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**Next Meeting  
Tuesday March 20, 2007**

**David Baines  
Columnist  
Vancouver Sun**

After graduating with a degree in English Literature at Queen's University in 1972, David took his initial foray into journalism, first at the Winnipeg Tribune and then the Vancouver Sun.

In 1976, David returned to school to do an MBA at the University of Western Ontario. He then spent five years in commercial banking with the Bank of Montreal and TD Bank. In 1988, he returned to the Vancouver Sun, where he works as a columnist and reporter covering the junior stock market and white collar crime.

In his writings, David has shown little patience for securities industry participants who work against the public interest. Among his targets have been regulatory bodies such as the B.C. and Ontario Securities Commissions; self-regulatory organizations such as the Investment Dealers Association, the B.C. Law Society and the Institute of Chartered Accountants; as well as prosecutorial and judicial bodies.

For his effort, he has received many journalistic awards, including four national newspaper awards (the second highest in Canadian history), a national magazine award and four Jack Webster Awards. He has also been threatened, sued and defamed. Several years ago, he won a libel suit against a group of market players who accused him of trading against his column. Damages were assessed at \$875,000 plus legal costs. It was the second largest libel award in Canadian history.

David Baines has been uncovering white collar crime for the past 20 years. His column appears in the Vancouver Sun Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**NEXT MONTH  
Bev. Van Ruyven  
Senior Vice President BC Hydro  
Energy Planning, Acquisition, Power Smart**



President Brian thanked Dr. Gerolymatos (l)

John Leonard introduced Dr. Gerolymatos by recalling his previous visits and how interesting and thought provoking they are remembered.

Dr. Gerolymatos began with a brief history of the Middle East beginning with the 18<sup>th</sup> century Sultan of the Ottoman Empire who saw himself as the protector of the Muslim Faith. He then took us through each of the world wars and their effects on Middle Eastern boundaries and the changes in Arab hierarchy.

The evolving leadership moved between leaders focused on Arab Nationalism and the Muslim Faith, a tension that continues today.

The USA became involved in the area unprepared with the history and complexities of the struggle years in the making and largely hidden from public awareness.

He described the extremist Muslim factions in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran, each seeking to lead the Arab world.

When asked if he could see and end to the hostilities and a return to peaceful coexistence, he threw up his hands and said it was impossible to predict at this point. He could only foresee continued conflict, whether or not western forces pulled out of the area.

President Brian thanked Dr. Gerolymatos for another stimulating presentation.

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Seven new members received pins from President Brian Don Besy, John Hill, Art Guthrie, Dale Lundstrom, Bob Curtis, Dennis Cole, Terry Hirst, (not in the order pictured).



Greeters today were Magnus Ericson and John Johansson

### *The Most Successful Classified Ad Ever*

**SINGLE BLACK FEMALE** seeks companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I am a very good-looking girl who loves to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping, fishing trips, and cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me.

*Kiss me and I am yours.  
(404) 875-6429 and ask for Daisy*

*Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to Atlanta Humane Society about an 8 week old black Labrador.*



**Jack Yasako**

Jack is another Edmontonian in our club. He was born there on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1938, the younger of two brothers. He attended East Glenn High School and then entered the University of Alberta where he earned his degree in medicine, graduating in 1962.

Deciding it was time for a change in venue he moved to North Vancouver, joining a practise in Deep Cove. 10 years later he moved his practise to the Lonsdale area, remaining there for the next 20 years.

In 1993 Jack decided it was time to retire and chose to do it on Halloween of that year. But it wasn't long before boredom set in and he decided to become active again as an assistant surgeon in the operating room. Well, this was just what the doctor ordered, as Jack has been busy in this role ever since. However, he is now down to 3 days a week.

Jack met and married Sabrina, a nurse from Vancouver General in 1964. They have two children, son Mark and daughter Cheryl.

His favourite activity is walking and he is a very active member of a Volkspport Club, where you have 10km walks followed by a beer and a wiener (sounds like it started in Germany.) He also belongs to some other walking clubs. An example of their activity is in the South Eastern U.S. where members go walking for two weeks, each day walking in a different town.

When he was young Jack's mother absolutely refused his riding a motorcycle...something he always wanted to do. A few years ago Jack spotted an advertisement in the North Shore News for a 1980 Honda Hawk motorcycle. It had only 400km on the odometer and was in great shape.

And the price was right. So now Jack is really happy. "I just love riding my motorcycle," says he.



**Terence (Terry)  
Hirst**

Terry was born in Stamford, England, and moved to Vancouver in 1955. He earned Bachelor and Master of Applied Science degrees from UBC in 1962 and 1965, respectively. While at UBC, he met and married Margie. He received a Ph. D. from the University of California (Berkeley) in 1968.

He began his professional career as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In 1976, the family (now including three sons) moved back to Vancouver where Terry became a partner in Cook, Pickering and Doyle Ltd., Consulting Geotechnical Engineers. Terry and Margie bought a house in West Vancouver, which remains their home to this date.

By this time, Terry's professional life had focused on providing geotechnical advice to the offshore oil industry. He spent the remainder of his career with Acergy S.A., one of the world's largest offshore subset contracting companies. His work took him all over the world including extended stays in France, Norway, Scotland and the U.S.A., having responsibility for the company's offshore operations in Western Europe, the Middle East, Africa and North America. He served on the Board of Directors of many of Acergy's operating companies and held the title of Executive Vice President when he retired. Terry was a member of a number of professional and industrial organizations, most recently as a member of the steering committee of the International Marine Contractors Association.

Terry and Margie retired back to West Vancouver in 2002 and Terry now enjoys his grandchildren (four at last count), golf, walking, skiing and travel.

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### President's Report

### *Spring is on the Way*

*The bride came down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.*

*She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?" He looked her right in the eye and said: "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"*

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*A golfer set up his ball on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, took a mighty swing hitting his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took another mighty swing: the ball hit a tree, bounced directly back hitting him in the forehead killing him.*

*As he approached the gates of heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer?" To which the man replied, "Got here in two didn't I?"*

Gentlemen:

The outstanding turnout of members to our Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, meeting points clearly to the importance of our Speakers Program to the success and vitality of our Club. Mr. Gerolymatos' address attracted over 170 members and guests. A full house! (We also signed up 5 new members.)

I would like to assure you that your executive are keenly aware of the importance of our Speaker Program and, under the capable direction of Lal Fox, an outstanding line up of speakers are scheduled. They will be diversified, thought provoking, sometimes controversial, entertaining and as topical as possible. Believe me, the speaker chair is not an easy position and Lal is always open to receiving recommendations for outstanding future candidates. Particularly if you can give us an entree.

Also, and as I am getting a little more comfortable behind the podium, I sense a pretty relaxed and easy-going atmosphere in the audience. I hope this is true and that you are enjoying the hour and a half or so you spend with us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of every month.

If you are not, I hope you will not be shy about telling any of us on the Executive Committee how we might be able to improve our monthly meetings.

I look forward to seeing you on Tues. March 20<sup>th</sup> and watch out for the Ides of March!

Et tu, Brute?

Brian Cooper

**MEETINGS**  
Third Tuesday of each month 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
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West Vancouver

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