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Monday, August 10th Zoom Meeting

with speaker

**Kandys Merola, CEO of TB Vets Charitable Foundation
and Dr. Jay Johnston, Provincial TB Services at BCCDC**



Kandys has lead the organization through a complete re-organization and downsizing of the Key-tag operation where the business is once again in an optimistic position.

TB Vets now have the much-needed funds to fulfil our mission of providing Hospitals and First responders with Respiratory Equipment, to give grants for Respiratory Education and to deliver grants for Tuberculous and Respiratory research. Kandys was the volunteer Chair of the Board of TB Vets Charitable Foundation for over 6 years from 2007- 2013.

Her volunteer activities included President of the Tuberculous Veterans Section of the Royal Canadian Legion, now serving a second term; Dominion Sport Committee and is now serving on Dominion Poppy and Remembrance Committee; Past President of TVS Branch 44, Vancouver/Burnaby Zone. She has been a dynamic 34-year Life member dedicated to serving the Tuberculous Veterans section, TB Veterans and the community.



Dr. Johnston is the evaluation lead at Provincial TB Services at BCCDC. He is a tuberculosis physician and researcher and his interests include TB epidemiology, treatment outcomes, drug resistance and genomics. He is also the Head of the Respiratory Medicine Division at Vancouver General Hospital, an Associate Clinical Professor in the UBC Department of Medicine and an Associate Member of the UBC School of Population & Public Health.

Dr. Johnston is a Michael Smith Foundation Health Professional Investigator. He has a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Grzybowski Fellowship in TB research. He is the former vice president and conference chair of North American region of the International Union against TB and Lung Diseases (The Union).

Mark Your Calendars to Attend Our Next Zoom Meeting

Monday, September 14th



Dennis Molnar. Historian, WWII Stories (Part 2) including the jailed German Generals who lived on British Estates, shopped in London and, dined at the Ritz.

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President's Notes



We now had two successful virtual meetings using the Zoom facility. Many members attended, enjoyed the speakers' presentations, and asked good questions. Some members downloaded the videos of the events, a further indication of the success of the program. Thanks to Darryl Stodalka for making all of this possible.

We are planning to continue to have our monthly meetings via Zoom until the pandemic is over and the government gives the green light to have large in person meetings again, which may not be for many more months.

The Management Committee decided to lower next year's membership fees to \$60, passing on to you the savings from not having to pay for rental and coffee at our regular venues. Renewal notices will be sent by email in the first week of August.

The pandemic has been and continues to be a challenge to all of us in our private lives. It has been and will be for some time for the members of the committee, though those of us who like challenges, we enjoyed meeting them successfully. A bit of positivism like this should not be out of place.

See you on the screen on August 10th at 9:30 AM.

Herbert Grubel

Contact: president@probus-northshorevancouver.ca

Membership Renewals Due by September 15th



Special Events

On Wednesday September 23rd we will meet at ten am at the north east corner of Gore Avenue and Union Street in Vancouver, for another highly informative guided walk led by John Atkin. John describes the walk as follows:

The Roads to Nowhere: The Georgia Viaducts. The only visible reminder of the grander city-wide freeway plan of the 1950s, will soon be a memory with their impending demolition. On this walk we'll explore their history and development, the freeway fight and explore a few of the lingering scars still evident on the local landscape.

Because of the need to maintain distancing, the walk will be limited to twenty participants, selected on a first come first served basis. To register, email hiljon@telus.net

Each member may bring one guest. Please come equipped with a mask and be prepared to wear it at times when we are closer than six feet to one another.

Please pay \$10 per person by cheque made out to the "PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver" and mail to
PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver
P.O. Box 92042, West Vancouver, BC, V7V 4X4

John Walker

Membership Renewals

Shortly you will receive your membership renewal invoice for \$60 by e-mail, due by September 15, regardless of the month in which you joined. The renewal rate has been reduced as the inability to get together has eliminated room rental costs.

