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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, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*with speaker*

**André Gerolymatos,**  
Chair Hellenic Studies, SFU  
*“The Middle East and the Trump Factor”*

The election of Donald Trump is transforming American foreign policy in such a way as to have a direct impact upon the Middle East. Trump has made promises to destroy ISIS and contradictory statements about Israel and Palestine while at the same time has challenged the treaty with Iran. The future, with respect to American foreign policy, is uncertain and this uncertainty will cause grave complications.

André Gerolymatos is a Professor of History and Director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University (2011). Professor Gerolymatos also holds the Hellenic Canadian Congress of B.C. Chair of Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University (1996 -). He graduated from Loyola College and Concordia University with a B.A. Honours in Classics. While at McGill University, he completed his M.A. in Classics and subsequently was awarded his Doctorate in History.

His recent books include: *The Balkan Wars*: (Basic Books, 2002), *Red Acropolis Black Terror The Greek Civil War And The Origins of Soviet-American Rivalry, 1943-1949* (Basic Books 2004), *Castles Made Of Sand: A Century of Anglo-American Espionage And Intervention In The Middle East* (St. Martin's Press, 2010). A specialist in military and diplomatic history, Dr. Gerolymatos serves as a member of the Canadian Advisory Council on National Security. He is also a member of the board of the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation (U.S.A.).

His honours and awards include:

- 2011 Hellenic Republic Order of the Phoenix Officer or Gold Cross
- 2010 As an Olympic ambassador, he ran with the Olympic flame for the 2010 Games
- 2010 AHEPA Achievement Award in Education at the 88th Annual Convention, Montreal
- 2010 American Hellenic Professional Society and the CSUS Hellenic Studies program Certificate of Appreciation

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



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

- **Monday, April 10th** - Dr. Marco Marra, Genetic Research Advances
- **Special Events** - see page 3 for more details ...



### MARCH IS PROBUS MONTH

*“The PROBUS IMPERATIVE—  
No Money, No Religion, No Causes,  
No Guilt Trips!*

*PROBUS is involved solely with  
the basic principle of fellowship and  
learning and remaining connected  
to the world through speakers and  
programs....”*

The above is an excerpt of a 2015 quote from Stephen Camp, the then President of PROBUS Canada. If you want to see the total “Imperative” please go to the home page of PROBUS Canada.

The first PROBUS club was formed in England in 1965. Followed by clubs in New Zealand in 1974, Australia in 1976 and Canada in 1987. There are currently 4000 clubs worldwide with approximately 400,000 members.

In March of this year, **PROBUS CANADA** will be celebrating 30 years of providing fellowship.

**PROBUS CANADA** has recognized March as PROBUS MONTH and as such wishes to get the word out to all Canadian members - as of January 2017 some 33,800 of us in the 237 active clubs across Canada - of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to celebrate this event.

Every community in Canada needs a PROBUS club! As noted above, PROBUS Canada established their first clubs in 1987 in Cambridge Ontario and White Rock BC.

Our club is club #154 in Canada and is part of BC District #2 which is comprised of 13 clubs and has close to 3000 members (just under 10% of Canadian members).

Clubs in our District range in size from 50 to our size (375).

- Average club size worldwide is 100 and Canada is approximately 140.
- 60% of PROBUS Canada members are women - it is interesting to note that we have 47 men's clubs, 34 women's clubs and 99 combined clubs.
- The North Shore has 2 women's clubs (approx. 700) and our club (375) and make up just over a third of the District's membership.

PROBUS Canada is seeing member growth decrease from highs of some 20% in 2003 to just 1% in 2014 and wants help in increasing members across Canada. As such, they are looking at developing new clubs as well as recruiting in existing clubs. Earlier surveys and discussions have noted that most clubs are content with the status quo, the smaller clubs like to stay small to maximize the social aspect, existing clubs in metro areas feel that a new club

would compete for new members.

If not for Don Brinton and John Leonard we would not be here. It was in February of 2003, that Don and John decided it was time for a PROBUS club on the North Shore. They approached the Vancouver PROBUS Club and they quickly agreed to sponsor our application. Our charter meeting was in September and thanks to Don and John's leadership we had over 150 members signed up by the end of that charter meeting and club Canada 154 was official. (Check out the name tags at our next meeting and you will see many charter members attending.) We still have well over 100 Charter members attending our meetings.

