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**Speaker: Monday, September 14, 2009**

**Calvin Darrell Helin**

Author: *Dances with Dependency:  
Out of Poverty Through Self-reliance*

*“New Hope for Native Peoples”*

Mr. Helin is a member of the Tsimshian Nation from the community of Lax Kw’alaams (Port Simpson) on the Northwest coast of B.C. He is a son of a hereditary Chief, a practicing lawyer and entrepreneur. In addition to his other distinctions, he is a recipient of the top “40 Under 40” awards for both British Columbia and for Canada.

Mr. Helin is the author of publications relating to law, Aboriginal business and related issues. With the release in 2008 of his best selling book, *Dances with Dependency: Out of Poverty Through Self-Reliance*, he has developed an international reputation. His newest book, *Surviving Dependency: Hope and Empowerment Through Self-Reliance*, is expected to be released sometime in 2009. Mr. Helin is also President of the Native Investment and Trade Association, a director of the National Council of Welfare, and an Advisory Board member of the SOS Children’s Village.

He has founded and instructs at the Shudokan Karate and Education Society providing free martial arts lessons to poor inner-city children as a way of teaching them discipline, manners, self-respect and other important life lessons.

**Speaker: Monday, October 5**

**Note: First Monday in October due to Thanksgiving Day holiday conflict**

**Elsbeth Bradbury,**

landscape architect and author

*“History of Vancouver North Shore: A View Through the Trees”*

## Last Month Speaker



**Christopher Gaze with Esio Marzotto**

We were privileged at our August 10 meeting to have Christopher Gaze, founder of Vancouver's *Bard on the Beach Festival*, describe to us the past 20 years of operation. He began with a video showing their two theatre tents in Vanier Park, a beautiful setting of beach, ocean and mountains, with several members of the cast in costume, including our guest outfitted in ladies clothing.

In 1989 the Festival's annual operating budget was \$35 thousand compared with the current year budget of \$3.5 million and attendance was 6,000 versus 87,000. The first and a key change made in year two was to open the back of the main tent so the audience could enjoy the beautiful view beyond the stage.

The Festival has become phenomenally successful commonly with 98% to 100% of capacity sold out for 225 performances over four and one half months. It is a remarkable achievement and it is a dream come true for people in the arts. He credits much of the success to Vancouver's large number of excellent actors.

The business of managing an acting company is complex. As artistic director, he selects the directors and chooses the actors, along with the designers of the sets and costumes. Crises occur as in every business. Recently the lead actor in *Richard II* fell seriously ill and Gaze had to step in to replace him in the role while retaining the task of juggling the other plays.

*Bard on the Beach* is all about Shakespeare, the complete master of language to express feelings, ideas and philosophies. Many of the *Bard's* members belong to the Churchill Society that recognizes another great orator who could persuade and move

people to action. Christopher Gaze believes that Churchill learned his great oratorical skills from his knowledge of Shakespeare.

400 years later, Shakespeare's plays continue to thrill people as they have throughout the ages. There is a sense of the eternal about them.

Gaze treated us by reciting a poem Shakespeare wrote to immortalize his son who died at a young age when he was away performing in London. As an additional special treat, Christopher thrilled us with Henry V's speech to his generals at the Battle of Agincourt when they were facing certain defeat by the French. Our members applauded loudly.

Gaze answered questions for twenty minutes to the delight of our members and guests.

