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January Meeting at Chief Joe Mathias Centre 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver

Monday, January 13th

with speaker

Dr. John F. Helliwell

Professor of Economics (Emeritus), UBC
Senior Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research
“How to be Happy”

John Helliwell is one of Canada’s most renowned economists, with an international reputation for his work on models of economic development, growth and trade and, more recently, his work to incorporate well-being and happiness into such models.

John is Professor Emeritus at UBC, and co-director of the “Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being” program at CIFAR (Canadian Institute for Advanced Research). His many distinctions include the Order of Canada, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and, recently, Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association.

John’s pioneering contributions in the field of Happiness include being lead editor of both the First (2012) and Second (2013) World Happiness Reports, presented at the UN. The First examined the data available on happiness, while the Second considered issues of measurement and policy – the latter is key, since well-being and “the pursuit of happiness” (US Constitution) are primary human aspirations.

The Reports explained how government and business can use happiness information to create happier and more productive communities, and how the happiness of Canadians compares with that of other countries and regions.

The word “happiness” can be used to describe a human emotion (“Were you happy yesterday?”) and also as a measure of social progress (“Are you happy with your life as a whole?”).

Well-being has beneficial effects on one’s physical and mental health – conversely, the single most important cause of unhappiness is mental illness. Further, as observed through the ages by philosophers, an individual’s values and character are major determinants of their happiness with life.

In his presentation, John will review: Basic concepts of happiness, its measurement, and application to the development of public policy; Findings of the World Happiness Reports.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...

February Meeting at Chief Joe Mathias Centre

- Monday, February 17, 2014 - Danny Catt - *The Arctic*

Upcoming Special Events - See page 2 for more details..

- Ballard Power Systems Tour and UBC Wine Research Centre



President's Notes



The Christmas Lunch on December 9th was once again a sold out festive occasion with the area attractively decorated and arranged so that there was room for mingling, fellowship and enjoying the Classic Carollers.

As we entered the club, our greeters Mike McMahon and Barry Heselgrave welcomed us and distributed individual name tags for the members and guests. Daryl Stodalka worked the crowd taking scores of pictures which appear in this issue of Shorelines. A big vote of thanks goes to the Capilano Golf and Country Club for the excellent buffet and service.

This luncheon is our biggest special event of the year and our deepest appreciation goes to Events Chairman Colin Ritson and his colleagues on the committee, Michael McMahon and Barry Heselgrave, for their wonderful efforts. This was the second special event in 6 days as the Events Committee also organized a superb December 3rd tour of the Vancouver Convention Centre that garnered a large attendance despite the accident that closed the Lions Gate Bridge that morning.

As we begin the new year, the Management Committee would like to acknowledge the ongoing generosity of Park Royal Shopping Centre who over the years have provided monthly complimentary meeting space in their community room for our management meetings.

It is the fine relationships that Probus and our members have in the community that make our club operations successful. Across Canada, Probus Clubs continue to grow in popularity. As of October 31, 2013 there were 225 clubs with 31,242 members.

In the metro Vancouver area we have 5 clubs with a total membership of 1,600. A 6th club is now being formed. It will be a men's and women's club. An information meeting will be held on January 9th, 2014 at the Marine Drive Golf Club in Vancouver at 9:30 am. The inaugural meeting for this new club will be February 13th, 2014. Regular monthly meetings of this club will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Marine Drive Golf Club. Tell your friends and colleagues. For further information please contact Bill Sexsmith, Probus District Director, at bpsexsmith@shaw.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you at our January 13 meeting at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre. Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2014!

Don Leier

Special Events

Ballard Power Systems - January 27, 2014

We have arranged a tour of the Ballard facility for 27 January, 2014, starting at 10:30 AM. There will be a 1/2 hour presentation followed by a one hour tour. Lunch will be arranged likely at the Riverview Golf Course which served us well on the Covanta Tour. We plan to have cost information for our January meeting.

The tour is limited to 30 persons and is for members only. As parking is limited, we will suggest meeting at Park Royal Park and Ride and proceeding to Ballard's from there. Details will follow.

To register, contact John Pennefather at 604-926-1428 or jpennefather@shaw.ca.

UBC Wine Research Centre - Early March

A repeat of our very successful tour of this facility last year is scheduled for early March. The Research Centre was established to help wineries in the province improve wine quality through innovation and leading-edge applied research. The centre has one of the most modern and best-equipped viticulture and wine-making research facilities in the world. It has a wine library/ wine cellar which contain 7,000 bottles of wine.

