist, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, UBC
“Canada’s Health Care System - Myths and Realities”

Dr. Robert Evans is an internationally esteemed health care economist and a life-long leader in academia. His groundbreaking comparative studies of health care systems and funding strategies have provided insights and shaped policy in Canada and health agencies worldwide. He has advised governments, served on BC’s Royal Commission on Health Care Costs, and has received many honours, including the Order of Canada.

Dr. Evans is a prolific author and continues to be a researcher and consultant with UBC’s Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, which he co-founded. His books *“Strained Mercy – The Economics of Canadian Health Care”* and *“Why Are Some People Healthy and Others Not? – The Determinants of Health of Populations”* are classics in their field.

Looking forward to his up-coming Probus talk, Dr. Evans said:

Like Wagner’s music, the Canadian health care system is better than it sounds. Yet, consistent with the old newspaper maxim that “if it bleeds, it leads,” the news is nearly always bad. Some institutions and individuals seem to have a professional commitment to predicting its imminent demise (it’s true, they often do) and clearly believe that this would be a good thing (that’s definitely false). But behind the considerable fog of misinformation, deliberate disinformation, and general confusion that surround the public discourse on health care, there are three fundamental axes of conflicting economic interest: 1) Who pays?, 2) Who gets? and 3) Who gets paid? All health care systems embody compromises along these axes, but the compromises are never permanent. And the outcomes do matter a lot, for every dimension of system performance.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



April Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday, April 7, 2014 - Danny Catt - Arctic Adventures

Probus Golf - See page 2 for more details..

Our Probus Club’s Yearly Meeting Schedule

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays.
View our current schedule of meetings at <http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/meetings.htm>

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

Coffee and fellowship: 8:45 am to 9:30 am, Club business and speaker: 9:30 am to 11:15 am
Members are welcome to bring a guest to a meeting.

President's Notes - March is PROBUS Month



In recognition of the March 17th, 1987 date in which the first Probus club for seniors in North America was inaugurated, the Probus Canada Executive has designated March as PROBUS month. This first North American club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt in Cambridge, Ontario.

The purpose of Probus Clubs may be summarized as follows: "To stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities...the club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members and the opportunity for development of acquaintance".

The PROBUS Canada website <http://www.probus.org/canada.htm> provides a very interesting background and history of the name Probus and the founding of the Probus clubs.

Here are some excerpts of our history as stated on the PROBUS Canada website:

Probus clubs were first formed, as an acronym for Pro(fessional) and Bus(iness), in the early 1920's in Melville, Saskatchewan and in New Haven, Connecticut ... because they were not restricted to retired (or semi-retired) Professional and Business leaders, and had a different objective, they are (were) not associated with our present mainstream of Probus clubs worldwide.

The name PROBUS was fused into a different type of club in England, and the first non-sectarian Probus club specifically for active retirees was formed in 1966 by the Rotary Club of Caterham, England to allow retired professionals to continue to meet together for fellowship.

Rotarian Harold Blanchard of Caterham Rotary Club formed and sponsored the Caterham PROBUS club. In his writings of "*The Birth of Probus*" he states:

"..One of our more erudite members came up with the idea of PROBUS, - PROfessional and BUSiness. He assured us that Probus was a Latin word from which "probity" was derived, and the name was adopted with enthusiasm. Incidentally we found there was a village in Cornwall called Probus and also there was a Roman Emperor of the same name who in his day was famous for his cultivation of the vine."

In 1974, PROBUS expanded beyond Great Britain and today, there are over 300,000 members in approximately 4,000 Probus clubs worldwide. As of December 31st, 2013 there were 228 active PROBUS Clubs in Canada with 32,132 members. In the Vancouver area, there are 6 clubs with 1,765 members.

Our club has 375 members and while I'm not sure if any

of our members are famous for the "cultivation of the vine," I know all our members are famous for their commitment to fellowship.

As we celebrate PROBUS month, we celebrate our club members past and present who have stimulated thought, interest and participation in activities during our first 11 years.

Don Leier



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If you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to contact any Management Committee member or send an email to:

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Probus Golf

**Golf with your Probus Pals
on the Third Monday, May to September
Venues and Competition Details to be Announced**

There is no registration fee but \$10 (for prizes) will be collected at each event. Start times usually early afternoon. Dinner will be optional and at your own expense. Please include your handicap factor when expressing interest.

If you are interested in joining us for an informal game of golf please respond to **Phil Boase** at pjboase@telus.net.



Last Month Speaker - Rhona Hunter



Speaker Rhona Hunter thanked by Don Leier

Rhona Hunter - The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

Rhona Hunter P.Eng. gave a most informative overview of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project – the major component of Port Metro Vancouver’s Container Capacity Improvement Program. As Director, Infrastructure Delivery, she and her team are responsible for the permitting, development and delivery of Terminal 2.

Of the 3.3 million TEUs (“twenty-foot equivalent unit containers” – most are 40 ft. long – all are 8 ft. wide x 8 ft. high) moved in 2012 through terminals on the Canadian west coast, 2.7 million moved via PMV terminals (1.8 million via Roberts Bank 1) and 0.6 million via Prince Rupert. This volume is expected to double in the next 10-15 years; thus, even with terminal, road and rail improvements of 0.6 million TEUs currently underway at Roberts Bank, more capacity will be needed.

About 80% of inbound cargo (primarily manufactured goods) is destined for Eastern Canada, 10% to the USA, and 10% locally. About 70% of containers leave intact by rail, and 30% by truck for trans-load facilities, for further distribution. Exports are primarily lumber, pulp, grain and “raw” products.

Terminal 2 will add 2.4 million TEU of capacity on a newly reclaimed 108 hectare rectangular site, comparable in size to the existing Terminal 1 (which includes a major coal terminal), and will double container capacity at Roberts Bank. It will be 5 km offshore, immediately northwest of Terminal 1, and will have 3 berths capable of handling the world’s largest container vessels.

Subject to environmental approvals, Terminal 2 could be operational by the early 2020s. A great deal of consultation with local communities, stakeholders and the public has already taken place, and about 10 years will be required for its delivery – 4 years for permitting, environmental studies and design, and 6 years for construction. Fill will be obtained from routine dredging of the Fraser River.

Alex Tunner

February Greeters



Greeters Howard Aldous and Carl Hunter

New Member Welcomed



Gary Sutherland
Investment Counsellor



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