

# Shorelines

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### Next Meeting

**Monday, April 16th, 2012**

*with speaker*

**Jamie Taras**

Director of Community Relations with BC Lions

*"BC Lions, the Community & Grey Cup - Past, Present & Future"*

**April Meeting will be held at Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse  
6190 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC**

Jamie returns to the Lions for his fourth season as the club's Director, Community Relations following 16 seasons spent on the Lions' offensive line (1987-2002). Over the course of an exceptional football career, Taras epitomized excellence and leadership both on and off the field, compiling numerous awards and honours during his time spent wearing a Lions uniform.

A two-time Grey Cup champion (1994, 2000), four-time Western All-Star (1995, 1999, 2001, 2002), three-time CFLPA All-Star (1995, 1999, 2002) and two-time CFL All-Star (1995, 1999), Taras was frequently recognized by the league for his outstanding play and community involvement, receiving the Tom Pate Award (1999), the Becket Memorial Trophy (Most Outstanding Lineman in West Division - 1995, 1999), and the Gord Barwell Award (exemplary Christian character - 2001). The former team captain and member of the club's 50th season all-time dream team was also a multiple recipient of several Lions awards, including the Fred Dietrich Memorial Trophy (four-time winner), the Laurie Niemi Lineman of the Year Award (four-time winner), and Humanitarian of the Year Award.

A former vice president of the CFLPA, Taras is also an experienced professional speaker and business consultant, speaking to audiences of every age and background on topics ranging from leadership to teamwork. As a spokesperson for many youth organizations in British Columbia, Jamie has dedicated countless hours to the development of workshops and seminars catering specifically to youth.

In addition to his work with the Lions, Jamie is on the board of directors for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, is a proud member of Athletes in Action, and is a speaker with the Esteem Team - an athlete role model program. In 2006, Jamie was honoured with a Volunteer Vancouver Award for his tireless community involvement..

### May Meeting

**Monday, May 14th - Dr. James Boutilier**

Asia-Pacific Advisor, Canada's Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters  
*Emerging Maritime Threats in East Asia*

## President's Notes - "...At Our Club"



Here is an up-date of current "Happenings" at our Club.

### Great Hall at Gleneagles Clubhouse – Monday, April 16th, 2012

As we've previously announced, our up-coming meeting will be at the Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse.

It's an experiment to see how it suits us "logistically", and how our members like it. While we all like our current location at Capilano Golf and Country Club, we have long considered that we should have an alternative "backup" location.

At Gleneagles we will meet in the magnificent, 80-year old Great Hall, which is built in log cabin style and was fully renovated in 2009. The Great Hall is an official West Vancouver heritage structure, and was once the hub of the area's social activity. Its 4000 sq. ft can accommodate 250 for banquets, and it has a high cathedral roof, no pillars, and a large lobby.

Capilano may not always be available to us – most members will recall that a few years ago we used to meet at the Hollyburn Country Club and had to move. At Capilano, space limits us to theatre-style seating, which tends to restrict mingling and fellowship – and that's a core aim of Probus. The Great Hall's larger space permits different seating arrangements, for example at round tables.

So, we look forward to receiving feedback from members after the meeting – please contact any member of the Management Committee. That will provide essential input to our future planning.

### "Cheer Alert"

At last month's meeting, we announced that we'll provide a simple way of alerting members to the illness or death of a member or spouse, so that friends might offer fellowship and cheer at a time of difficulty. We'll do this in three ways:

- Provide an opportunity for "alerts" at monthly meetings, following introduction of guests.
- Include a monthly "Cheer Alert" box on the back page of Shorelines, listing alerts from the meeting or received via e-mail at [newsletter@probus-northshorevancouver.ca](mailto:newsletter@probus-northshorevancouver.ca).
- Post on the Club's website the most recent three months of "Cheer Alerts".

