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Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club 420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331

Monday, July 14th

with speaker

Greg Kist

President, Pacific NorthWest LNG

“LNG Industry Update”

Greg is President, Pacific NorthWest LNG Ltd., a Vancouver-based subsidiary of PETRONAS, which is seeking to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility in Port Edward, B.C. Prior to this, he served as Vice President, Marketing, Corporate and Government Relations at Progress Energy Resources Corp. and also served as a member of the Executive Committee that initiated the PETRONAS/Progress LNG export joint venture in British Columbia in 2011. Prior to joining Progress Energy in June 2004, he was Manager, Investor Relations for EnCana Corporation and its predecessor company, Alberta Energy Company (AEC) since 1997. Greg joined AEC in 1991 and held various project and operational positions within AEC.

He is a business administration graduate from MacEwen University (Edmonton, Alberta). Additionally he has completed executive programs in Investor Relations at the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario and Purchasing Management at the University of British Columbia. Greg is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Mount Royal University Foundation (Calgary, Alberta).

Greg's LNG update will include the following: How is Canada keeping up with the rapid change in the global natural gas market, including rising U.S. supplies that are pushing out Canada's shipments to its largest market? Also, when does the promise of liquefied natural gas export become a reality? What are the price, labor, logistical and political considerations at play in Canada that are poised to influence the industry's success?

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



August Meeting at Chief Joe Mathias Centre

- Monday, August 11, 2014 - Pancake Breakfast Social

Our Probus Club's Yearly Meeting Schedule

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays. View our current schedule of meetings at <http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/meetings.htm>

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.

President's Notes - Survey Results



We had an exceptional level of participation in our recent survey that focused on which location would be our members preferred venue for our meetings. Over 60% of you responded with 53% answering all questions.

Our thanks go out to all who participated with a special thanks to Vice President Barry Heselgrave for organizing and conducting the survey and to Past President Alex Tunner for his insight and experience in evaluating the data.

The key survey results were presented by Barry at our June meeting and the complete results are on our website. As you are aware, the responses as to venue choice were basically evenly divided between Capilano Golf and Country Club (CGCC) and the Chief Joe Mathias Centre (CJMC) with Gleneagles Golf Club placing a distant third. It is interesting to note that parking, seating and sightlines were listed as the three top factors of concern to our members re: venue.

Based on these results, your Management Committee has recommended (subject to approval by the new Management Committee in September) that in 2015, we meet at Capilano Golf and Country Club during the winter months (October to March) and at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre during the summer months (April to September) when our parking at Capilano Golf Club is restricted to the lower levels.

This would also facilitate our Christmas luncheon which is held at Capilano and our August event (this year a pancake breakfast) which is held at Chief Joe Mathias Centre.

For the remainder of this year, we are currently booked at the Capilano Golf and Country Club, with the exception of our August pancake breakfast, which is booked at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre.

The Management Committee welcomes your feedback and thanks you for your participation and support.

Don Leier

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Special Events - Bard on the Beach



Spaces for the presentation of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* at Bard on the Beach on Sunday July 20th are all booked.

Shakespeare's beloved comedy returns to Bard! Oberon, King of the Fairies, is upset with Queen Titania. He commands his servant Puck to produce a magical nectar that will cause love at first sight. The mischievous sprite arranges for Queen Titania to fall for Bottom, a simple weaver (now transformed into an ass) while hilariously misdirecting the affections of four runaway lovers.

Details regarding parking and busing will be emailed to the participants closer to the event date.

Mike McMahon

New Member Welcomed and Introduced at June Meeting



Ross Clark
Veterinarian

June Meeting Greeters



Greeters Russ Fraser and Gordi Moore

Last Month Speaker - Nicole Garton



President Don Leier thanks Nicole Garton

Estate and Family Law in BC - An Update

Nicole gave an overview of BC's new Wills, Estates & Succession Act (WESA), which came into force on March 31, 2014. It consolidated seven acts into a single statute, simplified the terminology, and changed survivorship rules.

Despite the complex and technical nature of the subject, Nicole's presentation was clear, and interspersed with anecdotes and humour. Here are a few highlights.

Many of the provisions of WESA come into effect only if an individual has no will – and, half of Canadians don't have one. To avoid costly legal complications, it is important to have a properly executed Estate Plan. This is particularly important where there are "unusual" circumstances, such as blended families.

Two new provision, deserve special mention. A) The burden of proof that there was no "undue influence" in a will by a care-giver is now shifted to the care-giver. B) An e-mail to a lawyer can be deemed to be part of a will, so that executors have to check for such records.

The new system encourages mediation and other "family dispute resolution" processes under the new Family Law Act, before resorting to the court system. It also encourages full disclosure of assets. Of course, couples may opt out of the new rules and make different arrangements.

Basic Estate Planning should include three documents.

1. Power of Attorney, designating someone to manage a person's affairs if he/she is unable to do so.
2. Representation Agreement, designating someone to make health and personal care decisions, in case of a person's inability to do so. This may include a Living Will, generally related to refusing life support.
3. A Will, designating an Executor to administer a person's estate. A will allows an individual to make his/her own decisions, rather than defaulting to the legislative provisions in the absence of one.

Alex Tunner

Pancake Breakfast Social

A summer social event is planned for our August 11th meeting at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre, 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver.

The West Van Tiddly Cove Lions Club will prepare a Pancake Breakfast for our Probus members from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We hope all our members can attend this fun social event.



Monthly Quote

"Sometimes, you make the right decision. Sometimes, you make the decision right"
- Dr. Phil

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