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Christmas Luncheon

Capilano Golf Club
Tuesday December 18

Check-in: from 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.]*

When you check-in you will receive a name badge plus a matching
seat reservation card and, at your option, you can use this
to pre-select seats in the dining room.

Afterwards, we encourage you to move to the Guinness Room
to enjoy socializing with fellow members until 12:30 pm,
at which time we will take our seats in the dining room.

January 15 Speaker:

Dr. Michael Byers

Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at UBC
and acclaimed author will speak to us on:
“Canadian Sovereignty in the Arctic”

Last Month Speaker



Katherine Barbour
thanked by President Art Eberwein

For a fun filled three quarters of an hour Katherine Barber, Editor in-chief of the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary* entertained, informed and educated a full house of members and guests. She promised us a *Coles Notes* course in the history of the English language in 35 minutes, but she went well beyond and left us hungering for more.

English developed mainly from Anglo Saxon, the language of tribes from Germany and Denmark who invaded England in the 5th century AD displacing the existing Celts who resettled in Wales. From the invaders came 'England', the 'land of Angels', and the word 'English', and they provided the language with basic everyday words such as 'women, children, work, house'.

In 1066, William the Conqueror brought England under French speaking Norman rule. The Normans as the ruling class added many words associated with business and commerce and government. Their addition of the many new words used in their everyday language was the influence that resulted in English very often having two words instead of one for many things, and to the names 'calf, cow, sheep' were added words for the animals as food, 'veal, beef, mutton'. The Renaissance of the 15th and 16th centuries brought new interest in classical learning and many new words from Latin and Greek, 'physics, architecture, compute, radius, and academy'.

It was a fascinating story told by an enthusiastic student of the history and development of words, an *etymologist* (not to be confused with an *entomologist* --- whose interest is insects).

Esio Marzotto



November Greeters:



Edward Strong and Walter Burian



♪ They'll be home for Christmas ♪



A man in Newfoundland calls his son in Calgary two days before Christmas and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your Mother and I are divorcing, forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer, we're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Vancouver and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "No way are they getting a divorce," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Newfoundland immediately and screams at her father. "YOU ARE NOT GETTING DIVORCED! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, YOU HEAR ME." and hangs up.

The father hangs up the phone and turns to his wife, "Okay! It worked!" he says, "They're coming home for Christmas, and they're paying their own way this time!"

Member Biographies



Paul Avery: (recent member) *Retired psychologist and college instructor, student, skier and cook, seeks challenging new career as actor and hopes to be discovered by Steven Spielberg.* Paul was born and raised in Toronto where he completed degrees in Psychology and Adult Education at York and University of Toronto. He began his professional career as a member of the Psychology Department and was promoted to Head of Staff Development at Oak Ridge, an Ontario maximum security hospital for the criminally insane.

Paul moved to Vancouver in the 70's as a college instructor/Psychologist, retiring in 2004 after 30 years at Capilano College. He has studied acting for the past 10 years, and his interests are in film and TV.

Paul is enthusiastic about becoming a member of Probus. He appreciates the diversity of the membership and our variety of stimulating speakers.



New members introduced at the November Meeting

Viewed from left to right:

Membership Committee Chair: Ron Defieux

New members:

Jim Coomey

Clifford Barber

Paul Avery

President: Art Eberwein

Tour of Washington Marine Shipyard

25 members toured the Washington Marine ship building and dry dock facilities in NV on November 22. The two facilities and a 3rd in Victoria employ 1,000 people, including 35 engineers/designers. The NV facilities occupy 40 acres on the waterfront with large buildings housing fabrication, assembly, painting, rigging and machine shops. A highlight of the tour was viewing an oil barge under construction. The tour was conducted by John McNeil and Chris Fletcher of the Washington Marine Group. Workers are desperately needed, and as proof Chris Fletcher offered us all jobs on the spot! E. M.





President's Report

Greetings! The festive season is here again, and we welcome the warmth and goodness of spirit that it brings.

Our Christmas lunch at Capilano Golf and Country Club on December 18th will see a record turnout, with many more spouses joining us for the festivities. Malcolm Nicholson tells us that this year's program will be better than ever, which will be quite a feat considering the excellent job he has done in the past. I look forward to seeing you there.

Last month's meeting featuring Katherine Barber, Editor in Chief of the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary* was a highlight of our year, and was attended by 130 members and guests. Afterwards, she travelled to Vancouver Island to speak to other Probus clubs.

Our current membership roster stands at 270, and we anticipate receiving late renewals from members who have yet to reply to our call for renewal which we expect will again bring our membership back up to the 300 level reached last August.

Our larger membership and increased attendance at our monthly meetings places a strain on parking at Hollyburn which affects not only us, but Hollyburn's members attending concurrent activities at the Club. I would suggest that Probus members and guests car pool whenever practicable to reduce the difficulty in finding a place to park.

The formation of the Women's Probus Club, North Shore is proceeding apace. Applications for membership now exceed 70, and we have signed our commitment to be their sponsor. At their foundation meeting at Capilano Golf & Country Club on November 26, the Women's Club adopted their

constitution and by-laws and elected their first Management Committee headed by President Sue Campbell, Vice Presidents Cathy Jackson and Nancy Stewart and Secretary/Treasurer Barb Roberts. The Committee also includes Jill Flemons - House, Joan Brown - Programs, Marilyn Crawford - Membership, and Beth Drummond - Communications. Their Charter meeting is scheduled for January 21, and their first meeting with a guest speaker will be on Monday, February 18.

January's speaker will be Dr. Michael Byers, Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, who has been described as one of Canada's most brilliant young thinkers. He will talk to us about Canada's sovereignty over the North. In February, Dr. André Gerolymatos returns for his fifth time to share his insights into the turbulent Middle East. You won't want to miss either of these fine gentlemen.

Your Management Committee hopes you have enjoyed our Probus offerings this past year, and that you join us in looking forward to an interesting and stimulating program in 2008. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and may good health and happiness be with you throughout the New Year.

Art Eberwein

MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of every month: 9:30 am -11:30 am
Hollyburn Country Club
West Vancouver

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