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Monthly Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331

Coffee and Fellowship: 9:00 am, Club Business and Speaker: 9:30 - 11:15 am

Monday, October 6th

with speaker

Brad Simpson, CIM and FSCI

Partner and Vice-President, Hedge Fund Strategy,
Picton Mahoney Asset Management

“Investment Strategy, Projections and Issues”



Delivering this informative talk is Brad Simpson, Partner and Vice President, Hedge Fund Strategy at Picton Mahoney Asset Management, with \$10 billion in Assets. He is a leader on the endowment model and has 22 years of past experience as an advisor and portfolio manager for high net worth clients.

A serial asset management entrepreneur, Brad has contributed greatly to numerous successful financial services enterprises. From Profit 200 to Fortune 500 companies, Brad has worked with a diverse group of asset management leaders as a portfolio manager, strategist and service innovator. A constant in all his endeavours has been the relentless commitment to the creation and implementation of innovative investment solutions for individual clients. Brad believes that investors have entered a new era where traditional portfolios will struggle to make, and keep, money. This considerable challenge presents one of the greatest business opportunities in a generation for advisers and portfolio managers who have the wisdom and the courage to challenge consensus and embrace change.

Brad received his education at the University of Victoria. Prior to his current position he was a Portfolio Strategist at RBC Global Asset Management, President at Wellington West Asset Management and President at Barlow Capital Management.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates



November Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday, November 10th, 2014 - Speaker TBA

Special Events - Annual Christmas Luncheon

- Monday, December 8th, 2014 - See page 2 for more details ...

President's Notes



Colleagues

Thank you for supporting the new Management Committee (MC) slate for our new fiscal year. Your MC has a nice balance of new and experienced committee members. Your MC spends a significant amount of time ensuring that our Probus Club provides meaningful fellowship as well as learning opportunities and experiences for its members. I trust that this new fiscal year will be no exception and that we will all look back next year end and be glad that we are Probus members.

The new Management Committee has yet to meet but will do so prior to our next monthly meeting. We will identify our priorities for the upcoming year and will ensure that our monthly programmes and special events meet with your expectations. Next month I will provide you with a summary of the matters that your MC will be attending to this year to ensure that the Club remains relevant and meets your expectations.

I expect that you already know what an incredibly capable group of members we have in the Club. It was brought home to me at our last monthly meeting when Don Vicic stepped in to speak to the assemblage about his recent tour of some of Europe's battlefields. I cheekily asked him to address our group because we had a few minutes before Wally Opal was scheduled to speak. I hope that we will be able to arrange to have Don speak to the group as the keynote speaker on his experiences in visiting the memorable battlefields of the World Wars. We should reach out to other members who have expertise or passions that are of interest to our members.

In closing, I look forward to working with one and all to ensure that this year meets your expectations.

Barry Heselgrave

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Special Events

Christmas Lunch

Preparations for this event which will be held on Monday, December 8th, are well underway. Pricing and arrangements will be announced at the next Probus meeting.

Future Events

The Special Events committee are working on a number of possible events for the coming year. We welcome your ideas for events that you feel the members would enjoy. Please contact Colin Ritson at 604-926-6976 or by email at colinritson@shaw.ca.

Colin Ritson

Final Notice for 2014-2015 Membership Renewals

If a member fails to pay the renewal fee of \$60 by **October 15th**, their space will be filled by a new member.
Please mail ASAP or bring your payment with your renewal form to the October meeting if you have yet to renew.

September Greeters



Ted Rule and Ralph Carder

Last Month Speaker - The Honourable Wally Oppal, Q.C.



Wally Oppal thanked by President Barry Heselgrave

A Talk on the Commission and Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women By The Honorable Wally Oppal, O.C., Chancellor, Thompson Rivers University

In 2010, Mr. Wally Oppal was asked to head an inquiry into the missing women of the Downtown Eastside. Up to this point a police investigation was in progress, and the inquiry could not start until the investigation had finished. By this time, Mr. Oppal had had a lot of experience in dealing with murder cases, both as a prosecutor, and a judge. He had also headed the inquiry into policing and other problems. This inquiry was to be the toughest one yet. Oppal said that by the time Picton was found guilty, there was a tremendous amount of public anger over why so many women had been murdered, and a semi-literate pig farmer had got away with it for so long.

In the late 1980s, women started disappearing from the Downtown Eastside, and by 1991, twenty six were missing. A meeting was held in Victoria, called Project Eclipse, to see if there was a serial killer at work. At this point there was no hard evidence and the police had not found any bodies. Sometimes sex trade workers simply move to other cities and later return. The police concluded that this must have happened. It is often difficult to know when a woman is missing due to misadventure or because she just left town for a while. Due to limited budgets and other pressing issues, such as shootings, there was little interest in the women's plight. This applied to the public, the Vancouver Police Department and the Port Coquitlam RCMP. "After all, these women are just drug addicts and hookers", it was said. Another problem was the other sex trade workers did not trust the police, and would not give evidence. Furthermore, Willy Picton had a reputation as a big spender.

Then in 1995, the bodies of three murdered women showed up in Agassiz, and the next year three more bodies appeared. By 1997, eighty six sex trader workers were missing and the police realized the magnitude of the problem they were facing. In October of 1997, a "Miss An-

derston", a bright, articulate woman went to the farm and soon realized her life was in danger. She sensed that this was where the missing women had probably died. Picton nearly killed her but she escaped and was finally rescued by a passerby. The RCMP picked up Picton, found evidence, charged him with attempted murder and then released him. Another man, named Caldwell, told the police that his girlfriend has seen a body hanging where Picton butchered his pigs, and Caldwell said Picton put the bodies in his meat grinder. (The meat then went to a rendering plant in Vancouver.)

The investigation stumbled on with many delays, interruptions and disagreements within and between the Port Coquitlam RCMP and the VPD. Meanwhile Picton continued to kill. Furthermore, geographic profiler Kim Rosmo, looked at the circumstances of the murders, and said that this case was typical of a serial killer. All missing women came from the same area and socio-economic group - there were no bodies, no crime scenes, and no "dump sites". No police force wants it known that there is a serial killer in the community; it alarms the public and undermines their reputation. Rosmo's analysis was not accepted and he later resigned. There were fifty seven newspaper articles on Picton and they had little effect. In 2002, a rookie cop went to the farm with a warrant to look for weapons. Instead he found frozen limbs and heads, and other pieces of evidence. Now the investigation really started, which led to his arrest.

Finally Picton was brought to trial with all its gruesome details. Picton admitted to killing forty nine women, but the police believe that "he killed well over 150 women and 37% of the murdered women were First Nations. "

Wally Oppal does not feel another inquiry of missing women is needed, but a serious effort in correcting the social wrongs that forced them into the sex trade. His inquiry cost under \$10 million, the investigation cost \$200 million.

The inquiry website is <http://www.missingwomeninquiry.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Forsaken-ES-web-RGB.pdf>.

Ken Bryden

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