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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, October 2nd

with speaker

Professor Paul Evans,

Asia Pacific International Security, UBC

“Averting a Second Korean War: Options and Dilemmas for China, the United States, North Korea (and Canada)”



The likelihood of war on the Korean peninsula is still low but there is no mistaking that this is a dangerous and uncertain moment. Recent developments in the North Korean missile and nuclear programs and the interaction of Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump raise the possibility of a major collision. The presentation will examine the dynamics of the current situation and possible actions by the key players to avoid a catastrophe.

Paul Evans is a professor of international security issues in Asia Pacific at the University of British Columbia based at the new School of Public Policy and Global Affairs. He has been involved with Korean issues for 30 years and has visited North Korea on several occasions. His recent writings have focused

on China's growing global role and issues in Canada-China relations.

A member of the International Council of the Asia Society in New York, he also sits on the editorial boards of *The Pacific Review* and *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *The Chinese Quarterly of Strategic Studies*, and *Journal Mexico y la Cuenca del Pacifico*. He is a Canadian representative on the Expert and Eminent Persons Group of the ASEAN Regional Forum.

A bio-sketch is available at <http://iar.ubc.ca/persons/paul-evans/>

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



Next Meeting at the Capilano Golf & Country Club

- **Monday, November 6th** - Dennis Molnar, Historian, *Living Behind the Berlin Wall (part 1 of 2)*
- **Special Events** - details on page 2
- **Annual Christmas Luncheon** - Monday, December 11th

President's Notes



Greetings to all PROBUS members as we enter a "new year" of meetings and activities. I look forward to serving as you President for the coming twelve months and am very sorry to have missed the official hand-off of the gavel from Past President Dave. I was touring the Maritimes and New England on a vacation planned some time ago.

My thanks to Dave for his leadership over the past year as well as to Mike McMahon as he leaves the Management Committee.

October and the fall have been the traditional time of harvest and thanksgiving. Although I suspect most of us are no longer engaged in harvest activities - except in your home garden or helping Saskatchewan relatives - there are many things we are thankful for at this time of year. We have enjoyed one of the finest summers in my memory, spoiled only by the very damaging forest fires, that impacted friends in the Interior. We are also fortunate to live in British Columbia and be spared the dramatic weather events that brought so much damage, death and suffering in Texas, Florida and Mexico. Our thoughts are with those who endured these terrible storms. A friend in Houston lost his medical practice building, home and summer residence in a few short days. I do not know how he will recover. We are also thankful to live in a safe and stable democracy.

We have great continuity and talent on the Management Committee to ensure we enjoy interesting and stimulating speakers and entertaining special events over the next twelve months. I look forward to working with them and you to deliver these programs.

John Zaplatynsky

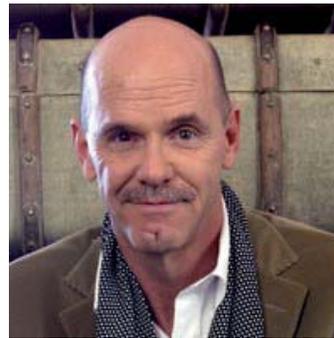
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Special Events

Keep The Date!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
will be held on
MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017 at
The West Vancouver Yacht Club



Our special guest will be Jackson Davies.

Although Jackson has appeared in well over 350 TV shows and films, he is probably best known locally for the 16 years he starred as Constable John Constable in CBC's *The Beachcombers*. He is also an award-winning film writer and producer.

Come prepared for mouth-watering food, drink, comradery, fellowship, good cheer and a hilariously enjoyable time with Jackson.

This will be a members only event.

Registration information will be available next month.

Gordon Cook

Seaspan Open House

Only a few days left until October 1st. If you haven't already registered there is still time at;

<https://seaspan-open-house.eventbrite.ca>

Final Notice for 2017 -2018 Membership Renewals

If a member fails to pay the renewal fee of \$80 by **October 15th**, his membership will lapse and his name removed from the mailing list.

Please mail ASAP or bring your payment with your renewal form to the October meeting if you have yet to renew.

