



NEWSLETTER

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*Clubs for retired and semi-retired professional and
business persons, former executives and others*



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 16, 1999
TIME: 9:30AM
LOCATION: Stanley Park Pavilion
SPEAKER: Edgar Kaiser, Chair, Kaiser Resources
TOPIC: *ISSUES OF THE DAY*

Minutes from January 19th meeting:

Attendance: 146
Guests: 9 were introduced by their sponsors.

President McBride opened the meeting at 10:00am. He stated that he was sad to announce that **Allin Moore** had died this previous weekend. A Service was held January 28, 1999. He gave recognition and thanks to **George Baldwin** for his contribution of PROBES to the BULLETIN. **Professor Baldwin** is taking a vacation after 20 missives.

MEMBERSHIP: John Hopkins reported that membership has reached over 200. A new hall configuration is being tried with no tables, and the chairs being arranged theatre style to accommodate the larger numbers. Membership is at full capacity for the hall. Therefore remedial actions are necessary. These could include: limiting membership by creating a wait list, finding a larger hall, and the creation of additional clubs. All of these options are being discussed by the executive. As a suggestion he proposed the autobiographies of the members be provided to the BULLETIN to replace PROBES.

SPEAKERS: Brice Macdougall announced that on February 16, Edgar Kaiser, Chair of Kaiser Resources will be the guest speaker.

Bulletin: Stew McKenzie noted that new formats for the BULLETIN are being tried and welcomes suggestions from the members.

VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT: Jim McPherson announced that a golf tournament is to be held Monday, May 3, 1999 at the University Golf Club. 12 to 14 foursomes have indicated an interest. \$110.00 gets golf, beer and sandwich at the ninth, and dinner. He also requested return of the questionnaires circulated at the last meeting.

The guest speaker Captain Trafford Taylor had an extensive introduction by **Richard Landahl**. Captain Taylor is responsible for the sea trials and protocols for officer training for the new BC Ferries' high speed craft.

There are many types of craft in the current BC Ferries' fleet, all of which are run in the traditional way where assistants operate the ship under the captain's direction. The operation of High Speed Craft (HSC) is a radical departure likened to the operation of a large passenger aircraft where the captain operates the craft directly with assistance from computers and other on board devices. Because of the speed involved information has to be provided in a timely manner - for instance paper charts are too slow to access therefore all of the navigational charts are on computer.

Worldwide 1500 HSC operate under strict codes which dictate operations such as limiting travel to specific routes. Under the HSC CODE the captain is not allowed to pick a course as with conventional craft. The International Safety Management System dictates safety procedures. Since most of the craft are made of aluminum the evacuation procedures have to be quick and sophisticated. The SEACAT can evacuate 950 people to life rafts in 17 minutes.

January 1999

President:
Pidge McBride
274-0446

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Fred Cotton
266-7060

Vice-president:
Roy E. Williams
926-4727

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Don Farquhar
948-9908

Treasurer:
Bill Wallace
222-2365

**Speakers
Committee:**
Brice Macdougall
922-5321

**Membership
Committee:**
John Hopkins
985-8422

**Visits and
Entertainment:**
Jim McPherson
922-2742

Bill Manson
988-2365

**House
Committee:**
Doug Lambert
266-2422

**Greeters
Committee:**
Norm Weitzel
925-3574

Rotary Liaison:
John Hoyle
926-2667

This requires a safety video, special signage, crowd control and special trained staff in uniforms which is costly.

Captain Taylor has been responsible for developing a Maintenance Management Program for tracking warranties and maintenance. Craft maintenance is an important item with HSC because of the increased stresses caused by the high speed. Extensive tracking with records being maintained and with manuals for such things as craft operation, route operation, training procedures, and services scheduling have been created. There are a large number of logs in Georgia Strait. Experience with the aluminum Clipper ships out of Victoria has demonstrated no hull damage to date from collision with logs. He was happy to report that there were no cracks in the aluminum structures of the SEACAT which were expected after recent sea trials.

Questions dealt with speed - Max. 42 knots; auto pilot - yes; crash stop - 2 ship lengths; loading time - best 22 minutes; waves - various strategies; evacuation - cocoon chutes; pleasure boats - education; seacat II - launch May 1 + 2-3 months to complete.

Captain Taylor was thanked by George Adams for his interesting presentation.

Don Farquhar, secretary

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Dr. Allin Moore on January 15th. Our condolences to his wife and family. A donation has been made in his name by Probus to the B.C. Paraplegics Assoc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We would like your help on providing us with some articles for our Probus newsletter. We are sure there are many of us that have a special interest, hobby or even relating experiences on a trip that could be shared by all of us. Even your Bio's would be of great interest to the members - we want to get to know you better. Please give it some serious thought - remember, to keep this club really interesting and fun - we need your participation. We would be remiss if we didn't say thank you to Dr. Geo. Baldwin for his contribution over the last 20 months with his 'PROBES' - We really appreciated the effort George.