Completing the renewal notice will allow you to confirm that your database information is current. Should there be changes, please advise Linda Metcalfe, our administrator, by email listed below.

Completed renewal notices and cheques for \$60 should be mailed to the address on the renewal notice. Returning the form ensures the payments are properly processed. We often encounter situations where the payment is with a company cheque or has only initials and a surname rather than the name used in the PROBUS registration.

Many of you would normally drop off your renewal cheque at the membership table at our regular monthly meetings. Sadly, COVID-19 and our Zoom meetings make that impractical. So, this year we are offering digital payment using Interac. Instructions are on the renewal invoice. Should you have database changes, please let Linda know directly.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at jeremy@marrassoc.com or contact our administrator at linda@probus-northshorevancouver.ca.

Jeremy Marr

2020/2021 Proposed Management Committee *(to be elected)*



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Keith Fenton
Secretary



Gordon Adair
Treasurer*



Tom Gunn
Chair: Communications



Gary Sutherland
Chair: House*



Jeremy Marr
Chair: Membership*



John Elliott
Chair: Speakers*



Doug Magoon
Chair: Special Events

Additional Member Not Requiring Election

Herb Grubel, Past President*

* Member of the 2019-2020 Management Committee

Note: Nominations for the Management Committee close on August 31, 2020. If you have a member that agrees to be nominated for a position on the 2020-21 Management Committee, please submit the name to Jim Grey 604-926-9248 prior to August 31, 2020.

Ron Wood (*Member March 2012*) Ron's career included ownership of a Vancouver based executive search and management consulting firm. A resident of West Vancouver for more than 40 yrs and Councillor (9yrs) and Mayor (6yrs), Ron is currently President of the West Vancouver Kiwanis Club and VP of the Kiwanis North Shore Housing Society.

Darryl Stodalka (*Member September 2005*) Darryl's career in Information Technology took him from government in Edmonton to the oil patch in Calgary and on to Vancouver in the insurance industry. Darryl and his wife have lived in West Vancouver for over 25 years. When joining PROBUS he helped the Club go digital contributing to lowering dues.

Keith Fenton (*Member April 2010*) Keith's career of over 54 years was as a Professional Engineer (P.Eng., FEC) specializing in roads and transportation planning. He was also active in the Public Works Association of BC (PWABC), Consulting Engineers of BC (ACEC-BC), and community organizations such as the Coho Society of the North Shore.

Gordon Adair (*Member December 2008*) Gordon's career for 57 years was in Finance and Accounting and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a FCPA (Fellow of the CPA's), is a board member of the Coho Society of the North Shore for 30+ years. He was also a former partner at Deloitte and Director of Finance at ICBC.

Tom Gunn (*Member June 2015*) Tom's career has been in finance and investment. He was the Chief Financial Officer of Canada Trust and the Chief Investment Officer of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), one of the largest public sector pensions plans in Canada. He came to BC as the Founding President and Chief Executive of the UBC Investment Management Trust. He sits on two boards and is Warden of St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

Gary Sutherland (*Member February 2014*) Gary's entire career was in the investment industry, first with Pemberton Securities and then VP and Investment Councillor with Royal Bank Investment Management. Gary is a past Director of Pacific Insight Electronics Corp. and past volunteer President of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Jeremy Marr (*Member December 2008*) Jeremy came to Canada from the UK fifty years ago with an engineering degree from Cambridge. He worked for Chrysler Canada in Toronto and Pacific Press in Vancouver before becoming a consultant in quality management systems. His interests include bridge, golf and singing with the Pacific Spirit Choir.

John Elliott (*Member 2005*) John's career was primarily in the energy area including H.A. Simons where he held the position as Director of Energy Services. He has lived in West Vancouver for 40 years. His interests include golf, granddaughters, and some traveling. John has served on the PROBUS Special Events Committee for the past six years.

Doug Magoon (*Member September 2017*) Doug's 40 year career focus was in metallurgical engineering, operations and technology management with Cominco Ltd / Teck Resources. He was also active in Big Brothers and Sisters of BC, the Board of Trail Regional Hospital, Rotary International and the BC Armed Forces Liaison Committee. He has resided in North Vancouver District since 2003.