In researching our 30<sup>th</sup>, I discovered we have a “PROBUS Song” - check it out on the PROBUS Canada website. I have a tin ear and cannot carry a tune and am not suggesting we do anything, HOWEVER, if a majority of members wish to sing the song at the start of each meeting that is great. I will defer that motion to the next Management Committee.

As noted above, a PROBUS imperative is “*connecting the world through speakers....*” So far this year, I believe we have delivered and lived up to our mandate. Although the weather impacted attendance, we had a great discussion last month on water and one takeaway was Water for Energy and Energy for Water. I personally enjoyed the interaction between our speaker, our members, and our member's guests. It was great. This is what it is all about! I recommend that those who were not able to attend check out the presentation on our web site.

As the speaker this month we welcome back our Honorary Member, Dr. Andre Gerolymatos. He will be discussing “The Middle East and the Trump Factor”. Right on topic. Accolades to our speakers committee.

Also remember we have a visit to Seaspan planned for April 1<sup>st</sup> - the sign up for those wanting to attend has been one of the best responses ever and accolades to our special events committee. The demand is such that we may need to request an additional tour date.

Another month of storms and temperatures below average. However, with the crocus and daffodils sprouting, maybe the groundhog's shadow was wrong and we will have an early Spring. The only problem with March coming in like a Lion, it could mean leaving like a Lamb.

March is an interesting month - PROBUS Canada month, St. Patrick's day and I close by reminding everyone that March is also the anniversary when Julius Caesar was stabbed at a meeting of the senate on March 15th 44 BC - “Beware the Ides of March.”

Our strength is fellowship, our success is participation.

*Dave Walker*

## Special Events

### Tour of Seaspan Shipyard - Change in Date

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

- Scheduled for Saturday, **April 1st**
- Meet on-site at 9:30AM for tour at 10:00AM
- Tour will last approximately 2.5 hours
- Hard hats - supplied and mandatory
- Will be split into groups of 25
- Lots of walking so wear comfortable shoes
- Further sign-up at March 13th monthly meeting with cap at 100.
- 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 Pennefather at 604-926-1428.

*John Pennefather*

### Walking Tour of Strathcona

**Tuesday, May 16th**

The morning walk will be an exploration of the history and architecture of this fascinating part of Vancouver including a visit to a brew pub for lunch.

Mark your calendar. Full information in April Shorelines.

*John Elliott*



## PROBUS Golf

### Golf with your Probus Pals May to September

This year a trip to Harrison Hot Springs is in the preliminary planning stage. It will be an overnight trip with golf Monday at The Falls and Tuesday at the Sandpiper.

The remainder of the season is in the planning stage and details will be circulated in April. There is no registration fee but \$10 (for prizes) will be collected at most events. Start times for the remaining 4 events are 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 respond to Phil Boase by email at [pjboase@telus.net](mailto:pjboase@telus.net).



*Phil Boase*

## PROBUS Bridge Club News

### Special Announcement

**Season 2, Starting April 3, 2017**

#### **Guidelines:**

- Play will take place every Monday afternoon (holidays excepted) from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the West Vancouver Senior's Centre (no play in July and August);
- This season will be from April 3 to June 26;
- Members will have an opportunity to play 3 or 4 times a month;
- Registration is taking place now and existing members and new members should email soonest to Phil Boase and state what days you will not be available to play;
- New members are welcome but must register in advance.



PROBUS members interested in joining the Bridge Club should email Phil Boase at ([pjboase@telus.net](mailto:pjboase@telus.net)).

*Phil Boase*

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

## New Members Welcomed and Introduced at February Meeting



**Brian Blann** (*member since January 2017*) Brian was born in England and moved to Vancouver 58 years ago via Hamilton, Ontario. He is a registered professional engineer in the electrical field and spent his career in sales and manufacturing. His interests include sailing and travel.



