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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, April 8th

with speaker

Roddy MacKenzie

“ WWII Bomber Command ”



Canada in Bomber Command is a powerful story that needs to be told because it was vital to victory in World War Two.

The cost of our victory was horrific. One quarter of all Canadians in uniform killed in the Second World War died in Bomber Command. Controversy obscures knowledge, so what these heroic young Canadian aircrew accomplished is today either seriously misunderstood or virtually unknown.

Roddy MacKenzie, whose father earned the DFC piloting a Lancaster in Bomber Command, will try to unwrap fact from fiction, and myth from legend, to reveal the extraordinary contribution Canada in Bomber Command made to winning the war.

Roddy was born and raised in Calgary. He was educated at the University of Calgary and the University of British Columbia, and became the municipal lawyer for municipalities through BC. He's a Queen's Scout, with membership in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Naval Officers Associations, the Seaforths, and the Royal Commonwealth Society. He has Life Membership in Clan MacKenzie and the Monarchist League. He was awarded the Canada 125 Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Roddy is married to Ka Hyun MacKenzie Shin and has four "grown-up" children.



Parking Regulations In Now in Effect

Capilano Golf and Country Club is asking *“all guests”* to comply with their parking regulations. A shuttle service is available from the lowest *“Visitor Parking”* area. *See more details on page 3...*

Mark Your Calendars to Attend Our Next Meeting



Monday, May 6th at the Capilano Golf and Country Club
Speaker - John Weston, “How Would You Lead in the 21st Century”

- **Special Events** - May 14 Walking Tour and more, details on page 2 ...

President's Notes



As I write this Spring has officially arrived. Who would have believed that we would start out March with snow and then have it turn into record high temperatures? I am sure for our April meeting we will have most of our members return from the sunny south and with luck not planning on using the new 737's to get back. Easter is upon us and hopefully many of us will be able to participate in Easter egg hunts with our grandchildren.

We had good attendance for our March speaker – Ashlie Corcoran, Artistic Director at the Arts Club Theatre Company. I must admit that when she said she was not going to use any audio/visual equipment and she had no notes I was a little concerned. However, she was an excellent speaker and she clearly had a great background in plays and public speaking. I was also very impressed with how many of our members attended Arts Club events and knew a lot about the theatre.

Gord Cook and his team are organizing a number of club special events that will start shortly. They also have golf and bridge groups for those who may be interested. I encourage you to participate in these events. Also, if you have any friends who might be interested in PROBUS please invite them out to a meeting and hopefully they will be comfortable becoming members.

Jim Grey

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Special Events

BEACONSFIELD HEIGHTS WALK with JOHN ATKIN

**Explore Vancouver's History and Architecture
with our Favourite Guide and
Vancouver Historian
Tuesday May 14 at 10:00 am**

We will meet at the 29th Ave. Sky Train Station at 9:45am and the walk will start at 10:00am.

The walk will finish at noon at the Sky Train Station and a restaurant nearby is being researched for lunch.

Beaconsfield Heights in East Vancouver was once a station on the BCER's interurban line to New Westminster. It is an eclectic neighbourhood with a street grid of odd angles and intersections determined by the alignment of Kingsway, rail lines and the terrain. There are quirky houses and Vancouver's only open ravine and creek, which make Beaconsfield Heights a fascinating area to explore.

The Beaconsfield Heights area was heavily promoted from 1909 until WW1 when the economy slowed. The area took its name from the school and the "heights" was a nod to the CPR's newly announced Shaughnessy Heights subdivision. This is a walking tour not to be missed!

John has given many walking tours for PROBUS in recent years. His tours are always popular. This tour will be limited to 25 participants (members plus one guest per member). We suggest you sign up as soon as possible.

To register please send a cheque for \$15.00 per person to: PROBUS Club of North Shore, PO Box 92042, West Vancouver, BC V7V 4X4 (mark WALK on THE envelope).

Also include a note with your cheque advising:

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Cheque enclosed for \$ _____

Registration also before, after or at April 8th and May 6th PROBUS meetings (unless sold out).

Your registration is not confirmed until payment is made.

Also, just a heads up that we are working on a tour of the **Vancouver Harbour Air Control Tower**. As this is a small facility with only room for a limited number at a time, we are looking at combining it with a visit to the **Vancouver Port Control Centre** that is located nearby. The tentative date for these two visits is for late September - early October.

John Elliott

An Invitation for the Vancouver Area PROBUS Clubs

The PROBUS Club of Vancouver has kindly invited us to join them on an upcoming tour. If interested, please reply as indicated below in the following announcement.

The tour is of the Stave Falls Dam Museum and Westminster Abbey in Mission on June 4th.

The flyer attached with this newsletter will give you more information about this tour if you are interested.

Registration is either by mail as indicated in the flyer or you can register on-line using Paypal at their website for the tour: <https://probusvancouver.com/stave-falls/>

If you have any questions please contact Richard Earthy at rdearthy@gmail.com or Chris Finch at cafb@shaw.ca

Deadline for registration is May 4th and the cost is \$80 per person.

