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Monthly Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

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



Monday, January 11th

with speakers

Linda Fawcus and Tannis Fuller

Gluu Technology Society

“The Internet of Things”

We have just lived through the Internet of People. We are now entering The Internet of Things (IoT). Experts predict in a few short years our homes will have at least five IoT objects, most of them talking to each other and to us through smartphones and tablets. Robots, smart carpets, WiFi Kettles and glowing pill bottles are some of the IoT products we will explore in our meeting with Gluu Technology Society. Gluu is a Vancouver-based nonprofit whose mission is to help older adults use today's technology.

Gluu will discuss some of the most useful and intriguing devices on the market today, and those in current development. They will also examine how we can maintain our privacy, safety and security in this age of hyper-connected living.

Linda Fawcus is Gluu Technology Society Co-founder. Ms Fawcus has been a technology entrepreneur and consultant since 1989. She became a founding partner of Vertigo Technology Inc., a leading developer of 3D computer graphics software sold worldwide and used by PIXAR, BBC, CBS, CNN, Disney and NASA, among others. Ms Fawcus is a Top 40 Under 40 Award Recipient, held a position on the RBC Young Entrepreneur Board and has consulted with technology startup companies worldwide. She started Gluu to help the coming wave of Boomers and Seniors use technology to age-in-place, connected to their families, communities and essential services.

Tannis Fuller, Co-founder of Gluu Technology Society. Ms Fuller spent her career in the Canadian manufacturing industry, working for over 20 years with Fortune 500 companies as Vice President of Operations for Cooper Business Forms, a leading printing business based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. For more information visit <http://gluuconnects.org/about/>.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



February 2016 Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday, February 15th - Dennis Molnar, WWII Spitfire

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President's Notes



The holiday season is over and I hope it was the best ever for you. We are into a new year and some new happenings. Michael Coady has arranged speakers for the next few months including Tannis Fuller and Linda Fawcus of GLUU for our January meeting and Dennis Molnar, who will speak to us about the famous aircraft the Spitfire at our February meeting. Phil Boase, Fraser Grant and Barry Heselgrave have reorganized bridge play which will commence on 11 January, 2016.

The 12th annual Christmas lunch at the Capilano Golf and Country Club, organized by Colin Ritson, was attended by 135 members and guests. This was encouraging considering that last year's attendance had dropped from the usual 130 or so to about 80. It was a delightful start to the holiday season with the Classic Carolers singing the old familiar songs during lunch. The many pictures of that event appearing in this issue of Shorelines were taken by Darryl Stodalka, our premier photographer. This luncheon was not the over the top buffet of prior years. If you have any comments, good or bad, about the luncheon please convey them to Colin Ritson or me, (or both of us). The Special Events committee would appreciate any feedback from you.

About one third of our members responded to the Special Events Survey. In survey terms this is a great response. Barry Heselgrave will be providing us with the results of that survey.

A topic on the minds of many members is the venue preferred for our monthly meetings. Before implementing any change of venue we will be asking our members to provide us with their views concerning the choice of venue.

I was cross country skiing recently and was reminded that snow is one of the things I miss since moving from Fort William, (Thunder Bay), to Vancouver 50 years ago. I don't mean snow on the roads – I don't miss that at all – I mean snow in the forest. Gliding along the trails surrounded by the bright snow, even in cloudy conditions, has a marvelous calming effect on me especially after leaving the clouds below. It reminded me that no matter how gloomy it may appear there is always sunshine somewhere if you look for it.

And 2015 has been gloomy. Looking back over the past year we saw Putin in the Ukraine and in Syria; terrorist attacks in France, the United States, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel and other places around the world; and Canadians discov-

ered that Canada was not immune from such attacks; the Liberal landslide; the rise of Donald Trump as a presidential candidate; the collapse of the price of oil; followed by the collapse of the Canadian dollar; and the poignant picture of a dead child on the beach in Greece, who drowned on his family's search for a better life, touched the hearts of all of us. In spite of all this bad news, we know that there are good people in the world who help us keep our faith in mankind. This is evident in the many positive stories published in the media during the holiday season, a practice that should be expanded year round.

I also would like to remind you that our many committees are always looking for volunteers. If you want to assist on a particular committee contact me or the chair of that activity and we will do our best to accommodate you.

And to everyone I wish a very happy New Year.

Mike McMahon



December Luncheon Greeters



Grant Gisel and President Mike McMahon greet Members and their Guests

Photos of Members and Their Guests at the Christmas Luncheon



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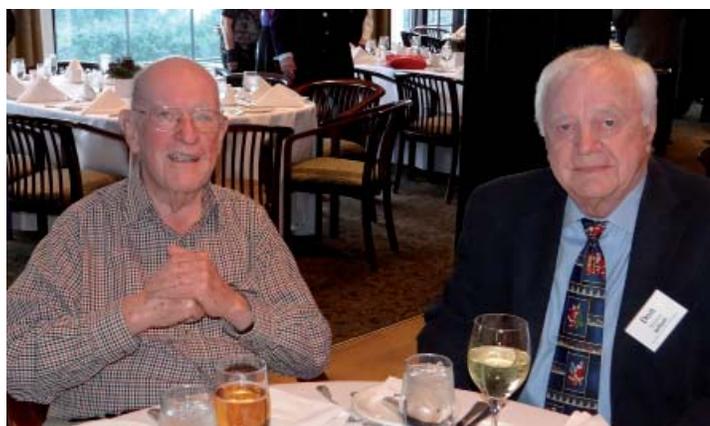
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Special Events Chair Colin Ritson ready to hand out name tags to the attendees.



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