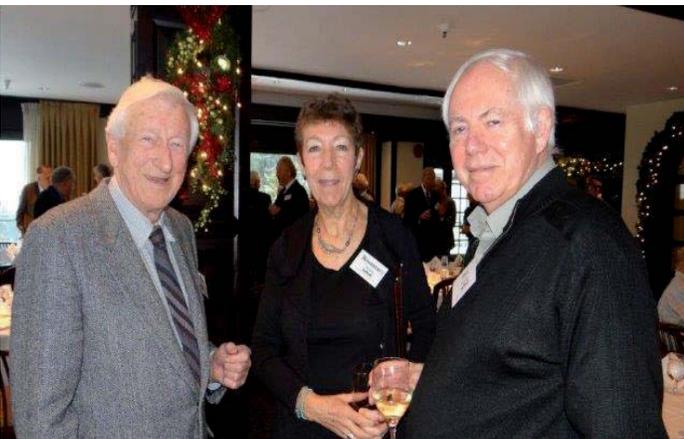
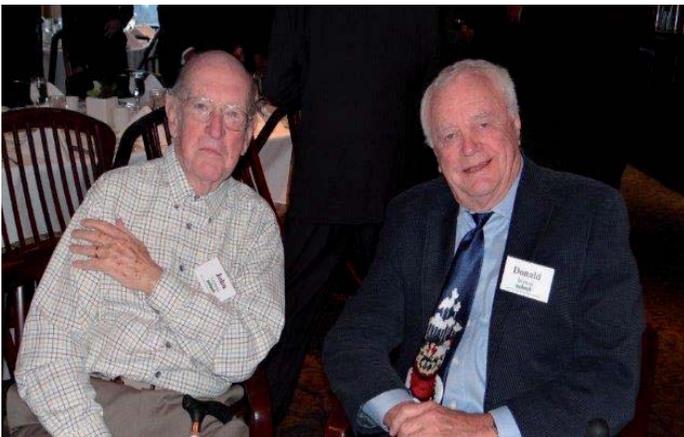
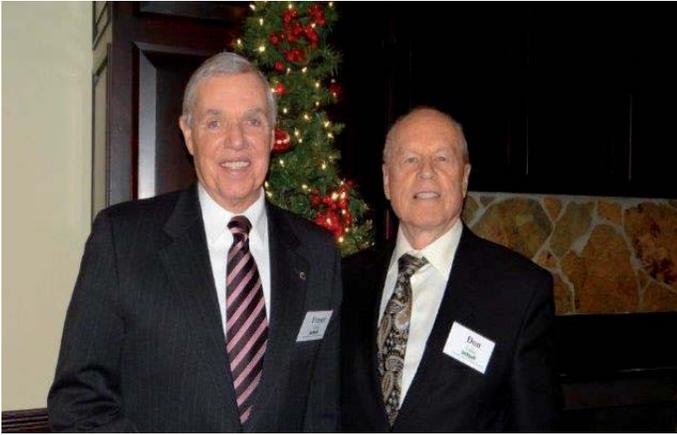
Although not generally open to the public, Probus has arranged a repeat tour of this institution. The event will consist of a lecture and a Q&A session by the Centre Director, Dr Hennie van Vuuren, a tour of the laboratories and wine library, and lunch with a tasting of Canadian wines included as part of the fee. The tour date and cost will be established and announced to interested parties directly by email and published in the February Shorelines newsletter.

The number of attendees is restricted so early registration is recommended. To attend, please contact:

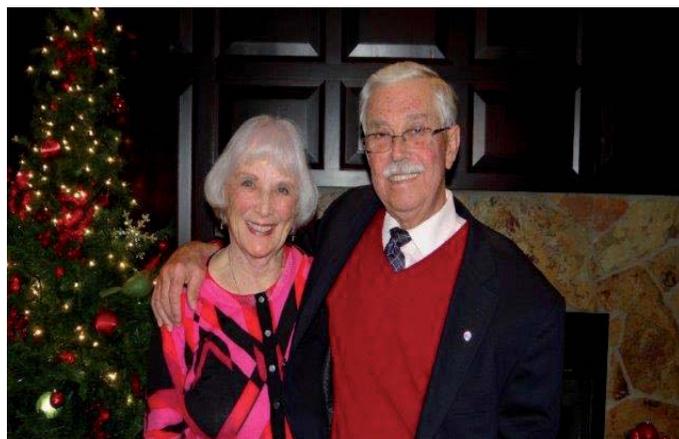
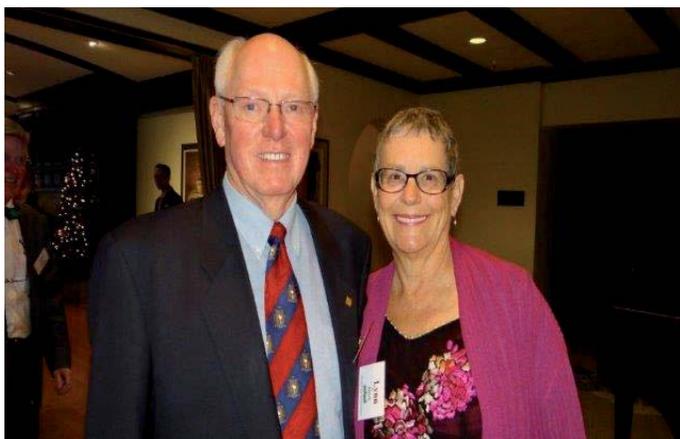
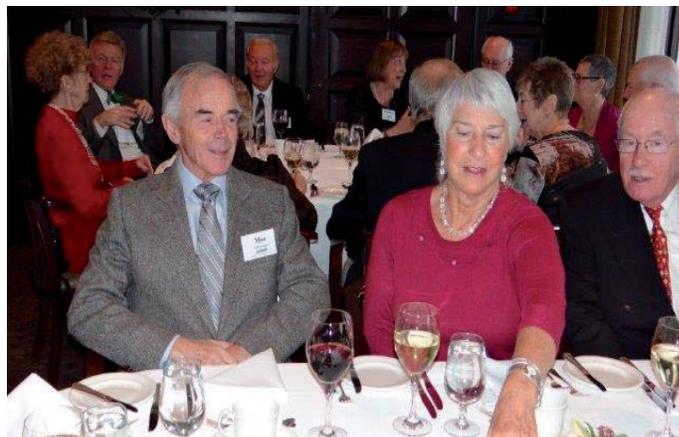
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Photos of Members and Their Guests at the Christmas Luncheon



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There are more photos to view of the attendees on our website <http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca> under the **Photogallery** tab for your viewing pleasure. If you want a copy of your photo, please contact Darryl Stodalka who took the original photos by email at stodalka@live.ca.

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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