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Monthly Meeting at the North Vancouver School Board Offices

2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver 604-903-3444

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

Monday, June 10th

with speaker

Dennis Molnar, Historian

“Ten WWII Stories, Including the Spy Who Inspired James Bond”



It's adventure time! Meet the British Ambassador who trapped a German Battleship. Hear how a French Wallpaper worker stole something and helped World War II end early. Learn who Hitler bribed and why. Find out what happened to Generals who disobeyed Hitler's orders. Learn how a British Pilot raised the morale of 5 million Parisians in one minute. And meet the WW II Spy who was the inspiration for the James Bond character.

Dennis Molnar worked for, and was a Director of, a high technology company that supplied satellite photo mapping systems for use by the Military. An Electronics Engineer by education, he visited Military Agencies on five continents, was in Iraq during the war with Iran, and in Libya during its 1980's high tension with the USA. Having visited over 50 countries, he studied the role of maps in War History and decided to share his passion and knowledge as a Lecturer.

Dennis tells captivating and intriguing stories of people and events that have helped shape our history. What was the life of a World War II Spy really like? Who made the most obvious mistakes in the most critical sea chase of World War II (and why)? Who was disobeyed more by their subordinates: Churchill or Hitler? Why did so many husbands and wives, living behind the Berlin Wall, become informants for the secret police and spy on each other? And why are the History books so wrong about Cuba's Revolution and Cold War Missile Crisis?

Dennis received his MBA, became the Managing Director of a Technology Company, taught at the University of British Columbia, and has served on various Advisory and Director Boards. He is a past Director of the BC Winston Churchill Society and for over 20 years has presented World War II and Cold War History to Businesses, Professional Groups, Museums, and Societies.

Mark Your Calendars to Attend Our Next Meeting

Monday, July 8th at the North Vancouver School District Board Offices



Speaker - Dr. Glenn Landry and Eszter Laszlo, Nano-Lit Technologies -

“Circadian Rhythms, Sleep, and Circadian Rhythm Lighting”

Special Events - Lions Gate Hospital Tour, details on page 2 ...

President's Notes



Well we have had some great weather the past month and for those of us who like to golf or get outside to ride a bike, hike or play tennis the season has begun. Unfortunately, we are also in the start of the fire season and we can only hope that this year is not as bad as last year.

And I have started to notice more talk of the political races in Canada and the United States. In both countries we seem to have a challenging environment but the good news is that our federal election will be over later this year and we can get on with life.

Our Special Events Committee has organized some great outings and has lots of plans in the hopper. I would also like to acknowledge our bridge and golf groups and encourage any of you that are interested to give it a try. The fellowship is great. I would also like to remind all of you that we are moving to North Vancouver School District for the summer. Last year we found the facility was very good and if it continues this year, we may want to consider using it more next year.

Hope everyone is having a great spring/summer and will have a chance to get outside with family and friends. .

Jim Grey

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Special Events

LIONS GATE HOSPITAL TOUR

Wednesday June 12 at 10:00 am

A tour of new facilities at Lions Gate Hospital is scheduled for June 12, beginning at the foyer information desk at 10:00 am.

The tour will encompass an overview of the expansion and renovations recently completed including the newly renovated hospital atrium where modifications to patient admitting and day surgery facilities will be described. That will be followed by a visit to the North Shore Hospice - Palliative Care program where their Palliative Care and Every Day Counts programs to provide in-patient and at-home palliative care will be described. The group will then visit the HOpe Centre, opened two years ago, to provide psychiatric services followed by a tour of the Simulation Centre / UBC Medical Education Centre that utilizes simulation techniques to train medical staff. The recently announced \$166 million Medical and Surgical Centre project will be discussed along with future project plans for the hospital. Lunch reservations have been arranged for the tour group at the Jack Lonsdale Pub on Lonsdale Avenue if you wish to lunch with us after the tour.

There is still some space for members and wives to participate in the June 12th tour. The foundation has agreed to host a second tour on June 19th at 10:00 am for members and wives as well. A sign-up sheet for both dates will be available at our June 10th meeting. Join us to see the updates and Plans for your Lions Gate Hospital.

Doug Magoon

North Vancouver School District Board Offices Directions

The June 10th meeting will be held in the North Vancouver School Board offices, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue.

Directions and parking: We have arranged to use the parking facilities of the Centennial Theatre located at the corner of Lonsdale and 23rd Street East. To enter the parking lot, turn east from Lonsdale Ave. to 23rd Street and proceed about 100 metres to the entrance to the Centennial Theatre parking lot on the left (the north side of the street).

From the parking lot proceed to Lonsdale Avenue and head south for one block. The School Board offices are on the west side of Lonsdale between 22nd and 21st Streets. The entrance to the building is at the south end. Take the elevator to the 5th Floor, our meeting is in the Mountain View Room. Members only. Entrance is by voluntary donation.

Gary Sutherland

New Members Introduced and Welcomed at May Meeting



George Davis (*member since May 2019*) George was born in Victoria, BC and has resided in West Vancouver for 50 years. Self-employed, he practiced law for 46 years, specialising in bankruptcy and civil litigation. In his spare time George enjoys a game of golf and also a game of bridge.



Colin Jones (*member since May 2019*) Colin was born in Neston, United Kingdom. He has resided in West Vancouver since 1969. He received a B.Sc. and a Ph.D. from Manchester University. His career at SFU included the Department of Chemistry from 1965 - 2006, Chair and Dean of Science, and Executive Director of International Relations. He also enjoys being a Board Member at TRIUMF, the Science Council of BC, and Science World. During his spare time, Colin enjoys bridge, walking, skiing and travel.