Last Month Speaker - Terry Hood

Terry Hood is a volunteer Director, Friends of NVMA and Past Commissioner, NVMA. He is a tourism community planner, facilitator, educator, and support for indigenous partnerships. The current Director, NVMA, Wes Wenhardt, was unable to attend the presentation due to knee surgery, and Terry gave regrets on his behalf. Wes's background includes extensive development of worldwide museum and cultural attractions and management experience, most recently in Tacoma Washington at Seaport Maritime Museum.

NVMA encompasses a range of community resources:

- North Vancouver Recreation Centres
- Squamish Nation
- NS Multicultural Society & NSIIP
- NV Arts & Culture Groups
- Capilano University
- Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- Shipyards District
- District & City Libraries
- School District 44
- West Vancouver

NVMA Mission - To engage, strengthen and inspire our community and its visitors by exploring the past, present and future of North Vancouver and its people.

NVMA Vision - To create a dynamic and innovative hub where the stories of North Vancouver's people, places and past come to life.

The presentation previewed the New Museum Project on the waterfront in the Shipyards District, provided an overview of community building work going on, and discussed opportunities to support NVMA to preserve heritage and culture of our communities.

A quick poll was taken of PROBUS members on the call regarding how many years they have lived on the North Shore, and had North Shore experiences. With 65 people connected, the quick poll indicated over 2000 cumulative years of life experiences on the North Shore. We could fill a museum with a curated version of the collective PROBUS Member stories!

The picture presentation included a picture of the long-standing location in Presentation House, and an artist rendering of the modern new location at the foot of Lonsdale in the Shipyards District, located directly on the Spirit Trail. The main entrance is on Esplanade, and has 16,000 square feet of space devoted to sharing the stories of North Vancouver. You'll see Streetcar #153 located in the main lobby, fully restored, when the museum opens later in 2020. First Nations stories will be woven throughout the permanent gallery.

The Archives is celebrating 100 years this year. Slides

containing images over the years of important events, including one showing the Lion's Gate Bridge partially built.

On-line materials and experiences and mobile exhibits help stay connected with the communities.

Residents were surveyed about what they want in the new Museum and several main themes emerged:

- Forward-looking, edgy & interactive
- Full of hands-on activity, fun and experiences
- Respectful of and inclusive of First Peoples
- A community hub and gathering place
- A museum shop
- Helpful in preparing the City for change
- Authentic – tells the “real story”
- Compelling exhibits
- Engaging programming
- A stunning facility

The Museum will be set up according to three major themes and will include a Welcome Circle that highlights Indigenous traditions that are reflected in the themes and provides space for reflection.

- Passion for Place – Nature & Stories of North Vancouver including First Peoples
- Industry and Enterprise- The evolution of North Vancouver's economic development.
- Connections – Physical connections spanning North Vancouver and social connections between its people

Exhibits will be renewed every 4 to 8 months. First four exhibits will include “You are here @ the Shipyards”, “Living Rough: Life off the Grid”, “Journeys to North Vancouver: stories of immigration”, and “The Sisters/The Lions”.

The Museum will also be a hub for expanded community programs including Programs for K-12 students; Indigenous programs; Maker Days; Evening discussion circles; Events for children and families; Heritage walks; and Family history workshops by the archives.

NVMA is hoping to attract large numbers of residents and visitors to this new vibrant urban entertainment district.

A few comments about the New Museum Capital Campaign. \$1.5M out of a total of \$3.1 has been raised (11.5% remaining). Full details of funding are available on the slide in the presentation, or by logging on to nvma.ca. To join the “Friends Society” will cost \$20 and you can register online. To stay up-to-date on what is happening, subscribe to the New Museum Update (nvma.ca). To help spread the word – who do you think might be interested in donating? Who do you know who might like to receive or attend a presentation? – Let them know. The public fundraising campaign is launched in September 2020.

Darlene Dean