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Speaker - February 19

Dr. André Gerolymatos
Chair of Hellenic Studies at SFU

*"The Politics of Fragmentation: The West
and the Middle East in the 21st Century"*

Dr. Gerolymatos is one of the most dynamic and interesting speakers we have had address our Club and we are delighted to welcome him back for an unprecedented fifth time. He is an internationally recognized authority on Middle Eastern affairs specializing in military and diplomatic history and has published articles and books on these subjects. Perhaps the greatest value in his presentations is his ability to give us clear and concise analysis of the current problems in the "hot spots" of the region.

Prior to joining Simon Fraser University, Dr. Gerolymatos was Director of the Hellenic Studies Centre at Dawson College in Montreal. In addition to the numerous books and articles, he has written on conflicts in the Mediterranean and Middle East, and he has lectured on those subjects at Harvard and Stanford Universities.

Next Month – March 18

Gail Anderson, PhD

Professor in Forensic Entomology at SFU:

*"Murder and Maggots: The telling role insects play in
gathering evidence for solving crimes."*

Last month's speaker



Michael Byers thanked by Esio Marzotto

Dr. Byers reminded us that Canada is a serious country. We are the eighth largest economy in the world. We are the only G-8 country with its finances in balance.

Canada is the second largest country in the world, as wide coast-to-coast as it measures from south to north into the Arctic. Canada has the longest coastline of any country and fully 40% of Canada's coastline is located in the Arctic region. Our Inuit people living in the Arctic villages, many along the North West Passage, are Canadians.

Dr. Byers travelled through the N. W. Passage with a group of scientists who converted a Canadian ice-breaker into a floating laboratory to measure the many factors influencing those waters, including assessing the results of rapid melting of the sea ice that may disappear in 20 years.

As a consequence of global warming, scientists forecast that the N. W. Passage could be open to regular navigation by 2015. Already, 80 cruise ships plied the Arctic waters in 2006. Freighters travelling from Shanghai to New York could save 4,000 miles going through the N. W. Passage rather than through the Panama Canal. Increased traffic will raise risks of sinking and spills of cargo with potential major environmental problems as well as losses of lives, all with extreme financial costs.

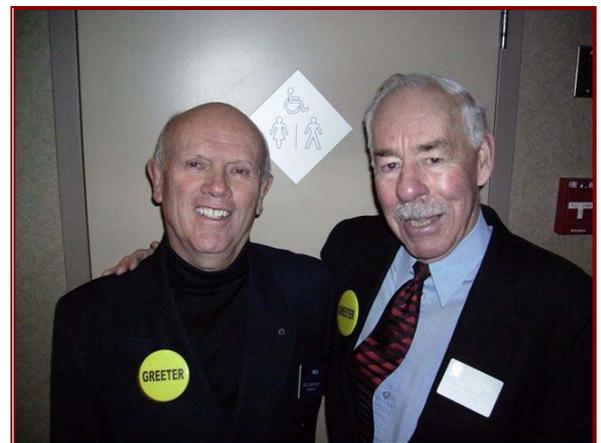


The increased potential for illegal immigration will become another serious threat as our vast and isolated Arctic shoreline becomes an additional entry point into Canada and indirectly to the USA. Currently, Canada has only 200 soldiers stationed in the Arctic region as well as 2 RCMP officers in each Arctic community responsible for that whole area.

Canada has a major challenge to convince other nations interested in these waters for its economic routes and the underlying wealth in natural resources – oil and gas and minerals – that these are Canadian sovereign waters and shorelines and islands, and that Canadian domestic law shall be accepted as the governing law. Once consensus is achieved internationally, Canada will be in a strong bargaining position to “do deals” with Russia, USA, Greenland and any others. Dr. Byers is active along with the Canadian government in presenting Canada's case internationally.

Ernie Maguire

January Greeters



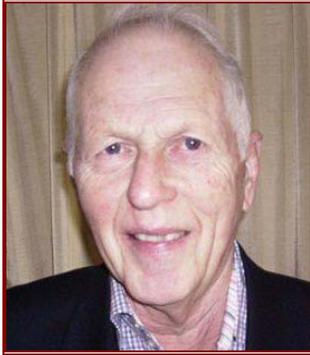
Reg Lightfoot and Barrie Gillmore

In Memoriam

Grant Herrington one of the original members of our club passed away on January 20 at the age of 81. Grant's career was in public relations and he worked in that capacity for many years with Rothman's. Grant is survived by his wife Joan and their two children and six grandchildren.

