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MEETINGS

Third Tuesday
of each month
9:30-11:30 a.m.
(year round)

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**Next Meeting
Tuesday May 17, 2005
Captain Gordon Houston
President
Vancouver Port Authority**

Born and raised on the Isle of Bute, close to the West Coast of Scotland, Capt. Houston is now in his 40th year in Marine Transportation. Following a 24 year seagoing career, he became the Harbour Master for the port of Prince Rupert. He then moved to the Port of Vancouver where he served as Harbour Master, Vice President of Operations, and in March 2001 was appointed President and CEO of the Vancouver Port Authority.

Captain Houston is also:

- Chairman, Greater Vancouver Gateway Council
- Chairman of the Executive Committee of WESTAC
- Chairman of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities
- Member of the National Marine and Industrial Council
- Director of the Canada-China Business Council
- President of Port Vancouver Ventures and Port Vancouver Holdings

He is a graduate of Liverpool and Glasgow Universities, and of the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College. He currently holds positions on a variety of other professional, community and charity boards.

**Upcoming Speaker
Tuesday, June 21, 2005**

**Mr. Bob Ackles
President BC Lions, Governor CFL**



Our April Speaker

Dr. John Nightengale, President, Vancouver Aquarium & Marine Science Centre introduced by Brian Cooper and thanked by President Stu McNeill (pictured).

The Vancouver Aquarium will celebrate 50 years of caring in 2006. Dr. Nightengale told us that the Aquarium with its 250 staff members and 900 volunteers have hosted more than 900,000 visitors. The economic impact of the Centre exceeds \$70 million. It receives no annual subsidy, it is totally self sustaining. Initially, the 3 levels of government equally funded the capital investment.

The mission remains “Conservation of Aquatic Life” with the principles: excellence in animal care; responsive to the community; maintain dynamic visitor experience; expand on education focus and; remain a self supporting non-profit organization.

Where will it go in the next 50 years? It has already begun sharing its expertise with other city aquariums including Las Vegas, Seattle, Beijing and is exploring relationships with aquariums in Toronto and other cities. It will have new facilities and expanded research activities. In 2006, a new Discovery Education Centre will be completed and later a new food service facility, mechanical infrastructure with seismic upgrades and, a new entrance. There will be new animals, Beluga Whales and Pacific Dolphins. There will be new species of sharks, beavers and sea birds. Visitors will have new experiences with greater audio / visual technology and more interpretive staff.

New programs will include the TD Canada Trust Great Shoreline Cleanup which currently enlists over 50,000 people across Canada; Ocean wise Sustainable Seafood program; an expanded BC Sightings Network; Distance Education via the internet and an expanded travelling Aquavan program.

Research facilities now include a 2 story building with meeting space for large groups and a new research laboratory.

The Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking Project (POST) is solving the mystery of where salmon go once they leave the rivers. The technology is also useful for monitoring the movements of other marine animals. POST, hosted at the Vancouver Aquarium, is one of 13 projects around the world contributing to the Census of Marine Life – a ten-year initiative, launched in 2000, to assess and explain the diversity, distribution and abundance of marine life in the oceans – past, present and future.

The project will evaluate the scientific value and feasibility of building a permanent large scale ocean telemetry system for studying the marine phase in the life history of salmon and other marine animals.

The project’s immediate task was to test the first generation technical equipment and obtain an initial set of data to show that a complete census can essentially be achieved.

Dr. David Welch of Nanimo is the Chief Scientist and responsible for the original conception of POST as a permanent large scale tracking array spanning the west coast of North America and, is also heavily involved in developing the technical basis for the array infrastructure.

Dr. Nightengale responded to a number of questions including oil and gas exploration. He said the dangers are not the risk of spills as they can be controlled but, “we need to control the seismic effects of exploration on fish stocks”. More information is available on the websites:

www.vanaqua.org/aquanews, & www.postcoml.org.



Guy Winch

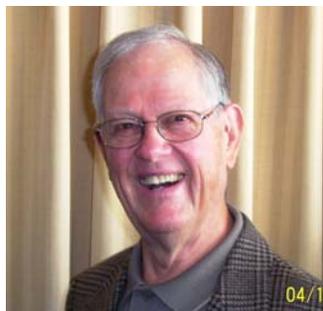
Guy was born in London England, in 1926. His family moved to Jamaica where he received his primary and secondary education. After a brief career with the British Army, he returned to his studies at the University of St. Andrews to study Medicine, where he graduated Cum Laude in 1952.

While at University, he met his wife and life long best friend Cynthia (nee Ellison), who graduated with a Science degree in Marine Biology. They were married in 1951, and over the years they were blessed with five daughters, all of whom live in the Vancouver area, and now boast thirteen grandchildren.