Alex Tunner

## Special Events

### Tour of Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Tuesday, May 8th

This tour is scheduled to coincide with the annual Degree Exhibition at Emily Carr University. For two weeks the graduates of the Bachelor's and Master's programmes showcase their creativity and innovation skills. The showing will include paintings, sculptures, ceramics, communication design, digital and interactive arts, industrial design and interactive design. The following is the proposed schedule:

9:30AM - arrival in the Concourse Gallery at Emily Carr University on Granville Island.

9:30 to 10:00AM - a presentation/overview of Emily Carr University.

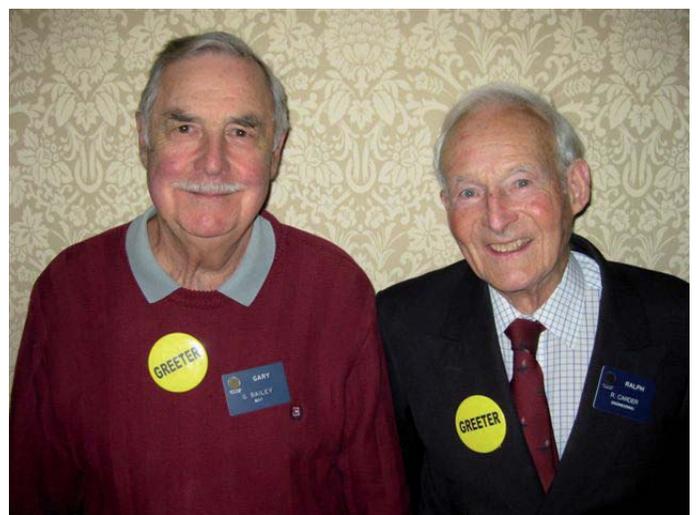
10:00 to 11:00AM - a guided talk and tour of the Degree Exhibition.

11:00 to 11:30AM - a presentation on the creative application of art and design in the health care field.

12:00 Noon - lunch at Bistro 101, the restaurant arm of the Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts.

The cost is **\$35** and the tour is available for **40** members. If you would like to attend contact Barry Heselgrave at [bach@ripleroad.com](mailto:bach@ripleroad.com) or by phone at 604-922-9481 or Mike McMahon at [mike@mcmtax.com](mailto:mike@mcmtax.com) or by phone at 604-926-1088.

## March Greeters



Bill Bailey and Ralph Carder

## New Members Welcomed and Introduced at March Meeting

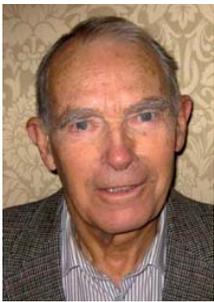


**Bill Gibson**  
Scientist



**Ron Wood**  
Management Consultant

## Brief Backgrounds of a Few Recent New Members



**Ron Foxall** (*member since October 2011*) was born and grew up in Victoria, BC and has lived in West Vancouver for the past 49 years. He graduated from university with a B. Sc. - Applied Science, later achieving P. Eng. status in 1956. From 1957 to 1988 Ron practiced principally in civil engineering and project management with Canfor, BC Hydro and Northern Construction working in Montreal, Port Mellon, Powell River and Vancouver.



**Bruce Milley** (*member since November 2011*) was born in Vancouver and now lives in West Vancouver. Bruce pursued a career as a Chartered Accountant in public practice with various public accounting firms from 1960 to 2002. During that time he found time to obtain an MBA from SFU and actively contributed to the affairs of the BC Institute serving on Council and committees. Outside his Chartered Accountant related activities, Bruce has served on Boards and Committees of numerous not for profit and municipal organizations, one of note was being President of the Stanley Theatre Society while it succeeded in bringing us the Stanley Theatre.

