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Monthly Meeting at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre

100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver, 604-980-6338

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



Monday, August 8thth

with speaker

Jock Finlayson, Executive Vice President
and Chief Policy Officer, Business Council of BC
"BC Economic Outlook in a Slow Growth World"

Jock Finlayson is Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer at the Business Council of British Columbia, an organization representing 260 large and mid-size BC companies and affiliated industry associations that together account for approximately one-quarter of all jobs in the province. He directs the Business Council's work on economic, fiscal, tax, environmental, regulatory and human capital issues of interest to the province's business community. He manages the Council's policy and research staff and oversees the organization's publications, presentations and other outputs. Mr. Finlayson previously served as Vice President of Research at Canadian Council of Chief Executives, a leading business association in Ottawa. Prior to that he worked in the market research field and two Canadian consulting firms.

Mr. Finlayson holds a MBA from Yale University, undergraduate and M.A. degrees from UBC, and a post-graduate diploma in economics from the University of London. He received an honorary doctorate of laws from Royal Roads University in 2014. He is the author/co-author of two books and more than 50 published articles, book chapters and monographs. A frequent commentator on economic, business, and public policy issues, Mr. Finlayson writes regularly for the Vancouver Sun, Troy Media, and a number of other media outlets, and was a regular business panelist on CBC Radio's "Early Edition" program.

From 2007 to 2013, Mr. Finlayson was a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Canada, where he chaired the Corporate Governance Committee and the Fellowship Nomination Committee and also served on the Board's Human Resources Committee. He is currently a member of the National Statistics Council, the principal advisory body to the Chief Statistician of Canada, and sits on the Boards of the Institute for Research on Public Policy, the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, and Genome BC. He is also a member of the C.D. Howe Institute's National Council. He is a Fellow of Royal Roads University and past president of both the Association of Professional Economists of BC and the Ottawa Economics Association. He resides in West Vancouver with his wife Marlene.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates



Next Meeting at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre, North Vancouver

- Monday, September 12th - **Annual General Meeting**, followed by our featured speaker Dr. Simon Peacock, Dean of Science, UBC
- **2016 Membership Renewals**, see page 2 for more details...

President's Notes



Jason Beck, our speaker on 11 July, gave a fascinating view of the 1954 Empire and Commonwealth Games. As a young teenager I remember reports of the Miracle Mile and the sadness of watching Jim Peters, the greatest marathon runner of his time, stumble and fall out of the race. About a dozen of our members present for Jason's presentation had been to the games. It was a pleasant reminder of amateur competition before the advent of chemically enhanced athletes. Kuttly Variath's superb precis of that presentation is well worth reading.

September 1 marks the beginning of a new year for our club and membership renewal time. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 September. The club's fiscal period ends on 31 August so Gordon Adair will have to work quickly to finalize the financial statements for presentation to the AGM. The club's main expense remains venue costs. In 2016 – 17 our venues will be split with seven to be held at Chief Joe Mathias Centre and four at Capilano Golf and Country Club. The venue for the annual Christmas lunch has not yet been determined.

A large thank you goes out to our Past President, Barry Heselgrave, for his fine efforts in finding volunteers to stand for the Management Committee for 2016 – 17. And thanks to those who have agreed to serve. Their efforts and the efforts of their committee members help to make our club work as well as it does. You may be approached to serve on one of our many committees. Please give it serious consideration and help to make our club even better. Voting for a new management committee will take place at the AGM in September. Further details will follow.

And another large thank you to Linda Metcalfe for her continuing fine efforts on your behalf. Linda has been guiding us for more than five years and most recently while recovering from total knee replacement surgery.

In July's notes I mentioned that I was taking advantage of Synaptitude's offer of a brief review of my brain health. That review has been completed and I am advised that I am normal for my age. I guess that gives me some comfort. The brief review did not involve MRIs or other scanning of the brain but did include a physical exam and a number of cognitive tests. I feel that it was worthwhile.

