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Christmas Luncheon



Tuesday December 16

Capilano Golf Club

Open for Check-in: 11:00 am
Reception: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Lunch: 12.30 pm - 2:00 pm

*[A reminder that Capilano Golf Club requires gentlemen
to wear jackets in the Main Dining Room.]*

**At check-in you will receive a name badge plus a matching seat
reservation card to pre-select seats in the dining room.**

Note new Meeting Times

Management Committee has adopted the following timetable for club meetings:

09:00 Open for member fellowship, with morning coffee/tea and breakfast
snacks provided

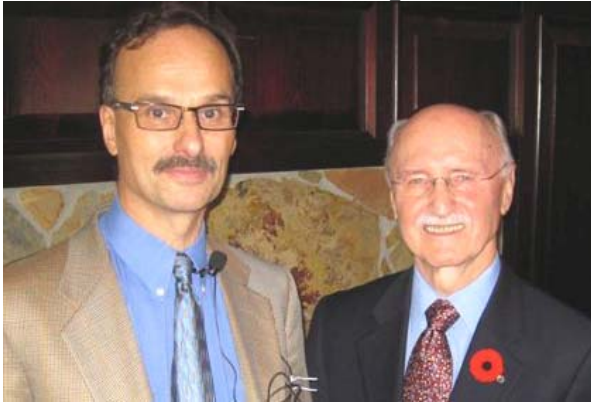
09:45 Formal meeting will begin, to include general club business, guest
speaker introduction, speaker presentation and questions from members

11:30 Meeting expected to end

Next Meeting Speaker Monday, January 12, 2009

Bjorn Moller, President and CEO of TeeKay Shipping, a Vancouver
based major global shipping business serving the oil and gas industry will
speak to us on *“Building a Global Franchise”*.

Last Month's Speaker



David Osoba with Dennis Molnar



Special Guests Edna Cooper and Jack Gallagher

The November meeting was a time to remember the supreme sacrifices made by Canadians in World War II. We had the pleasure of hearing from three special guests and presenters with special ties to that era: .. Major Jack Gallagher (a Probus Member), intimately involved in the life and death struggles of that epic conflict;

.. Dennis Molnar (also, a Probus Member), involved with research of the era; and

.. Edna Cooper, intimately involved with the “cat and mouse” spy game played in the winning of the war.

The presentation began with Major Gallagher sharing his vivid memories from more than 60 years ago of battles waged and comrades and friends lost and wounded. He urged us never to forget the valiant sacrifices of those brave men and women who gave their lives for us. Jack spoke to us of his return to Normandy on Friday, June 4, 2004 as a member of the Veterans delegation marking the 60th anniversary of D-Day. The enormity of the gravesites reminded him of the human costs of war and how it is total suicide to hope to settle differences through war with today's weapons of mass destruction.

Dennis Molnar presented a comprehensive, visual story of the "cat and mouse" game between the Allies and the German war machine which played a critical part in the waging of the war and in its ultimate defeat by the Allies.

At the outset, the German submarine Wolf Packs were successful in destroying the allies' convoys transporting needed supplies to Britain. Aiding the Germans in their success was their incredible Enigma Machine whereby the German forces communicated with their naval fleet and armies. Dennis explained the intricate mechanism of the coding Machine with its astounding 150 million, million, million combinations of codes to encrypt their messages.

The code breaking was done in great secrecy at Bletchley Park, outside London by thousands of dedicated people working untold hours round the clock with logic as their tool and without today's sophisticated computers at their command.

The cracking of the code enabled the Allies to learn the German forces plans, locations, troop movements, etc. That success helped locate and sink the Bismark and aided many other successful operations. Once it was decoded, the "cat and mouse" game began even more in earnest as it was absolutely critical to keep their success a secret so that the Germans would continue to believe that their communications were secure, otherwise it would have been less than useful as the Germans would have resorted to new secret codes.

We were very fortunate to have as our special guest, Edna Cooper, who as a young lady was one of the staff of almost 9,000 working in the major Enigma Machine code breaking operation. Edna charmingly described her time during the war - cycling to work in the dark, long hours working alongside geniuses looking for the clues to decoding which subsequently resulted in the defeat of the Germans.

Because all Bletchley employees were sworn to 30 years of secrecy, she could not tell even her parents the nature of her work, and sadly her father died only a few months before that secrecy period ended.