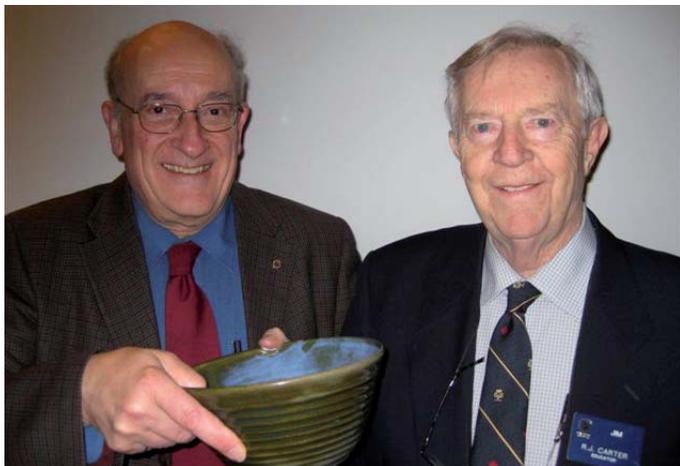


**David Rolfe** (*member since October 2011*) was born in Vancouver and has lived in West Vancouver since 1971. Following graduation from St. Georges School, he pursued a career as a Chartered Accountant in public practice initially with a National firm and later through his own local independent accounting firm, Rolfe Benson, from 1958 to 2002. David actively contributed to the affairs of the BC Institute serving on Council and committees; apart from his Chartered Accountant related activities, David serves on the Boards and Committees of numerous not for profit community organizations.

*Hope you all enjoy a  
very Happy Easter*



## Last Month Speaker - "West Vancouver, Cottages to Community"



**Alex Tunner thanks member and speaker Jim Carter**

Gordon Adair, our chief speaker organizer, did some fast footwork in the stormy hours before our March 12th meeting, to organize a presenter. He awoke early, and quickly established that there would be no flights or ferries from Victoria. That meant we had no speaker – he was scheduled to travel from Victoria that morning ... we'll see him in May.

Following a couple of unsuccessful attempts at last minute replacements, he contacted Jim Carter at Alex Tunner's suggestion. It turned out that, at zero notice, Jim was ready to roll with a prepared presentation.

Jim is a member of our Club. He was Principal of two West Vancouver high schools, Deputy Minister of Education, President of the West Vancouver Historical Society, and moving spirit behind the recently published and most successful 100th Anniversary commemorative book on the history of West Vancouver, "*Cottages to Community*". Of 3000 copies printed, 2500 have been sold – 30 copies went at our meeting, autographed by Jim. Copies may be purchased at the West Vancouver Library for \$40 cash.

With an excellent set of slides, Jim recounted the story of West Vancouver's neighbourhoods, as they developed from scattered groups of summer cottages into a uniquely desirable residential community. Here are a few highlights:

- First Nations people lived here for hundreds of years, before the first Europeans settled around 1870. In 1891, the entire North Shore was incorporated as the District of North Vancouver – the area west of the Capilano River was known as West Capilano.
- West Vancouver was incorporated on March 15th, 1912, with 700 residents. The first town hall was a tent.
- Informal ferry service to Vancouver started in 1866, and regular service in 1909. West Vancouver bought the ferries in 1912, built a wharf and the Ferry Building, and added bus service in 1916.

- Rail connection with North Vancouver began in 1914, but ended in 1928 when Marine Drive reached Horseshoe Bay. It reopened in 1956, when the rail line up the coast was completed.
- The first bridge across the Capilano River was built in 1915 – floods collapsed it a year later. A steel truss bridge was built in 1930, and replaced by a concrete bridge in 2011.
- In 1931 West Vancouver was saved from receivership when the Guinness Company bought 4000 acres of the Upper lands, stretching from Horseshoe Bay to the Capilano River, for \$20/acre. As part of the deal, they agreed to spend at least \$1-million on improvements, including roads, sewers, water lines, a school site, and a golf course.
- The Lions Gate Bridge was built and opened in 1938.

*Alex Tunner*



### Cheer Alert

Future newsletters will have this space available to note members/spouses who may welcome contact from friends, at a time of illness or bereavement.

### 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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