*Jack Zaleski,
604-328-4288*

Parking Regulations Begin in April



Capilano's busy golf season will be underway for our April meeting and they are asking "all guests" to comply with their parking regulations.

A shuttle service is available from the lowest "Visitor Parking" area to the Clubhouse.

Those displaying a valid physical handicap tag in their windshield may continue to park in the designated stalls provided across from the main Clubhouse entrance.

Gary Sutherland



Greeters Jack Newman and Richard Rees

New Members Introduced and Welcomed at March Meeting



Gavin Hume (*member since December 2018*) Gavin was born in Vancouver and got a BA at UBC followed by a Bachelor of Laws.

After graduation, he joined Russell & Dumoulin and went on to become one of Canada's leading practitioners of employment and labour law. After 44 years he moved to Harris & Co. as an Associate Counsel. He is a Past President of the Law Society of BC, a Past President of HRMA (Human Resources Management Association) and past Chair of the Canadian Bar Association, Labour Section.

He is very involved with the YMCA being a past Chair and a Director. His other interests include boating, skiing and biking.



Barry Kenna (*member since March 2019*) Barry was born in Vancouver and received a degree in Economics at UBC. He started his career with Finning Tractor in Sales and Marketing before moving out on his own and acquiring companies in the

heavy equipment field – Cypress Equipment, Chapman Industries and Madill Canada.

Now, in summer, he withdraws to his cottage in the Gulf Islands, and enjoys woodworking and investments. Currently he is on two not for profit boards.



President Jim Grey welcomes new members

Special thanks to photographer Darryl Stodalka

Last Month Speaker - Ashlie Corcoran



Speaker Ashlie Corcoran is thanked by President Jim Grey with a bowl hand crafted by a member.

Our March speaker, Ashlie Corcoran, is the new Artistic Director of the Arts Club Theatre Company in Vancouver. The Arts Club has been a going concern in Vancouver for over 50 years and has literally grown from a pub night theatre (more or less a night club with entertainment) into one of the major theatre companies in Canada. It is in the same general league as the Stratford Festival and the Shaw Festival in Ontario. For most of its history there has been one artistic Director, and Ashlie is a very recent arrival, taking over from her long-term predecessor.

Many have wondered what will happen to the theatre company with a new artistic Director, but she has a broad theatre background and a strong appreciation for the history of the Arts Club and its role in the development of theatre in Canada, and in Vancouver specifically.

While many have been aware of the Arts Club activities, it's probably not well known how far and how extensive is the organizations' activities. From its three venues in Vancouver, the Club produces 18 plays annually. It is a vital link in developing new productions and supporting new playwrights, directors and artistic professionals. It's a difficult profession for any aspiring thespian, let alone those whose muse drives them into the other less popular aspects of theatre. Most of those who aspire to theatre face heavy competition for any role, and those without direct experience can sometimes find it overwhelming. Ms. Corcoran was not someone who had been attracted to theatre arts in high school and found herself at an initial disadvantage. However, she persisted throughout her academic career to find opportunities to learn about the broader aspects of theatre and managed to find a good initial position. One of her goals for the Arts Club is to offer opportunities for local talent to get a start in theatre. The Arts Club is developing what those in venture financing would describe as a "theatre Incubator", proving funding and support for new playwrights and directors to gain practical theatre experience.

While the Arts Club is BC centric, concentrating on de-

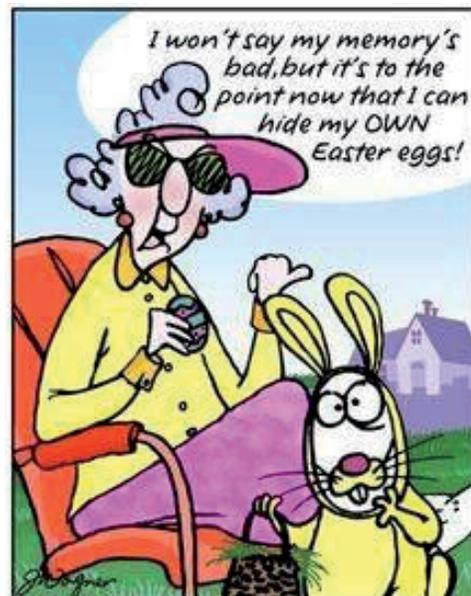
veloping local talent, it has also undertaken ventures with theatre groups in the other western provinces.

We have often heard from various government authorities that development of local arts is an essential aspect of developing Canadian Culture, and a unique culture is an essential aspect of being Canadian. The Arts Club has historically taken this seriously, and it is the ambition of the new Artistic Director to continue with this.

We are all aware that Vancouver has a vibrant arts community, and the North Shore has many more venues for the arts than some other communities. Our community is blessed with both creative talent and those who are willing and ready to support their endeavours. In particular, there are theatre, visual arts, and several music programmes on the North Shore, including some church sponsored or church located groups like the Pacific Spirit Choir at West Vancouver United Church and the Community Choir at St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Every member of PROBUS may well have attended at least one production at the Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver.

The Arts Club has been a major force in developing a strong theatre presence in Western Canada and the new Artistic Director will have the opportunity to take it even further.

Tom Gunn



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