



NEWSLETTER

PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 26, 2002

TIME: 9:30 AM

**LOCATION: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium
and Space Centre - Lower Level**

**SPEAKER: Martha C. Piper, Ph.D.
President and Vice-Chancellor**

Minutes of January 15, 2002 meeting

Attendance: 151 attended the meeting of which **141** stayed for lunch. However, several attendees forgot to pay their \$10.00. If you didn't pay, you can anti-up at the next meeting!!!

President **Norm Weitzel** opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. advising that the Club's condolences had been sent to Ian Bell's family and that a donation in his memory had been made to the West Vancouver Memorial Library. Norm then introduced the past Presidents of the Club (Messrs. **Cotton, McBride, Williams and Hopkins**) and the current Management Committee except **Dick Matthews** who had not arrived). Next meeting would be the 4th Tuesday, namely February 26th and **George Adams** had finished the revision of the Club Roster with some copies being available at the back of the room. The approval rate of the Club's activities based on the initial questionnaires, was 94% for speakers, 86% question period, 82% socializing and 70% length and refreshments. **Fred Cotton** advised that, Club members **Long** and **Wallace**, as RVYC members, had arranged for the meeting to be at RVYC. Martha Piper, President of UBC will be the next speaker on Tuesday February 26th.

Dick Mathews reported that all applications for membership extant as of January 8, 2002 (last Management Committee meeting) were accepted and that future applications would be dealt with quarterly and if anybody had a comment on the size of membership to contact him.

Tom McCusker reported that the Symphony evening went well with all "sign ups"

showing but members were again reminded to RSVP (i.e. phone) for events like today's lunch, and Valentine lunch (limit 75-80) where numbers are critical from catering standpoint. Architectural walking tour set for April 10 - contact Probus office. March speaker will be Donald Luxton co-author of "Lions Gate". Golf tournament set for Monday April 29 (approx. limit 50). Harbour tour will be first part of June (approx. limit 60). **Leo Sauve** advised that greeters were set for next 12 months. **Pidge McBride** introduced our guest speaker, Arthur F. (Art) Jones.

Think Art Jones - think over fifty-five years of HYPE (Oxford English Dictionary - "Hype (informal) intensive promotion of a product") in, on or about YVR, CBR, CKMO, CJOR, UBC, B.Sc'46, The Sun, BBG, CRTC, CHAN-TV, BCTV, TUTS, Rogers Cable, Shaw Cable, Tourism Vancouver, Expo '86, Q.E., Variety Club and St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation under the titles student, announcer, performer, producer, president, director, chairman, vice-chairman, vice president, CEO, managing director, executive director, commissioner, life member, host - chat radio to chat TV and all between.

Art spoke of his "chats" over the years with Jack Munroe, Jim Pattison, Pierre Berton, Mrs. Janet Berton, Garde Gardon, Pat McGeer, Shell Bussey, Mike Harcourt, Jack Cullen, Vincent Price, Edgar Bergen, Candace Bergen, Ron Huntingdon, Peter Newman, Jack Webster, Hal Straight, Mart Kenney, Mac Perry, Red Robinson, Rick Honey, H.A.D. Oliver, Bob McGrath, Dr. Andrew Stewart et al. Whether or not the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act apply we'll leave the "chats" at the foregoing.

After **John Long** thanked Art, **Pidge McBride** presented a framed Honorary Life Membership certificate to **Fred Cotton** for his being instrumental in founding the Club. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. followed by lunch at noon.

Denis Creighton, Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I am sure everyone enjoyed the President's luncheon at the RVYC in January. The food was excellent, the view unparalleled and the company, as always "The Best". Our thanks go out to Bill Wallace and John Long for sharing their club with us. Hopefully we will return.

For many of us the highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an honorary life membership to Fred Cotton. Fred is more than our "founding Father". He remains an active participant in our club and we hope he will remain so. As I stated following the presentation that his honorary life membership is not to be considered as a retirement gift.

Fred and his speakers committee are responsible for the outstanding speakers we have enjoyed over the past year. Our speakers received the highest acceptance rating of 94% from our recent member survey. It is our hope that Fred will continue to serve our club in this capacity with his dedication and boundless energy.

It is encouraging to note that like Fred each of our Past Presidents remain active in our club. Pidge McBride serves as a Director of Probus Canada, Roy Williams is Editor "In Chief" of the newsletter and John Hopkins as immediate Past President, is a valued participant of your clubs management committee. We are well served.