During the year the Management Committee has received many comments concerning Shorelines, our speakers and special events. Members have recommended speakers and made other suggestions to improve the operation of the club. The MC appreciates your feedback and suggestions and thanks each of you for your participation and support.

Mike McMahon

Membership Renewals

We are nearing the end of another PROBUS fiscal year. Your MC has agreed that this year we will email renewal notices to all members on July 31st regardless of which month a person joined. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by email at jyasayko@telus.net or contact our administrator by email at linda@probus-northshorevancouver.ca.



The renewal payments of \$60 (unchanged from last year) are due before **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.

If you mail next year's membership renewal of \$60, **please print and return the renewal notice with your cheque**. This will help ensure the payments are properly processed. We often encounter situations where a cheque has only initials and a surname rather than the name used in the PROBUS registration. Also, some members use company cheques. You can also bring your cheque to the August or September meetings.

If you did not reply to the administrator with changes to your personal information and preferences, then by returning the renewal notice noting the changes, it also ensures that our database is up to date. Thanks for helping make the renewal as prompt and smooth a process as possible.

Jack Yasayko

Special Events

Bard on the Beach



Unfortunately due to insufficient registrations for the Bard on the Beach show Shakespeare's 'Merry Wives of Windsor' at 7:30 PM on Sunday 21st August 2016 has been cancelled. Payments already received by the few who registered will be returned or cheques destroyed.

Colin Ritson

2016/2017 Proposed Management Committee *(to be elected)*

Your Past President Barry Heselgrave is responsible for putting together a slate of Management Committee members for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed candidates for fiscal 2016 - 2017 are as follows:

President - Dave Walker

Vice-President - John Zaplatynsky

Secretary - Norm Alban

Treasurer - Gordon Adair

Chair, Communications - Darryl Stodalka

Chair, House Committee - John Barker

Chair, Membership - Jeremy Marr

Chair, Speakers - Michael Coady

Chair, Special Events - Gordon Cook

Mike McMahon automatically becomes Past President.

Biographies and Pictures of the candidates will be either sent out to all by e-mail in mid August or included in the September newsletter.

You are reminded that nominations for the Management Committee close on **29 August 2016**. If you have a member that agrees to be nominated for a position on the 2016-17 Management Committee please submit the name to Barry Heselgrave at 604-922-9481 prior to 29 August 2016.

Barry Heselgrave

New Members Welcomed and Introduced at July Meeting



Jack McGee (*member since June 2016*) Jack was born in Guelph, Ontario. Jack received a BA from St. Mary's, an MPA from Auburn University, and a Doctoral Studies from York University. His extensive career included the Royal Canadian Navy as a carrier pilot, flying Royal Family, and Base Commander at CFB Comox. As well he was Dean at George Brown College, President at St. Clair College, and President of the Justice Institute of BC. His interests include Genealogy, writing, and volunteering'



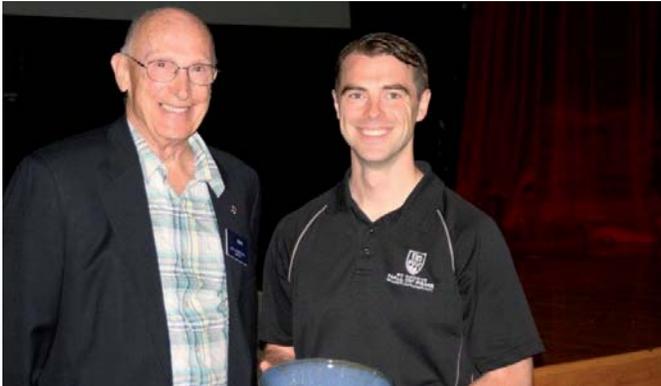
Ross Wright (*member since June 2016*) Ross was born in Vancouver, BC and has been a resident of the North Shore for 56 years. He received his Dentistry degree at the University of Washington. Ross practiced as a dentist in North Vancouver for 54 years prior to retirement. His interests include family, golf, travel and the Richard V. Tucker Study Club.