Ernie Maguire



Hartley Jensen



Mallory Smith

Hartley was born in Leiden, Holland. His father was recruited by VW and posted to Toronto as one of the first VW employees in Canada in 1953. Hartley was educated in Toronto and Vancouver (UBC) graduating with a BSc in Mathematics and Chemistry and an MBA in Finance. The Bank of Canada employed him, off and on, for 35 years. Hartley's wife, Helen, was with Canada's overseas development assistance agency, CIDA, and was posted to a number of countries including Bangladesh, Barbados and Singapore. Hartley traveled with Helen, living outside of Canada for 9 years total --- an interesting way of accommodating two professional careers. They have a son currently enrolled at Carleton University in Ottawa. Hartley's father was a member of the Dutch underground during WWII and his emigration to Canada was a highlight in Hartley's life. The quality of life they found in Canada was unimagined in Holland.

Mallory was born in Albany New York and grew up in Winchester, MA, graduating from Harvard College in 1952. He joined Hemphill, Noyes & Co. on Wall Street and joined the Navy in November of 1952, becoming a Carrier Pilot. In 1957, he joined Koppers Company, Inc. in their Metal Products Division in Baltimore, rising to Regional Manager in 1961, moving to Toronto in 1964 to start a Canadian subsidiary and in 1969 to Vancouver as Chairman, President/CEO of Koppers International Ltd. In 1983, he left from Koppers to become President of McGavin Foods, Western Canada's largest bakery, later moving to President of Methane Technologies Ltd. and CEO of Canadian Communications Ltd. before becoming a Management Consultant. In 1987 he joined General Realty on Bowen Island, later buying the company with a partner, and renaming it Bowen Island Realty, Ltd. He retired in December, 1999. Mal and Mary Ann have 4 children and make their home on Bowen Island.



Robert Clark

Robert is a native Vancouverite, growing up in Kerrisdale. He attended UBC graduating with a degree in dentistry. In 1969 he commenced practice in WestVan and practiced in 3 locations over the next 39 years. Robert's extracurricular activities included volunteering with Collingwood School during the foundation challenge of finding community support for the now renowned private school. The Clark's have 3 sons all living the Vancouver area. Robert and Susan spend their free time tending the flower garden at their place on Halfmoon Bay on the Sunshine Coast. Robert says, "we also have played golf poorly for 35 years".

Bridge Club Notes

The Bridge Club held a well attended fun evening wind-up session for the year on November 10 and is looking forward to next year.

The bridge group is a popular addition to our Club's regular activities and meets to play at 7:30 to 10:30 PM on the second Monday of the months of January to June, September and October for a total of eight evenings of bridge (16 hands each session, using a modified Chicago system) with an annual wind-up session in November.

Currently, the group has openings for all levels of players, both full time and spares. Any members who may be interested in joining the bridge club are invited to phone Phil Boase at 604-985-2790 for more details.



**President's
Report
(David Osoba, Vice-
President's Reporting in
place of the President)**

David Osoba

Esio was away for our meeting on November 10th and has asked me to write a report in his absence. "When the cat's away, the mice will play" is the saying, but except for three members who started out on their own in the wrong room we got down to work and we covered a lot of business quickly at the Management Committee meeting on November 4th.

As you will note on page one, the doors for our meetings will now open at 9 o'clock so you will have more time to have coffee/tea and be able to have a chat or two before the business part of the meeting starts promptly at 9:45 am.

After our usual drop-off at renewal time, and with 9 new members having joined in October and November, our Club membership has grown again and we are back at nearly 300 members. You should all have the new 2008/09 membership roster by now.

Based on the attendance to hear our two recent speakers, it seems clear that our speaker program is well received and we can all thank Ernie Maguire for leading our Speakers Committee and providing us with such interesting speakers.

Our new newly expanded and updated website is now up and running at the site address noted in the information box to the right on this page. It has a great deal more information added to it, so please visit the site and give us your comments.

The November meeting presentations by Dennis Molnar and our special guests, Jack Gallagher and Edna Cooper were so enthralling that you could have heard a pin drop, despite there being a record number (178) of members in attendance. Solving the enormous Enigma Machine code puzzle took the coordination of many men and women and a great deal of patience. All together it was a fitting morning to prepare us for Remembrance Day.

David Osoba.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

January 12: Bjorn Moller, President and CEO of Teekay Shipping, a major global shipping company with its operating headquarters in Vancouver specializing in providing marine services to the oil and gas industry will speak to us on "*Building a Global Franchise*".

February 9: Dr. André Gerolymatos, recognized as a world-authority on Middle Eastern affairs, is welcomed back for an unprecedented 6th time to provide us with his updated clear and concise analysis of recent developments and current problems in the region.

November Greeters



David Schine and Keith Pople

MEETINGS

Second Monday of every month (except December):
Coffee and fellowship 9:00 am to 9:45 am
Club business and speaker: 9:45 am to 11:30 am
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