**Bill Cafferata** (*member since January 2017*) Bill was born in Morristown, New Jersey. He received a B.Sc in Forestry at Oregon State University before coming to Canada in 1968. Bill joined up with MacMillan Bloedel in Port Alberni before coming to live in West Vancouver in 1994. He worked with them most of his career before becoming Chair of the Forest Practices Board. He is a Director of Tradeworks, an organization that offers people from the downtown east side an opportunity to improve their lives through trades training – and he is on the Living Rivers committee. His interests include reading history, woodworking and travel.



**Hugh Hamilton** (*member since January 2017*) Hugh was born in Simla - now Shimla - which is on the edge of the Himalayas in India. At the age of 5 he was sent to school in England where he got a degree in Forestry at Oxford before moving to Canada in 1955. He worked for MacMillan Bloedel and others for a few years before setting up his own consulting company in 1968. He has always been an outdoorsman with interests in hiking, fishing and natural history. Hugh volunteers with West Vancouver's Streamkeepers, Lighthouse Park Society and Old Growth Conservancy societies. He received the community's heritage achievement award in 2009.

Smiling faces of House Team  
at Reception Area



President Dave Walker with new members at meeting.



Greeters Brian Hann and Tom Bell

*Special thanks to photographer Darryl Stodalka*

## Last Month Speaker - Margaret Catley-Carlson

**Note: View Speaker presentations, when available, on our website at:**  
<http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/speakers.htm>



**President Dave Walker thanks speaker Margaret Catley-Carlson with a bowl hand crafted by a member.**

Our speaker was Margaret Catley-Carlson, a former high ranking government official. She is a former Federal Deputy Minister with the Federal Government, and she held high office with the United Nations. She is a global expert on water issues.

Her message is that there are many myths surrounding the reality of water, and the reality is not generally understood. Availability, cleanliness, competing demands, and the relationship between water and energy have not been fully articulated in Canada. It may be fair to say we are behind many countries in grasping the actual realities.

One of her messages is that rather than think there are growing shortages of water, there are actually growing demands that conflict with one another. Part of what needs to be done is work to resolve the competing demands, and set priorities. In Canada there is no real shortage of water. However, available water is not necessarily in the right places. She also pointed out that developing better water access, or greater access to more remote sources however defined, is expensive. This has probably been the case for thousands of years. We all are aware of the pictures of the Roman aqueducts, moving water hundreds of miles from its source to the not so nearby cities. Today we have much the same issues. A question of public policy that needs to be settled is the balance between conserving easily accessible local water and importing distant water, expensive because of the distance it must be moved. Now the water/energy tradeoffs begin to take place. Developing better water treatment facilities takes energy and expense. Developing energy sources themselves consumes water. When we talk about the oil sands development we first think of the environment and the ugliness of the mines, but these developments also take water.

The problem comes when the total demands for

water exceeds the replacement rate from the source. Usage growth grows as the economy grows, but the replacement rate is a constant. The water that is used will fall back as rain or snow, but it won't necessarily fall back to the place it originated. Ground water, for instance, can be used by cities, by agriculture and by industry. There isn't a critical problem if the total use is below the replacement rate, there is no issue in many peoples' minds. But the moment it exceeds this rate the crisis begins.

Different governments give water different priorities, and one of the great obstacles is no senior official wants to come with another spending initiative until there is a local crisis.

One of the water-energy conundrums is that there is plenty of water in Canada, but it is sometimes in the wrong places. We have large untapped resources, but they tend to be in the high north and flow towards the Arctic Ocean. For example, if cities, agriculture and energy in Alberta and Saskatchewan draw excessively from the underground and the glacial rivers, it doesn't help that the rains return that water to the oceans.

Our Federal Provincial regulatory system doesn't handle water issues well, and the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States is, in her opinion, doing a better job. We tend to look down on some of the US water issues, such as rivers flowing through US cities to the great lakes becoming fire hazards, but locally we have nothing to brag about. We were told that the water quality in Puget Sound is much better than in Burrard Inlet.

We had a lively question period, and we ended on a high note. It was pointed out that the environmental studies programmes at both Simon Fraser and UBC, including water management, are one of the most sought out courses. There is hope yet.

*Tom Gunn*

**Note:** Margaret Catley-Carlson's presentation can be viewed on our website at:

<http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/speakers.htm>  
Just click on the title of her presentation.

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