Fred and his speakers committee has once again delivered a stimulating speaker for our Feb. 26 meeting in Martha Piper President of U.B.C.

I look forward to seeing you at this meeting (perhaps sporting a Palm Springs Tan).

Norm Weitzel
President



Notices:

It is with regret we announce the passing of Ian Bell on December 13. Our condolences to the family. A donation will be made by Probus in his name to the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

As a matter of interest, Probus Club members may attend meetings of other Probus Clubs as a guest. The Probus Club office has a roster of Canadian Probus Clubs containing meeting dates, meeting place addresses, phone numbers etc. This may be of interest to you when traveling to other parts of Canada.

February Greeters:



Stewart Brown and
Mel Endelman



George Plant and Frank Willis

PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR OF OLD VANCOUVER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2002 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

This event is hosted by the *Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC)*, across from *Victory Square*, 440 Cambie Street, Vancouver. A parking garage is located nearby at the corner of Cambie and West Pender Streets.

10. A.M. - Assemble in the main floor gallery of *AIBC* for registration and an introductory session with our host *Andrew Sinclair*, administrative assistant, and our guide, Sean Ruthen.

10.30 P.M. - Depart on a two hour walking tour of *Old Vancouver* including *Gastown* and the *Downtown East side* with an emphasis on past, present and future prospects.

12.30 P.M. - Return for lunch at *AIBC* followed by a question and answer period.

2.00 P.M. - Adjournment.

Please keep the above Itinerary for your records. Complete the enclosed registration form and bring with your cheque to the February 26th Probus meeting. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Cheques are to be made out to the Probus Club Vancouver. Chris Lee will collect them before the meeting at a table adjacent to the registration desk. If unable to attend the meeting please mail to Chris Lee, 301 - 235 Keith Road, West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1L5 by the end of February. The \$16.00 covers the cost of lunch and the professional services of our guide. Thank you.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER - FRED COTTON



CONGRATULATIONS TO **FRED COTTON** ON RECEIVING AN **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP** IN OUR CLUB. **PIDGE McBRIDE** PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATE AT THE JANUARY 15th LUNCHEON MEETING. THE RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO **FRED** FOR "HIS NOTABLE EFFORT IN THE FOUNDING OF, AND HIS ONGOING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER".

Martha C. Piper, Ph.D. President and Vice-Chancellor

Since 1997, Martha C. Piper has served as the eleventh President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia (UBC), one of Canada's largest and most prestigious research universities. Dr. Piper is deeply committed to working with students and faculty in strengthening UBC's position as an international leader at the forefront of learning and research.

Born in Lorain, Ohio, Dr. Piper received her B.Sc. (1967) in Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan, her M.A. (1970) in Child Development from the University of Connecticut, and her Ph.D. (1979) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McGill University.

Upon completion of her Ph.D., Dr. Piper was appointed Director of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy at McGill University. In 1985, she joined the University of Alberta as Dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, and was appointed Vice-President Research in 1993. The portfolio was expanded in 1995 to include External Affairs.

Martha Piper's teaching and research interests have focused on early identification of the developmentally delayed infant and assessment of specific approaches used in the treatment of physically and mentally handicapped children. Dr. Piper has published extensively in her field and, in 1995, co-authored the book *Motor Assessment of the Developing Infant*.

Martha Piper's commitment to the advancement of research has identified her as a leader in the research community. She has served as a Board Member of the Alberta Research Council, the Canada Israel Industrial Research Foundation, the Edmonton Economic Development Board, Telecommunications Research Labs, the Centre for Frontier Engineering Research, and the Interim Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research. She is a Board Member of both the Protein Engineering Network of Centres of Excellence (PENCE) and the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network of Centres of Excellence (CGDN). Prime Minister Chretien appointed Dr. Piper to the National Advisory Board on Science and Technology in 1994 and, in 1996, to the Board of the Advisory Council on Science and Technology (ACST). In 1997, Dr. Piper was appointed as a Member of the Canada Foundation for Innovation. In 1998, she was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and became a Member of the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. This year, Dr. Piper was appointed by the Premier of British Columbia to the B.C. Progress Board. She is also the 2001 General Campaign Chair for the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Martha Piper has been awarded three honorary degrees: a D.Sc. from McGill University in 1998, an LL.D. for Dalhousie University in 1999, and an LL.D. from the University of Toronto in 2001. In 1998, Dr. Piper was named B.C. Business Communicator of the Year by the B.C. Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. The Martha C. Piper Research Prize is awarded annually to a faculty member at the University of Alberta.