Ernie Maquire



## August Greeters



**Stan Samain and Dick Andersen**

## Brief biographies of a few members

	<p><b>Keith Pople</b></p>		<p><b>Dan Potts</b></p>
<p>Keith was born and graduated from high school in Trail BC where his father was a machinist with Cominco. He received a BA. Sc. in Metallurgical Engineering from UBC in 1957 and was certified as a P. Eng. in 1961.</p> <p>On graduation from university he took a position with Dorr-Oliver-Long, a manufacturer of mining and process equipment, working out of their Toronto office and in 1961 he was transferred to Vancouver. Five years later he joined Wright Engineers Ltd., a mining consulting engineering firm, and worked on various mineral-processing assignments for the next 3 years. In 1969 he accepted the position as Project Manager with Acres Consulting Engineers, working on mining projects.</p> <p>In 1979 Keith joined a colleague as a partner and Manager of Engineering with Multifibre Process Ltd., a company specializing in the development and sale of custom designed process equipment for the mining and pulp and paper industries He retired from the company in 1993.</p> <p>Keith met and married Maureen during their time at UBC. They are parents of a son (deceased) and a daughter with 3 grand children.</p> <p>In his retirement Keith assists as a volunteer in WV District committees including: Community Dialogue - Neighborhood &amp; Housing Work Group, Evelyn Drive Guidance Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. He is also a director of the Preserve Vancouver and the Ambleside-Dundarave Ratepayer Organizations. In his spare time he finds time to enjoy tennis, bridge, gardening and cycling.</p> <p>Keith expects to begin his second year as Chair of our House Committee for the coming year.</p>		<p>Dan used his degree in Chemical Engineering with a Masters in Business Administration to pursue a 40 year career in the pulp and paper industry. Beginning in Tacoma, Washington his career led him to Springfield, Oregon; Missoula, Montana; Ontonagon, Michigan; Stamford, Connecticut; Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; back to Missoula, Montana; then to Florence, South Carolina; and finally to Kitimat, BC and on to Vancouver.</p> <p>Along their travels Dan and his wife Dian dropped off four children that are spread from east to west across the United States. All are married, with nine grandchildren.</p> <p>Being a boating enthusiast, Dan acquired a 32-foot diesel powered cruising boat upon arrival in BC and with wife Dian has visited much of the BC Coast and Alaska. They have not lacked the wonderful halibut and salmon available to those fortunate to be in places like Kitimat where the fishing is world class.</p> <p>Dan and Dian have now lived in the same residence in West Vancouver for over 11 years, the longest in one place since they were married in 1962. They continue to enjoy boating and bridge. Dian is an avid tennis player and Dan makes his golf partners feel better at their weekly outing at Gleneagles. They travel on occasion and will be taking their second European cruise this summer.</p> <p>Dan works part time as Executive Director of the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee, an association representing BC Hydro industrial customers trying to maintain the advantage of low cost electric power for our power intensive industries.</p> <p>Dan expects to move from his current role as Secretary to Vice-President for the coming year.</p>	



## President's Report

**Esio Marzotto**

The backbone of any organization is its members. As my year as President comes to a close, I would like to salute you, our members. You attend our meetings regularly and provide our speakers with an audience deserving of their efforts to inform, entertain and otherwise stimulate us with their views.

I am proud of our club's accomplishments and grateful for the participation of so many members. I am indebted to the dedicated team that we know as the Management Committee. I hope that your participation on the Committee has been as rewarding for all of you as it has for me. I have learned from you and very much enjoyed being in your company.

The future management of our club is in competent hands. A number of Committee chairs have agreed to continue in their roles thereby providing valuable continuity with several new members bringing the fresh new ideas needed in an active club. To President-Elect David Osoba and his new team I wish every success in the coming year.

Esio Marzotto



## Special Events

**Update on Navy Frigate HMCS Calgary Day Sail:** We recently received a "Thank You" note from the Military Family Resource Centre in Esquimalt acknowledging the generous contribution of \$1,870 from our members who attended the event.

**Bard on the Beach:** On August 18 sixty members and guests ventured out on a glorious, warm sunny evening to enjoy the slightly risqué comedy "*All's Well That Ends Well*" We managed to get in the front of the line and reserve seats somewhat close to one another.

**Golf Group:** Members enjoyed golf and social time at Northlands on June 29 (16 golfers) and at Squamish on July 27 (20 golfers). [Pictures](#) are posted on our website. A third golf outing is scheduled at Squamish for September 14, starting at 1:26 pm. The plan is to be "golf ready" at our meeting in the morning and to leave directly from Capilano for Squamish, grabbing a bite of lunch there. To join the group, contact Phil Boase at [pjboase@telus.net](mailto:pjboase@telus.net) or at 604-985-2790.

Malcolm Metcalfe

### MEETINGS

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays falling on that day; in addition, our Christmas Luncheon replaces the December meeting.

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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