

# Shorelines

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## Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting

*with guest speaker*

**Commander (Retired) King Wan, CD, HAdeC**  
*“Ship Building in the Lower Mainland During WWII”*



Commander (Retired) King Wan joined the Naval Reserve while attending UBC. Upon graduation from the Reserve Officers University Training Plan (ROUTP) he continued with his naval service. As a Maritime Warfare (seagoing) officer, he participated in many naval training and operational cruises with NATO, NCS exercises and acted as staff officer and Naval Control Shipping Officer. He served two separate tours as Executive Officer of HMCS DISCOVERY then as Commanding Officer of that unit from 2001-2005. He was then appointed to the Vice Chief of Defence Staff (VCDS) office as the Canadian Forces Liaison Council Regional Liaison Officer for Pacific and the North regions. During his service career he also acted for a year as the National co-chair (military) for the DVMAG (Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group) for the Canadian Forces. He retired from the Royal Canadian Navy in late 2012 and works as an Internal Audit manager at the City of Vancouver. Commander (Ret'd) Wan served on the Executive Committee of the Naval Officers' Association of BC (NOABC) and was the president for the Association 2010-2011. He was re-elected as the president in 2018 and led the association during 2019 in its centenary celebration. He was also active with the BC and Yukon St. John Ambulance Brigade; served in many roles and then appointed as the Provincial Commissioner (2008-2011). He also served on the BC/Yukon St. John Council. He also served on the Board of Governors for the Pacific Marine Training Institute (PMTI) eventually as the Board Vice-chair. He is on the Board of Governors of the BC Commissionaires since 2012 and is the vice-chair. Commander (Ret'd) Wan is a member of the Vancouver cadre of Honorary Aides-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, past president of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum in Vancouver and president of the ANAVETS Pacific Unit No. 280. He was a director and now serves on the Board of the Vancouver Canadian Club as a special advisor and a director of the BC Canadian Forces Liaison Council.

### Mark Your Calendars to Attend Our Next Zoom Meeting

**Monday, February 8th**



**The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould PC MP, Details Page 2**

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## President's Notes



In re-reading Past President Herbert Grubel's January 2020 Shorelines comments, his hope was for a benign winter and an early spring!

As with Herbert, none of us could have imagined that, starting in March, a global pandemic would bring the world to its knees in terms of public health, economic and social issues.

And now, as we look ahead to 2021 with new, effective vaccines developed in an unprecedented short time frame by the world's finest scientific minds, our basic human nature of optimism is being renewed!

It is with this positive mental attitude that we all look forward to a return to a semblance of normality including in-person PROBUS meetings and the opportunity to socialize again.

Thank you for your continued commitment and, particularly, for the attendance of almost 200 of our members (and members of the North Shore and Vancouver Women's PROBUS Clubs) to the outstanding Christmas program presented by Gillian Hunt, Conductor, of the Pandora's Vox and Esperitu choirs. The visual expressions of joy and love of music by the choir members was an inspiration for all of us as a prelude to this year's unique Christmas season.

Looking ahead with the many interesting speakers John Elliott has arranged, 2021 promises to be another successful PROBUS year!

On behalf of the Management Committee, may I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy New Year and an early spring!

*Ron Wood*



## Questions for February Speaker

### February Speaker Jody Wilson-Raybould



As noted in the December Shorelines, our February speaker Jody Wilson-Raybould has advised that she would prefer less of a formal speech and more of a discussion with our club members. She is asking if we can provide her with topics of interest or perhaps even questions that we already have in mind.

This gives us a unique opportunity to make this a most interesting session. I will be following this up in mid-January with an email invitation to all members to submit questions and topics of discussion to me. In the meantime, please feel free to forward me by email any questions and or topics of interest that you would like to have her discuss.

I will review all suggestions and submit as many as I can to her well in advance of the presentation on February 8.

*John Elliott, Speakers Chair*

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## Review of December 14 Pandora's Vox Zoom Event

The dawn of 2021 brings with it the hope that the risks and impositions that COVID-19 brought to our lives in 2020 may recede as we journey forward. One imposition that we felt as a club was the loss of the ability to enjoy in-person fellowship at meetings and special events. An example was our popular Christmas luncheon, which simply could not be held in-person in December. However, resourcefulness rose to the challenge. John Elliott, past Special Events Chair, felt strongly in September that the club should offer some type of entertainment in December to lift the spirits as we approached the Christmas season. President Ron Wood offered a suggestion for a group of impeccable credentials that might be willing to help with such an endeavour. Thus, began our journey to the December 14th Christmas Zoom Event that highlighted the awesome talent of Pandora's Vox and Espiritu Vocal Ensembles.

Gillian Hunt, Artistic Director of Pandora's Vox, was approached by John about the possibility and she enthusiastically agreed to help by offering our club access to a video compilation of vignettes from past Christmas concerts that they were assembling for the entertainment of their membership. Gillian founded Pandora's Vox Ladies' Ensemble in 1989 and, building upon its success, subsequently created the forty-voice Espiritu mixed-voice ensemble in 2002. The video compilation, entitled "Only Joy Aloud" was designed to be accessed by their members on their website but upon testing in a Zoom meeting context, did not play very well. Gillian came to the rescue by asking her video editor, Neil Miller, to liaise with Darryl Stodalka, our Vice-President and Zoom meeting guru, to convert a copy of the video to a format that would show

well during a live Zoom meeting. Neil was most cooperative, leading to a version of Pandora's video that played well during our December 14th Zoom Christmas Event.

One benefit that the challenges of holding Zoom meetings has created is closer cooperation among some PROBUS clubs to share Zoom meeting content. We have been joined in some of our monthly meetings by members of the two ladies PROBUS clubs on the North Shore to view some of our speakers' presentations. That was gratifyingly the case during our December 14th Christmas Event, in which members of the Lions Gate Women's PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver and the Vancouver Women's PROBUS Club joined the meeting to enjoy Pandora's presentation. We had as many as 181 participants logged in for the event. We know that some members' spouses joined in the comfort of their homes to share the viewing, so the level of participation was gratifying.

Pandora's Vox and Espiritu have been lauded for their artistic virtuosity, their stunning visual presentation and their creative and sometimes humorous style. That was powerfully illustrated by the "Only Joy Aloud" presentation that we were privileged to make the foundation of our Christmas Event. It was a pleasure to watch and served as a heart-warming culmination to our 2020 PROBUS Club season. We are most grateful to Gillian Hunt for making this opportunity possible for our Clubs. Their presentation served as yet another reminder of the wealth of talent that resides in our communities that deserve our recognition and support - a good thing to do at any time but especially during the Christmas holiday season.

*Doug Magoon*



**Doug Magoon (L) shared questions with Gillian Hunt (R), Artistic Director, Pandora's Vox from the members after her presentation. He thanked her for providing a delightful virtual Christmas entertainment event for not only our members but those from the Lions Gate Women's Club and the Vancouver Women's Club. A \$500 donation for Pandora's Vox was presented from our club.**

A Few Photos from the Pandora's Vox Zoom Event



## A Few Photos from the Pandora's Vox Zoom Event



If you wish to view “Only Joy Aloud” again or for the first time, click on the link below...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amwKXChL4pY>