Below are photos from the July meeting of members listening to the speaker's presentation and the two greeters(L-R) Bob Permain and Kent Bubbs.



Last Month's Speaker - Jason Beck, The Miracle Mile

Note: View Speaker presentations, when available, on our website at:
<http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/speakers.htm>



President Mike McMahon thanks speaker Jason Beck with a bowl hand crafted by a member.

On Monday 11 July, Jason Beck, Curator and Facility Director of BC Hall of Fame, entertained and educated us about the 1954 Commonwealth Games. His book titled 'Miracle Mile' chronicles his years of research and interviews with tons of rare photographs, some of which were in his slide show. We also heard a few amusing stories.

At the July meeting, Jason was the youngest man there. His father wasn't born until after 1954. He obviously enjoys doing what he is doing and is very good at it. After his presentation an audience member asked him how many events were there in the 1954 Games. Without hesitation, he was able to list all nine without referring to notes.

There were quite a few in the audience who had attended the Games and a member of the rowing crew that won the Gold Medal for rowing for Canada. The rowing competition took place in the unpredictable waters of Vedder Canal and Canada rowers were a 'bunch of green UBC students.' They beat the best English rowing team by two boat lengths after falling one boat length behind at the start.

The world's strongest man, Vancouver weight lifter Doug Hepburn, lifted an unbelievable 1,040 Lbs in three lifts. His appetite was enormous and the quantity of food he consumed for lunch would feed four large families!

We heard the incredible feat of Nigerian high jumper Emmanuel Ifeajuna. He won the gold for Nigeria clearing 6' 8", with a shoe on one foot and the other foot naked. Emmanuel was only 5' 6 1/2". He jumped 13 1/2" above his own height – which was a record. North Vancouver lawn bowlers Sam Gardiner and Dick Williams won the silver medal for Canada in lawn bowling. Their record remains unbroken to this day.

In those days there was no fear of terrorists and security

was quite lax. People walked right up to the airplanes to receive athletes and boy scouts served as security guards. Similarly, there was no test for drugs – such practices were unheard of. Our customs officers too were quite understanding – when they could not examine the bush baby mascot of the North Rhodesian team who would not let them get near, they passed it as 'meat'! A creative solution. Average cost of a ticket was \$3.50 and track and field, the top event, cost \$5. Attendance picked up only when it was known that England's Roger Bannister and Australia's John Landy would be competing to run a mile under four minutes – the Miracle Mile. Despite this, the total attendance was only 160,000. New Zealand, with half our population, had sold double that number of tickets. The cost of hosting the event was \$2.36 million and when finished, the Games were supposed to have made a profit of \$32,000.

The Miracle Mile – as the press was calling the foot race – attracted a record crowd of 35,000 to the Empire Stadium. There were eight starters but really, the race was between Bannister and Landy. Bannister won the race – his speed 3 minutes 58.8 seconds. Landy was 0.8 seconds behind. The Canadian runner Rich Ferguson was in the third position, his timing 4.04. Sadly, his achievement has received little attention.

Sad Marathon. England's Jim Peters came to Vancouver as the greatest marathon runner. His record was 2 hours 17 minutes 39 seconds. In Vancouver it was a hot August day and the track had steep hills and climbs. Runners did not hydrate in those days like they do now. Peters collapsed several times, but he got up and kept going. Finally, he collapsed and was pulled out of the race with 200 yards short of the finish line. The film clip showing him staggering and falling when he entered Empire Stadium was heart wrenching to watch. Scotland's Joe McGhee won the race – his time 2 hours 39 minutes. Peter was admitted to Shaughnessey hospital and he recovered only after five days' treatment.

Jason's book "*The Miracle Mile*" is available now.

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