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

Monday, January 8th

with speaker

Dennis Molnar, Historian

"Part II - Behind the Berlin Wall: Best Escapes, Resisting the State and Poster Propaganda in Cold War East Germany"



Dennis Molnar returns on January 8th with part 2 of his talk on the historic impact of the Berlin Wall. Comments from members following the first talk in November were very favourable. Don't miss the next instalment!

Life was difficult in this Police State - especially seeing prosperous West Germany next door. Join us to see the most creative and the best Escapes made. We will meet a Lady who escaped and meet a Man whose Resistance risked 1,200 years in jail. The Poster Propaganda you will see seems unbelievable today, but why was it believable then? Common thinking is that the Wall fell because

the Soviets said they would not interfere, but we will uncover secrets that prove the Wall fell for a very different reason.

Dennis Molnar was schooled in Britain and Canada and went on to receive University Engineering and Business Degrees. He was the Managing Director of a High Technology company, has served on various Advisory Boards and has been a Director of a Listed Company. He is a past Director of the BC Winston Churchill Society and for over 20 years has presented Cold War and World War II history widely to Businesses, Professional Groups, Museums and Societies. He and his wife have two daughters and live in Vancouver.

A few of his other lectures include: The Two Best Allied Spies of WW II; Mistakes, Luck, and Disobeying Hitler: The Deciding Factors in the Chase and Sinking of the Bismarck in World War II; The Spitfire Fighter of World War II and Puzzles and Enigmas: The Cat and Mouse Codebreaking Game of World War II.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...

February 2018 Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- **Monday, February 5th** - Jon Nightingale, CEO of the Vancouver Aquarium, "Oceans In Peril: Plastics And The Destruction Of The Oceans"
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President's Notes



Please accept my best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and prosperous New Year. More emphasis on health at our stage in life!

My thanks go out to Gord Cook and the Special Events Committee on their work in organizing another wonderful Christmas luncheon at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. The event was sold out and judging by the very early arrival of most everyone, the opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow PROBUS members was very welcome. I really enjoyed the chance to sit with six Past Presidents, including Don Brinton, one of our founding members and a member of the Order of Canada. They are all true gentlemen and played an important role in building our Club.

At a recent meeting of Vancouver PROBUS Club Presidents, our National PROBUS President, Bill Sexsmith of Vancouver, reminded us of one of the key principles of PROBUS membership - fellowship. The speakers are a highlight for most of us, but I would encourage each of you to come a little early to our meetings at Capilano and renew long-time friendship over a cup of coffee. Perhaps that might be a New Year's resolution that would be easy to keep? Another fellowship avenue would be to become involved in one of our sub-groups - bridge and golf.

Over the Holidays I had the opportunity to chat with a number of friends about PROBUS. I am sure some of you may have had the same experience. Remember that we always welcome guests to our meetings and appreciate your offering membership applications to those guests who do attend.

I look forward to seeing you at our regular meetings in the New Year and welcome your suggestions on how we might make your PROBUS membership even more enjoyable.

All the best for 2018!

John Zaplatynsky

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A New Year Poem

Seasons Yet To Come

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They gave us all a calendar
At work this afternoon.
Suddenly it dawns on me,
The year is ending soon!

Comes January, cold and gray.
The new year's just beginning.
And February, short and bright
With Valentine hearts winning.

Comes March, the windy roaring one
And warm the sun of spring.
Then April, bright of shining sky
And flowers blossoming.

Comes May, and school soon to close
With children's happy laughter.
Then June, with open city pools
And picnics soon thereafter.

July comes booming with a bang
Of red-glared rockets blasting.
Then August lingers with its heat
That seems so...everlasting.

September, gold September comes.
The year is growing older.
October with sweet Halloween.
The nights grow dark and colder.

November smells of harvest,
Of recent turkey and Thanksgiving.
December comes with joy and light
To fill hearts of the living.

Each page I flip and see these things
Of days yet to come.
My calendar is a door to me,
An adventure just begun!



Christmas Luncheon Review and Photos

Christmas Luncheon

Once again our annual Christmas Luncheon was held on a lovely sunny day at the West Vancouver Yacht Club overlooking beautiful Fisherman's Cove. Over 100 members attended this sold out event, enjoying the camaraderie, fellowship and good cheer of their fellow members, while partaking of the festive food and drink. The West Vancouver Yacht Club did a superb job of providing a delicious turkey dinner, with all the usual accompaniments. Many thanks to their chef and staff for a fine meal and first-rate service.

The highlight of the afternoon was a presentation by film and TV star Jackson Davies, who entertained us with stories of how he got into show business, ended-up starring on *The Beachcombers* and moved on with the rest of his career. According to Jackson, he was chosen for his role on *The Beachcombers* only because he was size 44-tall - and that was the only size of RCMP uniform that the production company had available. Although he was being modest, he did recount a number of opportunities that had come about simply because he was the right person, in the right place, at the right time. He went on to regale us by reading a series of posts following the rumor of his death by gun shot. He assured us that not only had he never been shot, but that he was also still very much alive. It was fascinating to watch clips of him in various shows while he recounted background information, most of which was very humorous. Jackson kept us all enthralled and chuckling as he wrapped up the event.

All-in-all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon – good food and drink – good companions – and good entertainment.

Gord Cook

Special thanks to our photographer Darryl Stodalka for providing the photos that follow.



Our Santa greeters Eric Rutledge & Grant Hughes



President John Zaplatynsky welcomes members.



Jon Strom and John Elliott greet members and provide their festive name tags.



Special Events Chair Gordon Cook thanked guest Jackson Davies with a bowl hand crafted by one of our PROBUS members. One of his slides below.



Photos of Members at the Christmas Luncheon



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