New Members Introduced and Welcomed at September Meeting



Clive Holloway (*member since September 2017*) Clive was born in Somerset, England. He has resided in West Vancouver since 1979. In 1966 he received his CA in England, then a CPA and Certified Personal Consultant degrees in BC. His early career was primarily in accounting. In 1972 he became cofounder and partner in a recruitment firm Holloway, Shulz and Partners. He was also the Canadian VP for NAPA and a Manager with KPMG (Peat Marwick). Clive's interests include motorsports, snooker, tennis, fitness, movies, finance and investments. He volunteers with the WV Seniors Centre, North Shore Meals on Wheels and was a former board member of a federal political party riding association



Perry Maerov (*member since September 2017*) Perry was born in Calgary and received a medical degree at the University of Alberta and post graduate training in Ophthalmology at Queens. He set himself up in practice in the Lower Mainland as an eye physician and surgeon and has worked initially in Port Coquitlam and then for over 30 years in North Vancouver. He is on the active staff at Lion's Gate Hospital and is a Clinical Associate Professor at UBC. He is interested in bridge and travel – and has done some fishing.



Doug Magoon (*member since September 2017*) Doug lived near Mansonville, Quebec from birth until 1972, then Trail, BC from 1970-2003 and North Vancouver for 14 years. He received a B.Eng. Metallurgy from McGill and has been a Professional Engineer for many years. He was employed at Cominco as a technical engineer and served as operations management in Trail and then moved to Vancouver with Teck Resources in 2003 as General Manager Technology till retirement in 2007. He was also Board Chair of AMIRA International. His many interests include travel, woodworking, model trains, golf, gardening, photography and family history. He has volunteered on the Board of BC Big Brothers and Big Sisters, as well as with the Armed Forces Liaison Committee. In Trail he volunteered on the Regional Hospital Board, Rotary and as Treasurer of a Mens Curling Club.



President Dave Walker welcomes new members.



Greeters Jack Hardy and Doug Fromson

Special thanks to photographer Darryl Stodalka



Last Month Speaker - Andy Yan



President Dave Walker thanks guest speaker Andy Yan with a bowl hand crafted by a member.

Our speaker in September was Andy Yan, Adjunct Professor in Simon Fraser's Urban Studies Program. His presentation was about today's reality and some of the urban challenges we will face over the coming years. It contained detailed slides and statistics about the Greater Vancouver Region, and several trends that are inexorably developing. He did not give his opinion on the implication of these trends, he left us to draw our own conclusions. These are some of the highlights.

Greater Vancouver and the North Shore are facing a number of issues in common, as well as some unique issues. Global warming is happening, sea levels are moving, immigration will continue, housing prices will remain an issue, as will job creation. Climate forecasts suggest that by 2040 the Vancouver climate will be more like Seattle today. Many think that doesn't mean much, but a change of one, two or three degrees can make a major difference to fall and winter weather. Those of us who spent many years in Toronto know that a three degree change in average winter temperatures is the difference between three inches and three feet of snow. Can you imagine Seymour, Cypress, and Grouse with no snow cover regularly? The CN rail dispute with the District of West Vancouver over the seawall may be moot if the seawall and railway tracks are under water.

By the turn of this century the climate is likely to get warmer still, and Vancouver may be like San Diego today. To some this may not be a bad thing, but it may well mean the favourite winter sport will be water skiing.

While immigration is a major discussion topic today, we may see even more people coming as climate refugees. The implication is there will likely be more Asian immigrants than today, but also fewer European arrivals. Our cultural focus may turn from a European basis to an Asian one.

It's likely that high level of absentee ownership will continue, and this may be a cause of some unexpected

problems. It is not broadly known, but the population of West Vancouver has actually been falling. Many of us look at all the new construction and wonder how this can be, but maps show that the highest concentration of empty houses in Vancouver is in the British Properties. Not only does this make for empty neighbourhoods, it means that the forest begins to encroach, and brings more wildlife with it. Does this mean there will be more bear, skunk and coyote issues in the future? One other issue is that absentee owners are not happy with tax base increases, and this can create problems for the local municipalities.

Growth in population can also drive some major changes in the shape of cities. Density in the current downtown area is currently very high, with some districts higher than Hong Kong, so where will the people go? Not only where will they live, but where will the jobs be?

It turns out that the price of commercial land has risen even more than the price of residential property, and the price jump in North Vancouver is close to 200% over the past decade. Most North Shore residents work on the North Shore or downtown Vancouver, but where will they work in the future?

This picture of our city of the future means it may not be as pleasant and relaxed as it is today. It will be up to us all to preserve its essential features through intelligent planning and development as part of our legacy to our future residents.

Tom Gunn



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