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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 9th

with speaker

Christopher Gaze,

Founding Artistic Director, Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

"All the World's a Stage"



Christopher Gaze is best known as the Founding Artistic Director of Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, which celebrates its 31st Season in 2020. He has hosted the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's ever popular Tea & Trumpets series since 2002 and has also hosted their annual Traditional Christmas concerts for the past 27 years.

Christopher plays a leading role in British Columbia as an advocate for the arts in general, and his passionate dedication to Bard on the Beach has fuelled its growth into one of the largest professional theatre companies in Canada, drawing more than 1.9 million patrons since he founded it in 1990.

His many honours include Canada's Meritorious Service Medal, Honorary Doctorates from UBC & SFU, the Mayor's Arts Award for Theatre and the Order of British Columbia.

Mark Your Calendars to Attend Our Next Meeting

Monday, April 6th at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

Speaker - Mike Harcourt, 30th Premier of British Columbia

Special Events - April 23rd, Genome Research Centre Tour *details page*



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Past-President's Notes



March is PROBUS MONTH. The first PROBUS club was formed in England in 1965 followed by New Zealand in 1975, Australia in 1976 and Canada in 1987. Currently there are 38,000 members in 255 clubs across Canada. Our club is number 154 in Canada and we have approximately 350 members. There are also two ladies' clubs on the North

Shore – Lion's Gate Women's North Shore Vancouver and Women's North Shore Vancouver. I would encourage you to invite friends and neighbours to come as a guest to our meetings and hopefully convince them to join.

We have had some great speakers this past year and last month's speaker was very informative about our legal system and how appeals are handled. Fortunately, we had a better weather day and our attendance was back to normal. This is the season for some interesting weather from rain to snow but hopefully the snow is behind us. March is the month when many of us escape to the south. St Patrick's Day is also in March so get out your green socks and ties. We continue to have some great speakers planned on a variety of topics. Also, we have a number of special events planned and we will update you at our March meeting.

*Jim Grey
Past-President,*

Filling in for President who is touring in Vietnam

New Parking Regulations



Capilano Golf and Country Club has requested that PROBUS members park in the lower lot at all times of the year.

A shuttle service is available from the

lowest "Visitor Parking" area to the Clubhouse.

Handicapped parking and parking for those with mobility issues may continue to use the upper parking lot but are not to park in slots marked "Members Only". Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Gary Sutherland

Special Events

BC Cancer Agency's Genome Research Centre Tour
675 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver
Thursday April 23rd 10:45 am



The tour guides will describe their Personalized Onco-Genomics clinical research program that is being advanced as part of the diagnostic and treatment planning for patients with metastasized incurable cancers.

"The program evaluates and decodes the genome – the entire DNA inside cell of an individual patient's cancer to help understand what might be enabling it to grow and to potentially develop treatment strategies to block the growth. The overarching goal is to use the information to direct patients toward targeted therapy clinical trials whenever possible."

The agenda will include:

- Overview presentation of genomics
- Tour of the Genomics Centre
- Opportunity for Q & A

The tour will be followed by a group lunch at a nearby restaurant. This tour will be a very informative follow up to the talk on this subject given in April 2017 at our Main PROBUS Meeting by Dr. Marco Marra the director of the facility. Members can sign up for this tour by contacting John Elliott at johns.elliott@telus.net

Please note: The agency has relaxed their size limit to accommodate a group of 30 of our members. This will be the absolute maximum size we can allow.

John Elliott

Upcoming Events

- **March 5th** - West Vancouver Fisheries Research Centre - Event is full with a waiting list - Contact Jon Strom jon.strom@shaw.ca
- **May 19th** - Vancouver Viaducts Walk with John Atkin - Details in April Shorelines

PROBUS Bridge News



The PROBUS Bridge Club will be starting Season 2 of its 18th year in early April. New members are welcome. Play is every Monday afternoon to end of June at the West Vancouver Senior Centre. Play commences at 12:45 P.M.

Contact Phil Boase at pjboase@telus.net for details.

Phil Boase

PROBUS Golf News



Golf with the PROBUS Golf Group April to September

This year another trip to Osoyoos is in the preliminary planning stage. It will be an overnight trip with golf Tuesday and Wednesday in early June. The remainder of the season is in the planning stage and details will be circulated in early April. There is no registration fee but early registration is required to receive notice for each event. Start times for the other 5 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 and lots of camaraderie respond to Phil Boase at pjboase@telus.net.

Phil Boase



New Member Introduced and Welcomed at February Meeting



Dag Furst (*member since January 2020*) Dag was born in Norway but moved to Canada when he was 19 and received his Master of Applied Science degree at the University of Toronto. He started his career in IT with IBM and Univac before moving into consulting. Forty years ago, he became an Independent Consultant in Organizational Effectiveness and Change here in Vancouver. Clients have included Teck resources, Save-On Foods, Placer Dome and Versatile Shipyards. He is also an Adjunct Professor at SFU. He enjoys skiing, golf, squash, reading and writing. He has a special interest in the Alzheimer Society.



