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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, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

*with speaker*

**John R. McKearney, MA, CFO**

Fire Chief, General Manager, Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services  
*“Community Fire Rescue Services Involved in Social Engineering”*

Fire Chief John McKearney joined Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services in 1980 and served in several divisions including as Deputy Fire Chief Emergency Services, for five years. John was appointed Fire Chief / General Manager by Mayor and Council on July 21, 2009. Chief McKearney sits as a member of the Corporate Management Team, responsible with managing the City of Vancouver. He brings a strong record of achievement, leadership and commitment during his 34 years of service.

In addition to his fire service career, Chief McKearney has been very involved with the community and other professional activities. John served as a Cabinet Leader with the Lower Mainland United Way for five years and currently sits as a Board Member with both the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) and the Fire Chiefs' Association of British Columbia (FCABC). John has provided strong leadership with the Fire Commissioner's Diversity Taskforce.

Chief McKearney obtained a Master's Degree in Leadership from Royal Roads University in 2010, and achieved the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs in 2011. Chief McKearney completed a Senior Fellowship Fire Executive Program at Harvard University in 2011

As the Chief Officer, his vision is to lead the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services as a collective of Community Safety Practitioners serving our communities with excellence in Protection, Education, Prevention and Safety. All members have a responsibility to think strategically, work as teams and be accountable to our constituents.

### Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates



#### February Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday, February 2nd, 2015 - Speaker TBA

**Special Events - see page 2 for more details...**

- Viking Air Tour on Friday, February 6th. Registration required.

## President's Notes



I hope that everyone has enjoyed the last few days of 2014. We are so fortunate to live in Canada in relative peace and prosperity.

Reflecting upon the major events of 2014 was a sobering experience: The Sochi winter Olympics, ISIS blasting through parts of Syria and Iraq, the Ukrainian crisis, airplane downings in Asia and the Ukraine, the Israeli - Hamas battle in Gaza, the Ebola virus in Africa, terrorist attacks in Canada and Australia and the precipitous drop in both oil prices and the Russian ruble. I know that I have missed happenings, but you get the idea. While the Olympics were wonderful, most other events that transpired left our world a poorer place.

There was precious little that our Probus group or we as individuals could have done to avert the 2014 happenings. However, it is important that we stay informed on matters of local, national and international interest. We can at least, working through our MPs and MLAs, make our feelings known should we choose to do so.

Looking forward to 2015, it is hard to predict how the events of the world will unfold. I alternate between both frustration and hope that we will indeed be in a "better place" as the new year unfolds.

In closing, your Management Committee wishes you the best in health and happiness for 2015. We will endeavour to present programmes that are interesting, challenging and relevant to our world.

*Barry Heselgrave*

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## Special Events - Viking Air Tour

### Tour of Viking Air on Friday, February 6, 2015

Your special events committee has arranged a tour of the Viking Air facility at Victoria airport. Viking Air is the successor to the de Havilland name and is committed to producing and servicing de Havilland aircraft around the world. You can visit <http://www.vikingair.com/> for more information and a complete list of the aircraft serviced. Last month the company was producing wings for the de Havilland Twin Otter which it manufactures for sale.

This is an all day trip involving a ferry ride to and from Swartz Bay. The cost per person will be \$25 payable to the club. In addition each participant will be responsible for his own lunch, probably on the ferry, and the ferry fare to and from Swartz Bay. The plan is to meet at Park Royal and carpool to Tsawwassen where we will take the 11 o'clock ferry to Swartz Bay. At Swartz Bay we will board a bus that will take us to Viking Air. We hope but think it unlikely that we will return to Tsawwassen on the 3 o'clock ferry. Realistically you should plan on returning to Tsawwassen on the 4 o'clock ferry.

We are limited to 24 participants. Please call Colin Ritson at 604.926.6976 to register or send him an e-mail at [colinritson@shaw.ca](mailto:colinritson@shaw.ca).

Please mail your cheque to the Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver at P.O. Box 92042, West Vancouver, B.C., V7V 4X4. Your registration is not confirmed until your payment is received.

*Colin Ritson*



## Photos of Members and Their Guests at the Christmas Luncheon



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