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### Monthly Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331

Coffee and Fellowship: 9:00 am, Club Business and Speaker: 9:30 - 11:15 am

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

*with speaker*

**Margaret Catley-Carlson, OC**

Patron, Global Water Partnership

*“Sustainable Development of Water Resources”*



Ms. Catley-Carlson's professional career began as a career diplomat in Canada. She has been a deputy minister of health for Canada and the deputy director of operations of UNICEF, with the rank of assistant secretary-general of the United Nations. Currently she is involved with many organizations concerned with one of our most important resources – water.

Formerly Ms. Catley-Carlson was Chair and is now a patron of the Global Water Partnership, a working partnership among all those involved with water management globally. In 2002, she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of “her distinguished public service career”.

She has received honorary degrees from the University of Regina (1985), Saint Mary's University, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (1986), Concordia University (1989), Mount Saint Vincent University (1990), University of British Columbia (1993), University of Calgary (1994), Carleton University (1994) and University of Dundee, as a Doctor of Law, Honoris Causa (2007). In 2012, she was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

**You can now view last month's speaker Dr. Innes' presentation on our website at: <http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/speakers.htm>**

### Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



#### Next Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

- **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Andre Gerolymatos, Report on the Mid-East
- **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** - Dr. Marco Marra, Genetic Research Advances
- **Special Events** - see page 2 for more details ...

## President's Notes



Congratulations - we made it through another January. Although January is generally a month where we take a deep breath after the holidays and slow down a little, this year has not been your typical west coast January. Leaving the strange weather patterns aside, some of us may feel slightly bloated and a tad heavier (perhaps over indulgence during the holiday season?) but of course we tell ourselves those RESOLUTIONS will look after all of that. I have only three resolutions this year - lose weight, exercise more and show more patience. I haven't asked my family for their feedback and opinion as to how I'm doing so far (especially my third) however I believe these are my "year-end" resolutions and I have another 11 months to work on them.

Good News - climatologists say winter is more than half over in most of Canada and for us in Vancouver, January 4th was our "dead of winter" day. Not sure I put much faith in that bit of trivia and just hope the second half of winter is better than the first - it certainly hasn't started off that way. It is not just our area of the country impacted by the weather. I had to travel back east in January and the weather there was unusually cold, windy, and snowy.

As such, I want to touch on the topic of safety again in this month's message and remind everyone the roads are bad (either snow, slush, or rain), shaded side of streets had ice for weeks, walk ways are slippery and tripping hazards are all around us - be aware. Falls are the most common accident in our age group and the numbers are the highest during this time of year. Also, be careful if you are using any portable space heaters this winter as they can be a hazard.

Many of us may be planning to travel to warmer places to escape the weather and if so, I remind you to check out the travel and health insurance options available through PROBUS. Call 604-881-8840 or view the brochure on the home page of our website under the Index, Travel Insurance.

Getting away from the topics of exercise, weight loss and weather for a moment, Darryl and Linda are continuing their excellent work and are in the process of refreshing and updating our web site. Our web site is not only an important communication tool for our members, it is a valuable component in the marketing of our club. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact or forward them directly to either of them.

Let's look forward:

Groundhog Day - February 2nd will officially inform us as to the next 6 weeks - do we or do we not have 6 more weeks of winter? I trust Bill Murray and that pesky groundhog

more than the climatologist earlier in my message. The real question is - will the hog's shadow (or lack of) be considered real or "false news".

The first 100 days of the new administration south of us is just starting. This may be an historic period and it will be interesting to hear from our "snow bird" members currently in their winter retreats in Arizona, Nevada, Southern California, and other sunny states when they return. Sure do not want to miss the coffee discussions in the coming months.

February Speaker - This will be a fascinating presentation and discussion on our most valuable resource.

Valentine's Day - Cupid is all around us - please - do something special for that someone special in your life.

Seaspan Tour (March) - read more on this in our Special Events below.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting. Be safe!

*Dave Walker*

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## Special Events

### Tour of Seaspan Shipyard

Our first event of the new year will be a tour of the Seaspan Shipyard. Here are the details of this tour:

- Scheduled for March 28 at 3:00.
- Travel by carpool to Seaspan
- Leaving top level parking Park Royal North at 2:00 pm
- Hard hats - supplied and mandatory
- Will be split into groups of 25
- Initial sign-up at February's 6th monthly meeting
- For security reasons anyone wishing to attend **must** sign-up prior to the event

Should you have any questions regarding this tour please contact John Pennefeather at 604 926-1428.

*John Pennefeather*



## New Members Welcomed and Introduced at January Meeting



**Tom Fawsitt** (*member since December 2016*) Tom received a Mechanical Engineering Degree from UBC in 1958. During his career he worked for Westinghouse in Hamilton and Montreal, then with Griswold in Vancouver and New York. He started his own business in Vancouver in the communications field (Westgate Electronics). He is now living in West Vancouver with his wife of 32 years. Tom retired in the late 90's and became involved in Sport Management for two Provincial Sport Organizations (tennis and cycling).



