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Monday, January 10th Zoom Meeting - 9:30AM

with speaker

Mark Collins, President and CEO, BC Ferries

“BC Ferries’ State of the Union: Electrification, Horseshoe Bay Master Plan and the Future of Shipbuilding in BC”



This should be a very interesting talk on a subject that I’m sure will be of interest to all of our members. Mark has indicated that he looks forward to questions from the audience and a session with a full exchange of ideas and information on this most important Topic.

Mark Collins considered traveling from Victoria and speaking to us live until the latest COVID virus reared its ugly head.

The latest caution forced him to cancel coming here but we were still hoping to have a live meeting with a format similar to the recent member lunch. Due to the increasing numbers of COVID infections within our community, your MC has made the decision to hold this meeting by Zoom.

Mark Collins, born in an island community, and has over 35 years’ of marine experience, Mark understands the importance of a reliable ferry service to people’s lives and the local economy. Before becoming President & CEO, Mark held leadership positions with BC Ferries for 11 years and also served as President of both Rolls Royce Marine Brazil and Italy. He has an MBA in Transport and Logistics from UBC, a certificate in Strategic Leadership from Oxford, a BA in Marine Geography from Saint Marys, and a Diploma of Mechanical (Marine) Engineering from Memorial University. In addition to several past directorships, he presently serves on the boards of Interferry, Green Marine and is the chair of the Canadian Ferry Association.

*Happy New Year
May 2022 be a happy and healthy one.*

Mark Your Calendars with These Important Dates



February 14th, Dr. Mark Jaccard, Energy Economist and Author
March 14th, Dr. David Wood, Noted Heart Surgeon

President's Notes



Fellow PROBUS members, I wish you the very best that this Joyous season can bring. As I pen this message, Christmas is in the rear view mirror and New Year's Eve is within sight. I expect that most of you stayed close to home and celebrated within your safe bubble as did Darlene and I.

Some relaxation of health protocols allowed for a Christmas luncheon on December 13 which was enjoyed by 77 members. Our "Everest" guest speaker Alan Mallory delivered a captivating presentation and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Thank you to Doug Magoon for arranging this speaker and thanks to Terry McLeod for the technical setup.

I've lost track of how many waves of COVID-19 that we have experienced, so with the recent uptick in COVID-19 case numbers, it may come as no surprise to members that we will continue using Zoom for the January 2022 meeting at the least. We have consensus among our management team that this is the prudent course of action. I know that most of you are eagerly looking forward to normal in-person meetings. This will have to wait awhile.

However, I like to look on the bright side of things. I am grateful that I have a warm home in which to hunker down and internet to keep me entertained.

Happy New Year.

Darryl Stodalka



Above and right, West Vancouver Yacht Club all set up for the PROBUS members arrival. Note the screen at the front of the room for easy viewing of the Zoom presentation.

Christmas Luncheon Review

A successful PROBUS Club Christmas luncheon was held on December 13th with seventy-seven members in attendance. President Darryl Stodalka reported that this was the first in-person event held by the club in nineteen months. Everyone was in good spirits and enjoyed the event. The West Vancouver Yacht Club presented a very tasty luncheon and dessert table.

Our speaker, Alan Mallory, presented a riveting description, complete with accompanying slides and video clips, of his ascent of Mount Everest in 2008, accompanied by his father, brother and sister. His mother, who was slated to be part of the team, sustained a leg injury on a practice climb in Nepal prior to the ascent and could not participate. The ascent was a two-month endeavour. Alan did a masterful job of chronicling the project, its challenges, its many dangers and its ultimate rewards.

Darryl Stodalka and Terry McLeod, our Chair of Communications and acting House Chair, did an excellent job of providing good infrastructure for viewing the presentation as Alan was speaking to us via video link from Ontario. His presentation was projected on a large screen at the front of the venue plus on two large TVs at the side and back of the venue. Consequently, everyone had a good view of the presentation. The video link also permitted members to ask questions via microphone directly to Alan, as in a normal in-person meeting, which was appreciated by participants. This technical infrastructure created the possibility for our club to have access to speakers, located literally anywhere in the world, without the requirement for them to be physically present in the meeting room.

In closing, I wish to thank participants for their willing cooperation in the observation of required COVID protocols. That was much appreciated. The Special Events Committee hopes you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Doug Magoon, Chair Special Events

View a few photos of club members on the next page...



A Few Photos from the Christmas Luncheon