Member Biographies

George Parkes (new member in January 2008): *If you could build it, George would insure it.* George was born and educated in Vancouver. He spent 45 years in the insurance business here and in St. Louis, Missouri arranging insurance on such interesting things as nuclear submarines, airplanes, and LNG tankers, and locally on our many BC bridges and tunnels.

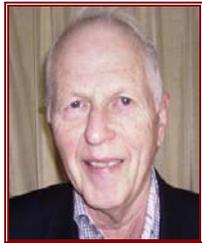


George has been active in our community as past-President of the Vancouver Central Lions Club and the Senior's North West Golf Association, and currently volunteers with the CNIB and the Kay Meek Centre. George is an avid golfer, and has been a member at Capilano for 48 years. He and his wife have 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. They enjoy travelling the world via house exchanges and cruises, the latest being a 64-day voyage around the Pacific Ocean.

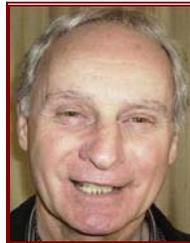
New Members introduced at January meeting



Terry Rogers,
Mining



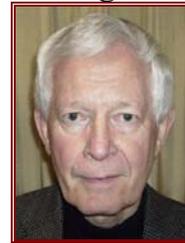
George Parkes,
Insurance



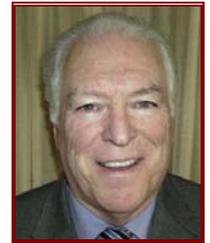
John Eaves,
Architect



Gerry Kent,
Investments



Les Janz,
Doctor



Larry Terrace,
Finance

Recognizing five common warning signs of STROKE MAY SAVE A LIFE, EVEN YOUR OWN

Many of us will encounter this life threatening situation.

The sooner medical attention is obtained for the person, the better the chance to minimize the potentially serious effects of a STROKE.

**BE PREPARED:
CALL 9-1-1.
IMMEDIATELY.**

1. Weakness - Sudden loss of strength or sudden numbness in the face, arm or leg, *even if temporary.*

2. Trouble Speaking – Sudden difficulty speaking or understanding, or sudden confusion, *even if temporary.*

3. Vision Problems - Sudden trouble with vision, *even if temporary.*

Also, you may recognize a stroke by asking the person three simple questions:

S* Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T* Ask the person to **TALK** -- to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (e. g "It is sunny out today.").

R* Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

* Remember first three letters of **S-T-R-OKE**

4. Headache - Sudden severe and unusual headache.

5. Dizziness - Sudden loss of balance, especially with any of the above signs.

The signs may be mild or severe. Even if the symptoms appear to go away quickly, seek medical attention IMMEDIATELY.



President's Report

Growth of Probus across Canada (and indeed throughout the world) has been quite remarkable. Two years ago, Don Brinton reported that there were 175 clubs in Canada. On January 21, I was privileged to present the Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver with their charter, bringing the number of Probus clubs in Canada to 194, with a membership of over 30,000.

Our sponsorship of the Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver has now been fulfilled, and it is gratifying to see them off to such a resounding start. Their membership continues to grow beyond the 210 announced at their meeting, where the turnout was over 90%. Credit for their successful start goes to their strong executive under the leadership of their inaugural president, Sue Campbell, and also to our John Leonard who worked tirelessly for the past four months to guide them through the process.

Attending with me at the meeting were John Leonard as our District Representative, and Reg Whynott, Managing Director of Probus Canada, who spoke about the purpose of Probus. In her closing remarks, Sue Campbell expressed her club's appreciation for the support and assistance we gave them. They have also repaid us for the sponsorship expenses we incurred on their behalf.

Unfortunately, I was away for our January meeting, but I am told that it was well attended. Dr. Byers' topic of Canada's interest in the Arctic provoked many questions from the gathering, an indication of our country's deep concern for this subject.

I look forward to seeing you at our February 19 meeting when we will be given an update on developments in the Middle East by one of our favourite speakers, Dr. André Gerolymatos.

Art Eberwein



Reg Whynott, Sue Campbell and Art Eberwein at presentation of Charter to Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver on January 21, 2008

MEETINGS

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

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