Greeters Bob McKilligan and Jim O'Rourke



Past-President Jim Grey welcomes new member

North Shore Rescue Base Visit

On February 21, 15 PROBUS members visited the Tim Jones Rescue Centre of the North Shore Rescue Society at 63 Bewicke Ave. in North Vancouver. The centre is the working rescue base for the Society, comprising workshops, equipment bays and a conference room.

The visit was hosted by Mike Danks, one of the Team Leaders. Mike is very enthusiastic about NSR and provided an excellent visit. He arrived with coffee and muffins for the visiting PROBUS members! He gave an extremely interesting presentation that lasted well over an hour, describing the makeup of the organization and the nature of the operations.

The North Shore Rescue (NSR) Society is a volunteer organization that responds to emergency situations on the North Shore extending from Unnecessary Mountain to the west to the head of Indian Arm. It was founded in 1965 and is therefore one of the oldest search and rescue teams in Canada. It has 45 active members and a further five in training, as well as a Resource Group with specialist skills and three rescue dogs. The team also has access to advanced medical providers and avalanche forecasters.

Besides the Tim Jones Rescue Centre base, the NSR has 5 search and rescue outpost (SAR) stations distributed across the area which are equipped with rescue gear and a helicopter landing pad. Equipment caches are also located around the area.

The visit commenced with a tour of the workshops and the Vehicle Bay, which houses the rescue vehicles and an

ATV, as well as a training area. The photo below was taken in the vehicle bay.

In 2018 NSR responded to 144 calls. As can be expected, due to the accessibility of the mountains in their area of responsibility, most of the calls relate to lost hikers and skiers, including avalanche victims, although they also have capabilities for water rescues in the various rivers. Members of the team have also been called upon to assist in other areas in the Province, including the West Coast Trail.

One of the interesting aspects of the presentation was the description of the helicopter operations used in the rescues. The team has access to helicopters provided by Talon Helicopters through a contract with the Province, including a Dauphine especially equipped for SAR operations, and by 442 Squadron of the RCAF, whose helicopters have night flying capabilities.

The presentation was interspersed with numerous very interesting case histories, some with video footage, related to avalanches in the Hollyburn Mountain, Mt. Seymour and Theta Lake areas, lost hikers and snowshoers, and a water operation in the Lynn Canyon that lasted 1900 hrs.!

The Society is funded by donations from the public, with support from the municipalities on the North Shore and the Province. For any PROBUS member looking to donate to a charitable organization, NSR is highly recommended.

Pete Stacey



Last Month Speaker - Mr. Justice S. David Frankel



Past-President Jim Grey thanks Speaker David Frankel with a bowl hand crafted by a member.

Mr. Justice Frankel of the BC Court of Appeal began his talk with advising the meeting that there are various ways that he can be addressed, such as My Lord, Mr. Justice, Judge or David depending on your profession, age or experience. Based on the fact that our members are mostly professional and old, we could address him as Judge!

The Judge spent 32 years at the Criminal Prosecution Section of the Department of Justice and during this time, there is no doubt that he made much of the law that, later in his career, he was to adjudicate on as a Justice on the BC Court of Appeal. With his experience as a Prosecutor, it was inevitable that the sitting (2007) Federal Minister of Justice would appoint him to both Superior Courts of BC. What was unusual was that both Appointments came within two months of each other!

Appointments to the Bench of Superior Courts in BC are made after a detailed background check (not political), input from the legal profession and a review of the candidates' general personality, mostly without the knowledge of the candidate. Once the Judge passed all the requirements, he got a preliminary call from a Justice Department Bureaucrat to inquire whether he would accept an Appointment. Upon agreeing to the inquiry, the Judge was sworn to secrecy with the specific instructions that even his wife could not be told! (This was so that the Minister could change his mind if he so felt.) The Bureaucrat then advised that the call would come from the Minister at 5:30 PM the next day. Prior to 5:30, the Judge received an email from the Minister to call him at a specific number. The problem was that the number was NOT assigned. The Judges' telling of the actual circumstances of his Appointment had the members chuckling well into the Judges'

address and it was clear to the members that not only was he a good Judge but that he was a great raconteur!

While the Judge spent the remainder of his time on many details about the BC Court of Appeal, there were a few points that stand out:

1. It is the highest Court in BC.
2. It is a trier of the Law not Fact. The Supreme Court of BC is the trier of Fact and, in the first instance, applies the law.
3. The Appeal Court decides whether that law applies.
4. The Appeal Court is well organized, the Judges are congenial, co-operative and generally get their work done in a timely manner. (My comment. This compares very favourably to the Supreme Court.)
5. The Court of Appeal may hear an appeal from the Criminal Court if the trial went by Direct Indictment.
6. The average timing from filing an Appeal to its being heard is less than six months.
7. The BC Court of Appeal can and does hear cases in the interior of BC, Victoria and the Yukon.

The Judges' remarks got a good hearing and set an excellent precedent for following speakers.

George Davis



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