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Speaker – March 18

Gail Anderson, PhD

Professor in Forensic Entomology, School of
Criminology, at SFU:

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

Forensic entomology is the study of insects associated with a human corpse to determine elapsed time since death. Dr. Anderson is a consultant and a regular instructor to police forces across Canada and internationally. She has been analyzing and advising on such cases since 1988 and has often testified in court as an expert witness.

Dr. Anderson has a Masters degree and a PhD in entomology from SFU and a BSc in Zoology from Manchester University, England. She is a Fellow of the American Academy and the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences and has been President of the Entomological Society of BC and the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences, and is a member of the Entomological Society of America and Entomological Society of Canada.

She was a recipient of Canada's ‘Top 40 Under 40 Award’ and received a ‘YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Science and Technology’ in 1999, and the SFU Alumni Association ‘Outstanding Alumni Award for Academic Achievement’ in 1995. She was listed in TIME magazine as one of the top five innovators in the world, this century, in the field of Criminal Justice.

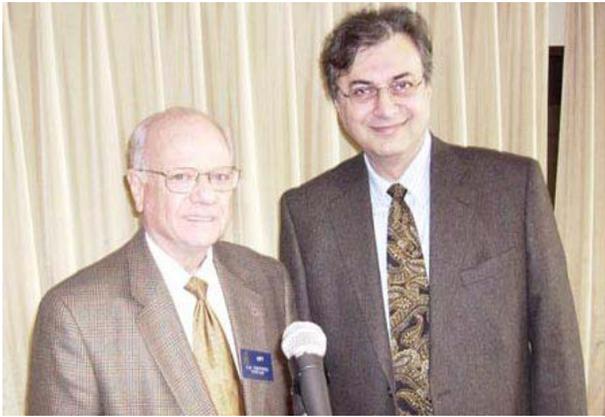
URGENT NOTICE RE HOLLYBURN PARKING – see page 3

Next Month – April 15

Doug Whitehead, Chairman (former president and CEO),
Finning International Inc.

“FINNING: Success globally and a look into the oilsands”

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER



Art Eberwein with André Gerolymatos

On his fifth enthralling visit, Dr. Gerolymatos presented a picture of grave concern and confusion in the Middle East among the players with influence there without realistic solutions.

Islam is comprised of Sunni and Shi'ite factions with a fierce divisive struggle existing between them which has continued for hundreds of years. Each of the Sunni and Shi'ite sects have their proxy radical groups with Hezbollah representing the Shi'ite faction while Al Qaeda is comprised predominately of Sunni. One or the other sect is predominant in Iran (Shi'ite), in Syria (Sunni) and in Saudi Arabia (Shi'ite) where the Wahabi sect, concentrated in the oil producing areas, would like to overthrow the Saudi Monarchy. All the while, except for Israel, Saudi Arabia is the USA's strongest ally in the Middle East area. The mutual hatred between the Sunni and Shi'ite sects is not put aside in their fight with the west, but compounds their attitude towards the western powers.

Russia controls vast oil reserves in the Caspian Sea and elsewhere that it supplies to European Union countries and China. As a result of its vast oil wealth Russia is returning to its former position as a major world power. Russia is very involved in Middle East affairs and regularly supplies weapons to Iran, some of them finding their way to Iraq. Russia has lately evolved from an atheistic model country to a religious country based on Eastern Orthodox doctrine while also home to 25million Muslims.

It appears that Turkey will engage in war with the Kurdistan province in northern Iraq. The Kurds with their large oil reserves are allies of the USA.

The USA presence relies too much on military firepower that often results in significant casualties. Iran is a clever nation with clever leaders who are convincing their people that the USA is vulnerable and losing "the war" with 20 injured Americans for every dead one. The Canadians in Afghanistan are model soldiers who are subtle in working for change and in their involvement in reconstruction.

And, the third generation of Islamic immigrants is now learning their own history in their mosques in their adopted countries throughout the world.

In response to questions, Dr. Gerolymatos offered his opinions on the following:

- .. Israel will survive. They are clever, hard working people who learn quickly and will bounce back.
- .. Bush's choice of the phrase "Crusading for Democracy" in 2003 appeared foolish and therefore was doomed to failure, like all other crusades.
- .. As to which presidential candidate is best equipped to deal with the Middle East he suggested that despite her political experience, Clinton may be ineffective as few Middle East leaders will talk to or listen to a woman; Obama's political inexperience leaves him weak in these matters; and McCain, the most experienced and forthright of the candidates believes that the USA cannot leave Iraq.

