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Monthly Meeting at the 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 9th

with speaker

Dr. John Innes,

Professor and Dean, Faculty of Forestry, UBC

“Is Forestry in BC Heading for a Crisis”

Dr. John Innes grew up near St Andrews on the east coast of Scotland. He was appointed in 1999 as Forest Renewal BC Chair of Forest Management at the University of British Columbia, and in 2010 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Forestry. He holds an Honorary Professorial Fellowship at the University of Melbourne and adjunct professorial positions at three Chinese universities. He has worked on many facets of forest management and climate change. His recent focus has been on the ways that forests, foresters and forest-dependent communities react to externally-driven change. He is actively involved in research projects in British Columbia, Australia, Chile, Mexico, Peru and China. He is coordinator of the Task Force on ‘Resources for the Future’ of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations. Dr. Innes is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Environmental Management and Environmental Conservation, and sits on the editorial advisory boards of other journals. He has published extensively in the forestry field.

Dr. Innes will speak about whether forestry in BC is heading for a crisis. British Columbia was founded on forestry, and forestry remains a mainstay of many rural communities, but political attention on forests has been waning for a number of years. There are increasing signals that we may be approaching significant changes. These signals include increasing uncertainty over the landbase and its management, stemming in particular from the Tsilhqot’in and other recent court decisions; loss of timber supply due to bark beetle attacks; the impacts of climate change, especially on the incidence of drought, fire, and pests and disease; an ageing workforce; competition from planted forests in other parts of the world; and the impending softwood lumber dispute with the USA. How we address these changes will determine whether or not we have a crisis.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



Next Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

- **Monday, February 6th** - Margaret Catley-Carlson, Water Resources
- **Monday, March 13th** - Andre Gerolymatos, Report on Mid-East

President's Notes



I start by sending best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year filled with happiness for you and your family. In addition, I wish you continued enjoyment of the fellowship provided by our club.

And speaking of fellowship - what a great Christmas lunch (see separate article by Gordon Cook on the next page). As an update for those of you who could not attend, we had 85 members at our lunch and fellowship was front and centre. Members socialized and mingled before lunch where many had a chance to meet and chat with our special guest of honour Christopher Gaze. After lunch Gordon Adair recanted a spirited Shakespearian introduction of Christopher and we were fortunate to hear an entertaining, stimulating and delightful talk including Christmas stories and verses, excerpts from Shakespeare's plays and a history of Bard on the Beach and the upcoming program. What a magical presentation at a magical time of the year!

Many thanks to your special event committee for organizing the event - they have set the bar high for next year. We reverted back to a member only format this year and your feedback - be it good or bad is appreciated. It is interesting to note that although the total attendance (including guests) was down from last year we had a greater percentage and greater number of our members attending this year than ever before. Should we continue with members only format, revert to members and guests (spouses), perhaps have two lunch events, or lobby the women's club to invite guests (spouses)? This is your club and your event and the committees need your input. We appreciate comments on format, venue, menu, and concept of having a guest speaker.

What about that record rain in October and November and then the snow and cold in December. Is this global warming, climate change, a Chinese conspiracy or just a 50 year cycle? Whatever it is, I implore you to be safe! If you drive - make sure you have snow tires and have your window washer fluid topped up. I ran out last week and stopped at 2 gas stations where both were sold out. Take extra care when walking both outdoors and indoors at malls etc. as the entrance floors may be wet and slippery. If you are a skier (assume a small % in our group) - wear your helmet.

Call for volunteers - due to "retirements," the Management Committee is currently looking for a House Chair and a Shoreline scribe. Alex presented a toast at the Christmas lunch thanking all volunteers over the last 14 years and recalls how it is a rewarding experience. Please contact me or anyone on the MC if you have any interest in helping.

Looking forward to 2017 - WOW - we are in for change, change and more change. Our demographic is not the most flexible in dealing with change. With that said, I believe through our speakers and special events we will attempt to keep our members informed on these changes on regional, provincial, national, and international topics. (And Phil will keep us up to date on any changes in bridge conventions.)

This starts with our first speaker in January and the relevant topic of change in the forest sector in BC. We will continue with topical speakers that will keep us informed of the changing world and keep our minds active.

I close by sending my best wishes to you and your loved ones - have a bright, happy and prosperous New Year! See you in 2017.

Dave Walker

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Seasons Greetings

*From
Your Administrator
Linda Metcalfe*



*May you always have
LOVE to share
HEALTH to spare
And FRIENDS that care*

*May the Spirit of Christmas
Remain with You
Throughout 2017*

Christmas Luncheon Review and Photos

Christmas Luncheon

On a sunny December 12th 2016, 85 members of the PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver gathered to enjoy a Christmas celebration of fellowship, camaraderie and good cheer at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. The festivities included a feast of WVYC's famous baron of beef, cranberry fillet of salmon, vegetable ravioli, a selection of potatoes, squash, rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables. Lunch was topped off with a selection of Christmas treats, fruit and cheese, dessert squares and short bread; followed by an interesting and humorous presentation by special guest Christopher Gaze.

A goodtime was had by all. Special thanks to our photographer Darryl Stodalka for providing all the following photos.

Gord Cook



John Elliott greets members with festive name tags.



President Dave Walker welcoming the members.



Guest Christopher Gaze entertains the members.



President Dave Walker thanks Christopher Gaze.



MLA Ralph Sultan in conversation with Mr. Gaze.

Photos of Members at the Christmas Luncheon



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