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10th Anniversary Luncheon at Chief Joe Mathias Centre 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver, 604-922-9331

*Please Join Us for Our
10th Anniversary Celebration*

*August 12th at 11:00 am to 2:30 pm
at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre*

*100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver
(Welch Street and Capilano Road)*

*for a Complimentary Lunch
Members Only*

A no host bar will be available

Please Wear Your Name Tags

Mark Your Calendars with this Important Date...



September Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday, September 9th^h - **Annual General Meeting** followed by speaker Dave Inglis, Analyst/Researcher, British Columbia Securities Commission, "Be Fraud Aware"

President's Notes



We are having a PARTY on August 12th and you are all invited! Be sure to mark this outing and confirm your attendance with Linda Metcalfe, if you have not already done so. The location is the Chief Joe Mathias Centre located at the foot of Capilano Road and festivities will commence at 11:00 a.m.

We will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of our active club.

Established in September, 2003, the Probud Club of North Shore Vancouver had 120 founding members half of whom still participate. The idea of monthly get-togethers to hear knowledgeable, entertaining speakers covering a wide variety of topics has resonated with our target audience. Add to the mix the fellowship enjoyed at our meetings, interesting special event outings, golf and bridge groups, and you have a winning formula to attract members.

Our new Regional Director of Probud Canada, Bill Sexsmith, will give us a short address on the history of Probud and our House Chairman, Jon Strom, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. This should be a very enjoyable event and I look forward to a large turn-out.

July's speaker, Steve Dotto, was highly entertaining while making the point that we all need to stay abreast of the rapidly changing technology front if we want to remain relevant in today's world. Quite a task given the rate of change!

Lastly, I would like to thank those of you who have indicated willingness to serve on committees next year. September is our Annual General Meeting and you will be formally recognized then.

Fraser Grant



Bill Sexsmith
Probud Centre, Canada Inc.
Director, B.C. District # 2

Membership Renewals

We are nearing the end of another Probud fiscal year. It is our practice to send renewal notices to all members in August each year regardless of which month a person joined. These notices will be mailed on August 10th. If you do not receive a notice in the mail, please let me know by phone at 604-202-4377 or email our administrator at linda@probud-northshorevancouver.ca.

The renewal payments are due by **September 15th**. A second and final email notice will be sent to those who have not paid by this due date or by phone for those members without email. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

When paying next years membership **please return the renewal notice with your cheque**. This will help ensure the payments are properly processed. We encounter situations where a cheque has only initials and a surname rather than the name used in the Probud registration. Also, some members use company cheques.

Returning the renewal notice also ensures that changes to your personal information and preferences are updated in our database. Thanks for helping make the renewal as prompt and smooth a process as possible.

Larry Terrace



July Greeters



Gordi Moore and Bob Pearmain

2013/2014 Proposed Management Committee (*to be elected*)



Don Leier
President



Barry Heselgrave
Vice-President



Bob Pearmain
Secretary



Alistair Duncan
Treasurer



Darryl Stodalka
Chair: Communications



Bill Caulfield
Chair: House



Larry Terrace
Chair: Membership



Gordon Adair
Chair: Speakers



Colin Ritson
Chair: Special Events

Additional Member Not Requiring Election

Fraser Grant, Past President

Don Leier (*Member October 2009*) Don was born in Unity, Saskatchewan. With a BA and a Professional Teaching Certificate, he pursued a career in hotel property development and fundraising consulting. Don currently is Vice-President.

Barry Heselgrave (*Member December 2010*) was born in Brandon, MB. With a B.Sc., he was an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, a teacher, and a business manager in Canada and the United States. In 1994 he formed his own business providing strategic operational advice to companies. He has served on both for-profit and not-for-profit Boards.

Bob Pearmain (*Member September 2008*) Bob has been a resident of West Van for almost 50 years. Graduate (BA, BEd, MEd) of UBC and served as a secondary school principal and Associate Superintendent in Vancouver. Upon retirement, founded an education consulting business and served on a number of international boards with the International Baccalaureate Organization boards.

Alistair Duncan (*Member October 2011*) Alistair was born in Glasgow, Scotland and immigrated to Prince George in 1957. A Chartered Accountant, his career included public practice and executive positions in the construction and engineering industry as well as serving as Chief Operating Officer at Ladner Downs, Barristers and Solicitors. Alistair remains busy with various consulting assignments. He is currently the Treasurer.