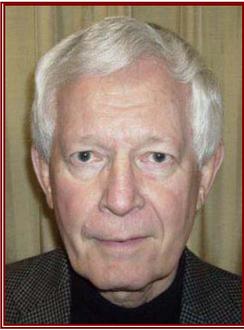
Ernie Maguire

January greeters



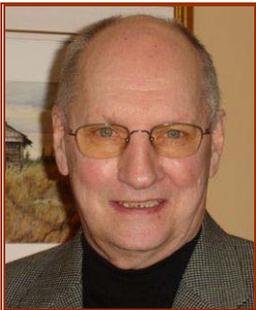
Ed Zurwick and Dale Lundstrom

Member biographies



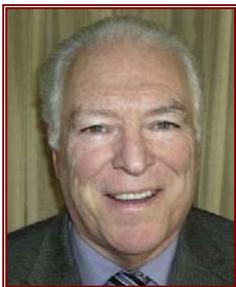
Les Janz (*new member Jan. 2008*): Les has recently retired after 50 years in family medical practice in West Vancouver. He also served in various executive positions with the BC Medical Association and the Lions Gate Hospital where he was Chief of Staff for five yrs.

Les was born in Saskatchewan and grew up and attended high school in Langley, BC. He graduated in Medicine from University of British Columbia in 1958. Les is married with 3 children and 9 grandchildren. In his retirement, he is looking forward to spending more time with family, travel and improving his golf swing.



Doug Hathaway (*new member Feb. 2008*): Doug retired in 2004 after 46 years in the woods products industry, 31 years with Weldwood Canada and 15 with other companies. In addition to his managerial roles, Doug was involved in new product development including working with the Alberta Research Council to develop the science of converting wheat straw into medium density fiberboard (MDF).

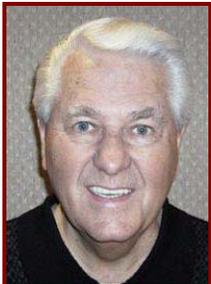
Doug was Born in Regina, Sask. in 1938. He is married to wife Linda and has 3 sons and 4 grandchildren. He is an avid golfer and a competitive pool player, and lately has taken up painting. Doug is actively involved in his community through Lions Clubs and the West Van Senior Centre (since 2004).



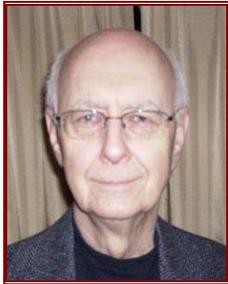
Larry Terrace (*new member Jan. 2008*): Larry retired in 2000 from life insurance business with Sun Life and various companies. He continues to work as a Certified Financial Planner with selected life insurance agents and mutual fund brokers.

Larry was born in Vancouver in 1939. He has been married to wife Jeanette for 45 years and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. His hobbies include sailing in the summer and cross country skiing and travel to warmer climes in the winter. Larry is active in his community through his local church and the diocese organization.

Other new members introduced in February



Don Beck
Insurance



Ed Frazer
Engineer



David Schine
Forestry

HOLLYBURN PARKING

Hollyburn Club has informed us that we must restrict our use of their parking area to 80 stalls at the very back of the lower parking lot behind the tennis courts.

In order to comply we ask members to “pair up” i.e. to bring at least one other member or guest in your car and to observe the signs directing you to the “Probus” parking area.

If already full, there may be limited parking near Hollyburn Club entrance on 15th Street.



President's Report

Last month, I commented on the growth of Probud in Canada. This month I will look somewhat inwardly to remark on the growth of enthusiasm in our own club. I confess that there were some of us on the Management Committee who wondered if we were pushing the envelope a little by asking Dr. André Gerolymatos back to speak to us for a fifth year in a row. The February turnout at our meeting and the spontaneous feedback received from many of you who attended certainly put that notion to rest.

Many of you have told me and other MC members that you thought February's meeting to be the best you could remember, and I hasten to thank you for your endorsement. From my perspective, I found it to be a most enjoyable meeting to chair, despite the very sobering message that Dr. Gerolymatos left us. I will look forward with great anticipation to hearing from him again next February, when I hope he will have some comments on the inroads of Middle Eastern cultures into the Canadian social fabric.

We set a record for attendance at 163 in February. This has resulted in concern at Hollyburn Club over the lack of parking for its regular member activities, and we have undertaken discussion with them in this regard. We are very cognisant that the Hollyburn Club must attend to their members' needs as a first priority. However, they have been very good to us, and we would like to continue to be welcome as guests each month.

In the December Shorelines you may recall my asking you to car pool as a potential solution to the parking problem. I now once again ask you do that to assist us to reduce the parking congestion by the "green" action of car pooling. Save gasoline, save

the environment, and save our presence at this central and well appointed facility.

The response to my call for help on the Management Committee was most gratifying, and we believe we now have eminently suitable candidates in hand for our various vacancies. We will be developing our common interests with the individuals involved, all with a view to making appropriate announcements in the April Shorelines.

Your enthusiasm is catching. For our part, we will continue to bring you speakers that appeal to your interests, and your suggestions in this regard will always be welcome. On March 18, we will look forward to what Doctor Gail Anderson can tell us about the role of insects in solving crimes.

A final thought for the month. I hope all you curling enthusiasts enjoyed The Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Did you know that John Leonard was instrumental in creating the advertising package that resulted in Scott Paper Products sponsoring this annual event for the past 27 years?

Art Eberwein

MEETINGS

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