He was successful in passing the examination for the Diploma in Obstetrics of The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and they decided to immigrate to Canada. Guy joined the RCAF as a Medical Officer in 1955, which offered a wide experience in both Obstetrics and general medicine, which he greatly enjoyed, but Cynthia didn't!

In 1962 he set up a consulting practice in Obstetrics and Gynaecology on the North shore at Lions Gate Hospital, where he remained in practice for twenty-seven years. For several years he was also involved in the Teaching program at UBC, and held the rank of an Assistant Clinical Professor. He is a past President of the Lions Gate Medical staff, was Chief of Staff at the time of his retirement and is a past President of The Pacific Northwest Obstetrical and Gynaecological Association.

He and Cynthia reside at their home in West Vancouver, enjoy time at their cottage on Gabriola Island, and try to keep up with their many grandchildren. Hobbies include Golf (is a member of Seymour Golf Club) woodworking, gardening, and Bridge.



Ian Evans

Ian was born in Toronto in 1926 and received his early elementary education at Lord Ballantyne, Montreal West (Grade 2 with Buddy Eddie McRae) and Lord Roberts, Kitsilano Jr. High (Bugle Band and Seaforth Highlanders Cadet), Oak Bay Sr High (Bandmaster and writer of all supplemental exams). Graduating on D-Day 1944.

Summer jobs were: "Half Circle Bar Ranch" Clinton as ranch hand with veterinary in mind. Developed street verbiage to a fine degree - B.C. Packers, Quathiaski Cove, Cape Mudge, etc. - grading fish and assorted jobs - played trumpet for Cape Mudge Indian Orchestra - big Saturday night dance at Campbell River.

Canadian Infantry Corp #131 1944-45 - heading to Victoria (45-46) College (Craigdarroh Castle) and March on Parliament for new quarters as 600 students did not pass fire regulations.

Graduating College of Optometry of Ontario 1950. Took settlers pass on P.G.E. to Quesnel and bus to Prince George to open Optometric Practice.

Assessing central interior needs provided services to New Hazelton, Smithers, Telkwa, Frazer Lake, McBride, Chetwynd, Quesnel and Gransile. Opened satellite offices in Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Ft. St. James. Formed Central Interior Laboratories (a lens manufacturing plant).

Hobbies: Development: built 3 office/retail buildings and an Apartment block. Tennis sidelined with ruptured disc, moderate golf, reading and Rotary member since 1951. First Rotary project - the Fort George Historical and Museum Society - was the seed for today's Frazer Fort George Regional Museum. 3 term President "University Club of the Desert" Palm Desert, California. Ian and wife Glenna of 21 years spend their winters in Palm Springs and divide the rest between North Shore and Prince George. Blended family consists of a Son, Daughter and 7 grandchildren.



President's Report

A number of our members will have vivid memories of the end of the war 60 years ago this month. And many more of us will recall the stories told by those dear to us and now deceased. 2005 has been declared the Year of the Veteran to thank and honour all veterans who served their country in times of war, military conflict. Throughout this special commemorative year, Canadians will actively remember, celebrate and learn about the service and sacrifice of our veterans. I join with you in saluting our veterans and remembering their heroic deeds.

For our more recent members, you may wish to look back at our Club's brief history and catch up on the biographies of many members. I always enjoy reading of the varied backgrounds of our members and marvel at the diversity. The Communications Committee reports that all of our monthly Shorelines Newsletters, current as well as past issues can now be viewed on the Club website:

www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca.

I feel certain that many of you have your very own interesting stories to tell and I invite you to contact a member of Communications Committee with a view to sharing your story with us by way of publication in Shorelines. Send email to:

shorelines@probus-northshorevancouver.ca

We continue to enjoy excellent speakers. Dr. John Nightingale gave an outstanding presentation on the many activities of the Vancouver Aquarium and we look forward to hearing from Captain Gordon Huston, President of the Vancouver Port Authority at the May 17th meeting.

Stu McNeil

SPECIAL EVENTS NOTICE

Our Shakespeare Festival evening to see "*As You Like It*" August 10, 2005 has proved to be a popular addition to our Special Events program, and the early pre-theatre dinner and bus transportation to and from the Bard on the Beach complex adds the bonus of convenience and an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of fellow Probus members.

All members who applied for reservations either as couples or singles should have received a booking confirmation and we now have only eight seats vacant to so if you would like to participate you should make reservations as quickly as possible.

The cost per person is \$62.50, which includes theatre ticket, pre-theatre dinner, transfers to and from the Beach, taxes and gratuities.

Reserve by e-mail to:
events@probus-northshorevancouver.ca
or call 604-922-2628, Malcolm Nicholson.

FOR THE GOLFERS

"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."

Billy Graham

"If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt."

Dean Martin

"May thy ball lie in green pastures --- and not in still waters."

Author Unknown

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