Darryl Stodalka (*Member September 2005*) Darryl received his BSc in Computing Science in Calgary, his birth city. His career in Information Technology took him from government in Edmonton to the oil patch in Calgary and on to Vancouver in the insurance industry. Darryl and his wife have lived in West Vancouver for over 25 years. When first joining Probus he helped the Club go digital, contributing to the Club's low dues. He is currently Communications Chair.

Bill Caulfield (*Member February 2010*) was born in Lincolnshire, England. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh Medical School and completed post graduate studies in obstetrics and gynaecology in Britain and at Dalhousie University. Bill practiced in Port Alberni and Abbotsford.

Larry Terrace (*Member January 2008*) Larry was born in Vancouver in 1939, He retired in 2000 from life insurance business with Sun Life and various companies. He continues to work as a Certified Financial Planner. Larry is active in his community through his local church and the diocese organization. Larry currently is the Membership Chair.

Gordon Adair (*Member December 2008*) Gordon, a Chartered Accountant, dabbles in politics and has volunteered on the board and executive of the Coho Society, North Shore for 25 years. Gordon currently is the Speakers Chair.

Colin Ritson (*Member January 2012*) Colin is a graduate with a B.Sc. Engineering and a Life Member of APEGBC. In his professional career he specialized in heavy industry projects, including pulp and paper, power generation, and 'waste to energy conversion'.

Last Month Speaker - Steve Dotto



President Fraser thanks speaker Steve Dotto

The Social Impact of Technology

Steve Dotto, Canada's most respected technology "geek", presented an outstanding overview of the role of "Social Media" in today's world. His insightful, humorous remarks concentrated on the "big picture" – how Social Media should be seen, and the changes they have brought. Much to the relief of his audience, he avoided technical details.

Steve noted that the relentless march of technology is wearing, particularly on the elderly. Only a few of those present indicated being on Facebook, and only one (with 3 tweets) on Twitter. Clearly, technology has led to a "generational divide".

What technology will do for us is obvious, but what it will take away is not. The latter point is critical – it's essential for us to maintain control of the technology. For example, for many the separation between work and home has become blurred, into a "blended" life style.

Two things are important in dealing with a changing world:

- Respect change, and remain curious.
- Remain relevant – show some understanding of new technology to earn respect from the next generation. *"Never become irrelevant – be a player 'til your last breath."*

There is a progression from *knowledge*, through *research*, to *experience* and finally *wisdom*. The older generation values experience. Kids can easily look-up knowledge – they are not yet experienced but may think so, and don't understand the difference.

The Internet is a place, not a thing. The first version of the Web focused on re-creating the world we knew – Amazon was a bookstore, and e-Bay a garage sale. The dot.com bubble burst in 2001, and Web 2.0 emerged. It's everywhere, "makes us human", and is all about communication, collaboration, sharing ideas, and engagement. Chris Hadfield achieved incredible engagement from the Space Station.

However, like our daily conversation, much of the Web is banal and stupid. And, as in life, there are Cyber Risks – security, privacy, fraud, lies, abuse, bullying, errors, bad judgement.

Self-inflicted damage is possible by what gets posted on the Internet. Bad judgement in the past was forgiven and not documented. Today it can be tracked by and searched through "metadata" (data about data).

Fascinating new business models have emerged (book on globalization, "The World is Flat").

- Crowdsourcing – see www.DesignCrowd.ca to solicit designs, ideas, content.
- Outsourcing – see www.odesk.com to solicit freelance experts for a project or job.
- Crowdfunding – see <http://www.indiegogo.com/> to raise funds for business, charity, ideas, projects.

See www.dottotech.com to get more out of technology at home and at work. You can view his presentation to our club on our website under the "Speakers" tab. Also for your interest, here are some other links provided by Steve:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/dottotech

Twitter - [@dottotech](https://twitter.com/dottotech)

Youtube - www.youtube.com/dottotech

Alex Tunner

Monthly Quote

"It's better to try and fail, than fail to try."

-Author Unknown

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: 8:45 am to 9:30 am

Club business and speaker: 9:30 am to 11:15 am

Members are welcome to bring a guest to a meeting.

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