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Next Meeting

Monday, February 14th, 2011

with speaker

John Allan,

President, BC Lumber Trade Council
President and CEO, Council of Forest Industries

“The Lumber Industry in BC”

John Allan is President of the BC Lumber Trade Council (BCLTC) and also President & CEO of the Council of Forest Industries Vancouver, BC. John has enjoyed a highly successful career addressing natural resource management and policy issues for the most senior levels of both the public and private sectors. He served as the Province Deputy Minister and is the Chair of the Board of the BC Bioenergy Network.

He will report on the status of the industry in BC, its contribution to the BC economy, and update key current issues of importance. Following is one such issue:

In January the BCLTC responded to a request by the Office of the United States Trade Representative to seek arbitration under the Softwood Lumber Agreement (SLA) on matters relating to British Columbia’s interior forest pricing system.

John Allan, commented that “the U.S. filing fundamentally takes issue with the damage done to B.C.’s interior timber supply by the Mountain Pine Beetle. The impact on B.C.’s timber supply has been staggering, as well as the impact on communities, workers and families, companies and the overall provincial economy”, Allan said.

Allan further noted that “the B.C. industry has followed the rules and has acted in accordance with the language of SLA which protects those rules through grandparenting. The SLA provides that so long as B.C. follows the practices and procedures in place the U.S. has no right to complain that the Agreement is being breached.”

With less than three years left under the SLA, the United States would be well advised to focus its efforts on confronting these long-term structural issues and fostering the ongoing collaborative effort on both sides of the border to grow the market for lumber. “We are deeply disappointed that the U.S. instead has chosen to resume protectionist action the Agreement was meant to end”, said Allan. “We’ve won every prior challenge the US has brought against BC’s forest policies, and will prevail this time as well,” Allan concluded.

March Meeting

Monday, March 14th - Rick Antonson,
President and CEO, Tourism Vancouver

Last Month Speaker



Dan Potts and Dr. John Maynard

Dr. Maynard, born in North Vancouver, a North Shore family physician who now serves as Co-Senior Medical Director of the North Shore Coastal Health Area, shared with us their goals and objectives on his visit January 10th, 2011.

The Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Authority was formed December 2001 and provides primary, secondary and continuing care to over 1 million people and over 4 million people with tertiary and quaternary care, serving the whole province of B.C.

VCH has a staff of 22,000 and enjoys the assistance of 5000 volunteers in hospitals and community settings throughout the lower mainland, the Sunshine Coast, the Sea to Sky and parts of the north coast. It is affiliated with many universities and colleges and its research in their two institutes generates ideas and wealth for B.C.

A recent major challenge for VCH was the responsibility for planning and providing for the health needs of the thousands of residents, athletes and tourists attending the 2010 Olympics.

Lions Gate Hospital (LGH) offers 24/7 emergency service, 245 acute care beds and is one of 5 new surgical centres in B.C., a recognized trauma centre with 9 operating rooms.

Nine surgical services are offered at LGH, including:

Orthopedics - 4 years ago a Joint Replacement Access Clinic (JRA) was established to provide rapid access to knee and hip assessment and replacement. The surgery quality has improved and recovery has accelerated.

Heart - increasingly, minimally invasive procedures are replacing open heart surgeries.

Neurosurgery - LGH is one of 5 regional trauma centres in B.C. and is very proud that it now has 9 neurosurgeons

on staff that a few years ago they were unable to recruit.

The much greater use of alcohol based germicides at LGH has significantly reduced the incidence of infection.

VCH is concerned with the future of family practice. A study is underway to increase the numbers. Our Minister of Health has the vision that everyone should have a family doctor and receive full care. Ten years ago LGH had 140 GPs on staff but now only 35.

They have recognized that there is a problem of GPs preferring to work in walk-in clinics because there is no long term responsibility. Many private practice GPs are now working as "Hospitalists" at LGH.

Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is hoping to raise the funds required to purchase much needed hospital equipment.

Other LGH plans under study include:

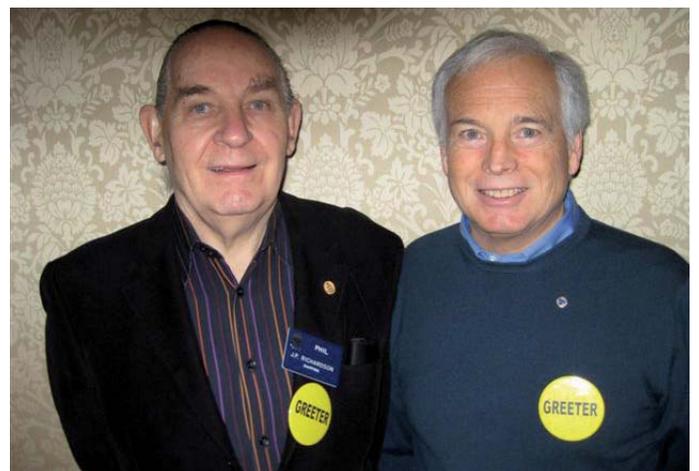
- To encourage the growth of assisted care - to stay at home longer.
- A program is underway whereby the emergency staff can receive extra income when they meet certain performance standards.
- A new Mental Health facility is in the planning stage.