John Hopkins, our membership Chairman will provide us with the up to date numbers of our membership in his report. The numbers are amazing and at the same time indicative of the tremendous interest there is in our club. With these numbers, it raises some difficult questions as to how big should we be? Location of our meeting (max. capacity is 150). Wait lists, guests, splitting the club, etc. We will be addressing these issues and also asking for your input in the next month or so. Please think about it and bring forth your ideas to any one of the executive.

I will be away for our February meeting; John Hopkins will be the chairman - I will be thinking about you. It sounds like a great meeting with Edgar Kaiser the speaker.

The following new members are welcomed into the club:

Bill Adams	Alex Andrews	Robin Bell-Irving
Dennis Creighton	Jack Darc	Noel Harrison
Jim Helmcken	Art Jeffery	Al Lewis
George Hutchison	John Long	Charlie Loyst
John Macgowan	Lew Phipps	Stan Stordy
Ken Warner	Cliff Wyatt	

EDGAR F. KAISER, JR.

Mr. Kaiser is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Office of Kaiser Resources Ltd. Through Kaiser Resources Ltd. and related companies, the Kaiser group provides its expertise in international business operations, management and merchant banking. In the past he has held positions as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of British Columbia; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kaiser Steel Corporation as well as Owner and President of the Denver Broncos.

Mr. Kaiser is currently the Founder and Chairman of the Kaiser Youth Foundation (formed to support education and community efforts in prevention of substance abuse amongst youth); Vice-Chairman of The Salk Institute for Biological Studies; and is a member and director of several honorary and professional organizations such as Vancouver Hospital Health and Sciences Foundation; Harvard Business School, Board of the Associates; The Duke of Edinburgh's Charter for Business; Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and several other North American charitable and business associations.

His past directorships include the American Iron and Steel Institute, Bell Canada Enterprise Corporation, Canadair LTD., Toronto-Dominion Bank, and several others.

Born and educated in the United States, Mr. Kaiser is a Canadian citizen and businessman living in Vancouver, British Columbia and is the father of two adult children.

FOR DEEP THINKERS AND GOVERNMENTS

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in 1833 the following:

“Do you want to test whether a people is given to industry and commerce? Do not sound its ports, or examine the wood from its forests or the produce of its soil. The spirit of trade will get all these things, and without it, they are useless. Examine whether this people's laws give men the courage to seek prosperity, freedom to follow it up, the sense and habits to find it, and the assurance of reaping the benefit”.

COMEDY!

The Dean of man was addressing the frosh male students.



"I just want to warn you chaps that there is a fine of \$25.00 if you are caught in the Women's dorm. If you are caught a second time, it is \$50.00 and if there's a third time it's \$100.00. Do you understand gentlemen?"

A voice in the back room called out "Sir, how much is a seasons pass?"

'Origin Unknown'

The Wayside Chapel

An English lady, visiting Switzerland was looking for a room. She engaged the help of the local teacher and together looked at several. Finally she found what she wanted, but went back home to make final arrangements. On thinking it over she realized she had not seen a W.C. (this is an English term not known or used by foreigners). She wrote the teacher and asked about it. The teacher's English was not good and he did not know what she meant. He in turn, asked the help of his village priest. Together they studied carefully and finally came to the conclusion she must mean a Wayside Chapel so the teacher wrote:

Dear Madam:

I take great pleasure in informing you that the W.C. is situated nine miles from the house, in the centre of a beautiful grove of pine trees, and surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 200 people, and it is open on Sundays and Thursdays only. As there are great numbers expected during the summer months, I would suggest you come early although there is plenty of standing room. This is unfortunate if you are in the habit of going early and sitting awhile. You will no doubt be glad to hear that a good number bring their own lunch and make a day of it, while others, who can afford to go by car arrive in time. I would especially recommend your ladyship go on Thursday, when there is an organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent, and even the most delicate sound can be heard everywhere.

It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the W.C. and in fact met her husband there. I can remember the rush for seats, ten people for every one. The expressions on their faces was wonderful to see.

The newest attraction is a bell donated by a wealthy resident of the district. It rings each time a person enters. A bazaar is to be held to provide plush seats for all, since the people feel it is a long felt need.

My wife is rather delicate, so she cannot attend regularly. It is almost a year since she went last. Naturally, it pains her not to be able to go more often.

Hoping I have been a service to you

Yours truly,
The Teacher.