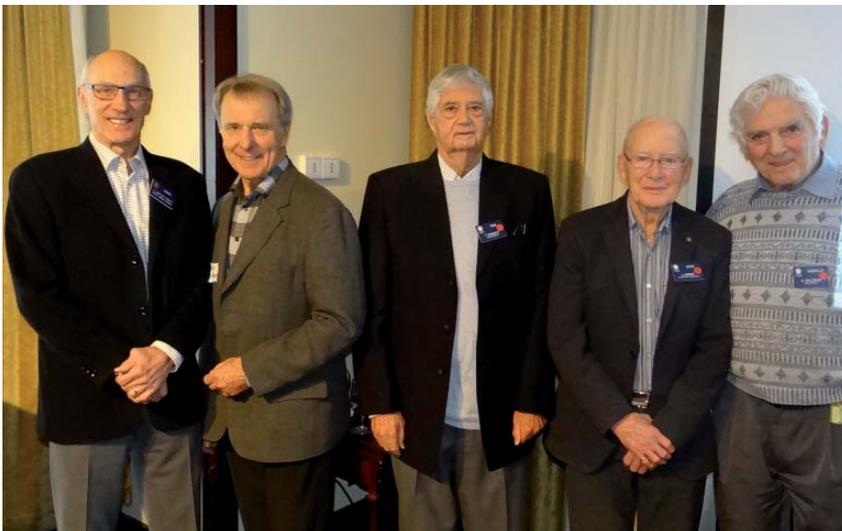
**Jack Hardy** (*member since December 2016*) Jack was born in Kamloops and has been a resident of North Vancouver for 47 years. He received a BAsC in Electrical Engineering at UBC. His career was primarily with BC Hydro with high voltage transmission planning. Jack is currently involved with the prostate cancer support group steering committee with the Lions Gate Rotary Club. His interests include tennis, pickleball, golf, fishing, travel and gardening.



**Gerald McCann** (*member since December 2016*) Gerald was born in Hagersville, ON and has been a resident of North Vancouver for 40 years. He received a BA at UWO and a BEd and Med Education at UWW. Gerald's career involved working with the Vancouver Secondary Schools and in Whistler for 37 years. He was also a St. John Ambulance teacher, Royal Order of St. John, and a group leader for outdoor ed with the West Coast Trail. He is now involved with the North Shore Heart Rehab as a board member, a sing along jazz trio in senior homes, WV Adult Concert Band, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Society Band, and the Lynn Valley Black Bear Concert Band. His interests include music, fitness (kayaking, cycling, gym, skiing) and entertaining.



**Ken Rekrutiak** (*member since December 2016*) Ken was born in Winnipeg and has been a resident of West Vancouver for 40 years. Ken received a BSc in Electrical Engineering. Ken's career was with IBM (18 years), Tech Start-ups (7 years), Westcoast Energy (12 years) and as a Consultant (10 years) in Winnipeg, Toronto, Regina, and Vancouver/Victoria. Ken is involved with the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation (2004 to now - Past Chair, Honorary Director and Campaign Leader), the United Way, Junior Achievement and Science World Social Venture Partners. His interests include skiing, golf, fishing and fitness.



Vice-President John Zaplatynsky with new members at meeting.



Greeters Jack McGee and Ross Wright

## Last Month Speaker - Dr. John Innes

**Note: View Speaker presentations, when available, on our website at:**  
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**Vice-President John Zaplatynsky thanks speaker Dr. John Innes with a bowl hand crafted by a member.**

Dr. John Innes of Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia, gave a comprehensive analysis of forestry in British Columbia, with many slides to illustrate his points. The following is extracted from his own summary of the lecture.

Forestry helped develop the province of British Columbia and remains important to many rural communities. At one time forests were thought to be a limitless resource, but this view has changed over time and now the industry is facing a severe fibre shortfall. The shortfall is caused by a combination of factors: harvesting of a finite quantity of old growth and significant losses caused by pests and wildfire. Additionally some areas, such as the Great Bear Rainforest, are no longer an available forest resource. As supplies dwindle mills will close. If costs increase due to the imposition of duties on export, additional mills will close.

Forests are now being recognized as more than a source of lumber. In B.C., it contributes \$5.8 billion to G.D.P. compared with \$7.1 billion from tourism. The Great Bear Rainforest represents a compromise between Aboriginal values, forestry, environmental values and community needs. It has been rightly celebrated.

BC is recognized as having an incredible pool of forestry expertise, which is playing an increasingly important role globally. If forestry is recognized as extending to the management of forested conservation areas, urban forests, carbon management, green buildings and products, and other areas, it has an exciting future that will attract

increasing numbers of young people.

Dr. Innes concluded with the optimistic note that the future for forests and forestry in B.C. is bright!

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**Note:** Dr. Innes' presentation can be viewed on our website at:

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Just click on the title of his presentation. It is quite a large file, so give it time to be downloaded to view.



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