LGH operates a Hospice a quarter block away, which is 85% funded by their Foundation, and provides high quality facilities and staff. Several GPs are working there.

A good exchange of questions and answers followed this presentation. For additional information please go to <http://www.vch.ca/about>.

Ernie Maguire

January Greeters



Phil Richardson and Jim Stephenson

New Members Welcomed and Introduced at January Meeting



Michael Coady
Lawyer



Doug Coombs
Executive



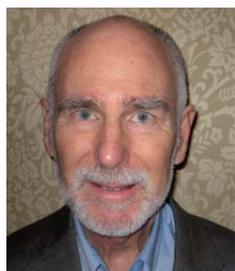
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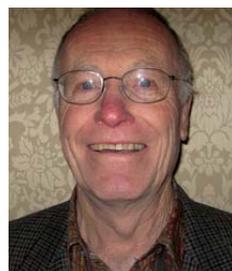
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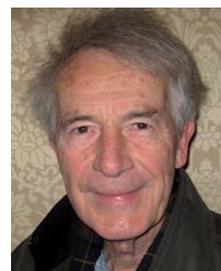
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Brief Backgrounds of a Few of Our Recent New Members



Tom Hodson (*member since October 2010*) was born in Victoria. He moved to Vancouver where he graduated from UBC with a BA and an LLB and later lived in Deep Cove. Tom practiced law with a small Vancouver law firm for 36 years. He has been active in civic matters, serving as a member of the Ratepayers Association and Community Planning Committees for the District of North Vancouver. Following retirement Tom moved to West Vancouver.



Bob Peters (*member since September 2010*) was born in southern Ontario and spent most of his adult life in British Columbia. He has lived in Burnaby for the past 23 years. Bob recently retired from a 47 year career in the automotive products industry working in four provinces and numerous cities across the country, principally engaged in manufacturing and retail.



Russ Senenki (*member since October 2010*) was born in Bellis, Alberta and has lived in North Vancouver since 1969. He graduated from Vernon High in 1952 and soon afterwards began a 42 year career with Household Finance Corporation and Household Trust Co. in Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto and Vancouver before retiring as Vice President: Operations in 1994.



Stan Stanley (*member since October 2010*) was born in Worcestershire, England and currently lives in Pitt Meadows. He is a management consultant (CMC – Certified Management Consultant) and an accountant (FCCA - Fellow of the UK Society of Chartered Certified Accountants) and in his business career he has provided advice to businesses on strategic/business planning and international marketing in England, United States and other countries.

President Dan Pott's Notes



A Little Suspense

The most important thing the Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver does every month is have a speaker. Usually we have speakers lined up for several months in advance.

This month was a little different. Due to a last minute cancellation our Speaker Chair, Gordon Adair, faced the challenge of finding our February speaker on short notice. Gordon has great contacts in the Vancouver community and was soon able to solve the problem. On the 19th of January Gordon advised me that he had a commitment from John Allen, President of the Council of Forest Industries, to talk at the February meeting. Good job, Gordon. Nothing like a little suspense to keep everyone on their toes.

Rendezvous 2011

A big event this September will be Probus *Rendezvous 2011* to be held in Vancouver. Probians from across Canada as well as the UK and Australia are expected to attend. The *Rendezvous 2011* Committee has completed an immense amount of work in reserving the hotel, lining up the program, arranging for tours, and promoting this event. I would particularly urge Probus members to visit the *Rendezvous 2011* website at www.probusrendezvous.com. At this website you will find all the information regarding the conference.

I believe it would be desirable to have a number of Vancouver area Probians at this conference to meet the folks from out of town and welcome them to Vancouver. It should be a very fun time and my wife and I have already registered. I hope there are many more members of the North Shore Club that will also register and attend.

Hope your New Year is going well. Keep in mind, the rain won't last forever. Spring will come!

Dan Potts

Special Events

A tour of the \$8 million refurbished Westcoast Railway Heritage Park and Museum in Squamish is scheduled for Thursday, February 24th, subject to member interest. Lunch will be served in the Roundhouse in the shade of the Royal Hudson. Sign up at the February meeting or confirm to Ernie Maguire at elmaguire@shaw.ca or 604-926-7574.



Meetings

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays on that day; in addition, our Christmas Luncheon replaces the December meeting.
Dress Code: Business Attire. Jeans are **NOT** permitted.

Coffee and fellowship: 9:00 am to 9:45 am
Club business and speaker: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

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