Dale Douglas (*member since May 2019*) Dale was born in Winnipeg Manitoba. He has resided in West Vancouver for 25 years. He received a B.Comm. and a degree in Business Management from the University of Western Ontario. Dale's career was primarily in sales with General Foods, American House, and Oppenheimer Food Brokers. He has lived in BC and in Western Canada in Toronto and Quebec. He is a member of the Evergreen Squash Club and in his spare time he enjoys travel, golf and woodworking.



Vice- President Herb Grubel welcomes new members



Robin Hicks (*member since May 2019*) Robin was born in Bristol, United Kingdom. He has resided in North Vancouver for 40 years. He received a B.Sc. in Physics from Leeds University, a CPA and a CA degree at Price Waterhouse. His career was primarily with Nabob Foods. His interests include golf, tennis, rugby and wine appreciation. He is also a member of the West Vancouver Legion Executive and the North Vancouver Museum. He also spent 13 years as a municipal councillor, with the District of North Vancouver.



Greeters Remy Gobet and Alan Kemp-Gee

Special thanks to photographer Darryl Stodalka



“A Wet Walk on the East Side”

It was definitely the wettest day for some time spruced up with a gusty wind. Twenty intrepid walkers, many husband and wife pairs, met with our guide John Atkin near the 29th Avenue Expo Line Station. John was also beginning to recover from a bad case of the flu and had cancelled all his other appointments except ours for the walk. The picture above shows the group with John explaining the features of some of the fascinating homes in the area. The rain shedding hardware held aloft attests to the severity of the downpour.

The area was originally settled and farmed by immigrants from the Collingwood area of Ontario who's ancestors had come from the Collingwood area of England. Once the BCER's Interurban Line was completed between Vancouver and New Westminster it was developed for housing as Vancouver was rapidly growing in the pre World War One era.

The overall area is now called Renfrew Colingwood. The name Beaconsfield Heights was taken from the school and park on the North Side of the area and used by the early developers at the same time as the more upscale

Shawnessy Heights area was also being developed. Due to the lack of an overall plan and because Vancouver was not one municipality but several smaller jurisdictions many of the streets begin and end haphazardly or jog over part of a block at these old intersects.

We were treated to the interesting history of the area and many descriptions of the unique and quirky housing and the interesting topographical features most of which still remain. We walked alongside the only large ravine in greater Vancouver that has remained untouched by the developers and early farmers and also by several recent attempts to develop it for more public access.

We learned about and explored an area of Vancouver that only a few on the walk had visited or for that matter likely even knew existed. We all agreed that John did his excellent best in describing the area and the history from early Vancouver through to the present. Lunch followed for most of us at the Top Cantonese restaurant with many dim sum and other delicacies.

John Elliott

Last Month Speaker - John Weston



Vice-President Herb Grubel thanks Speaker John Weston with a bowl hand crafted by a member.

How would you lead in the 21st Century?

John Weston delivered an excellent presentation on his views on leadership, based in large part on his experiences in the legal profession as well as a Member of Parliament representing the North Shore. He began by acknowledging the leadership in the room from a corporate and community perspective and commenting on the varied experience of the new members introduced. He polled the members in the room on what qualities they admired in leadership. Some of the key responses were - honesty, enthusiasm, good listener, integrity, treat people fairly, consistency, empathy and being a team player.

John delivered his presentation by dismissing the many myths of leadership and explaining how one should take a different perspective. Firstly, one needs a title to lead. John's view is that you do not need a title, but must work on the things one cares about and you will be successful without an organization title.

Second leadership myth is that younger people have more to offer. To dismiss this myth, John quoted Cicero who said muscles and dexterity are less important than wisdom and experience. These open the doors to more opportunity.

Thirdly, rather than not asserting your beliefs, one should know their convictions and strive to do the best. You are now in a place to promote your convictions and promote unity and equality to reduce inequality.

Next, one should not think they become invisible when they retire. You have a duty to "keep up your game" – take time to exercise, read and keep engaged. Set goals for fitness and learning.

There is a myth that you cannot learn new things – "you can't teach an old dog new tricks". John encouraged us to look at life as a continuous learning and development experience. Take the broader view and replace judgement

with investigation.

Another myth says you lose value when you stop earning money. On the other hand, less time in the working world means more time to spend exploring other opportunities. The value you create for yourself and your community will be more valuable than when you were working. There is a great deal of value that comes from the relationships you develop and nurture.

Unless you are on top of technology you are irrelevant – another myth to be debunked! John's view is that the influence of technology is disproportionate on our lives. Don't become a prisoner of technology, but be aware of its benefits without being addicted. An interesting observation is that leaders in Silicon valley have become more restrictive of their children's use of technology.

One myth says that you cannot lead because your most creative years are behind you. In our current stage of life, however, we have more time to examine our lives – to paint, write, take up hobbies or investigate areas of interest. Don't be afraid of failure, take the long view and embrace failure as a learning experience.

Finally, do not think you have failed if your good ideas are not adopted immediately. Many of the world's greatest ideas have taken time to evolve and become accepted. To illustrate, John used an example from his career – the acceptance of indigenous rights is correct but will take time to be understood and agreed to by all.

In conclusion, John asked us all to recognize that we are leaders and reflect upon how we become the best leaders we can be in our community, our family and in life. The myths illustrated through his presentation are qualities that apply throughout our lives.

John Zaplatynsky



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