



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 11, 2003

TIME: 9:30 AM

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

SPEAKER: Archie Miller

**TOPIC: An Introduction to
New Westminster, The Royal City**

**Minutes of January 14, 2003 President's Luncheon
meeting held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**

**Attendance: 165 with 7 guests (including the wife,
daughter and son of our speaker and two
representatives of the World Federalist
Organization)**

President **Don Farquhar** introduced the Club's
Management Committee and Committee heads
with the following giving reports:

1. **Tom McCusker** reminded everyone of the
Valentine's Lunch at Point Grey Golf and Country
Club on Friday, February 14, Confirm your
attendance by phoning the office at
(604) 261-6818.
2. **Bill Wallace** - some \$10,800 "in bank".
3. **Fred Cotton** - Archie Miller would be the next
speaker and he would be talking on the history of
New Westminster. In addition there would be a
walking tour of "Old" N.W. in May.
4. **Dick Matthews** - indicated that after his
"review", approximately 10 of the wait list of 20
would become members and that part of the
review would be yet another visit to capland.
5. **Bill Weatherall** (subbing for Gordon Thom)
again reminded all that photo I.D. was mandatory
for the YVR tours (this note is too late for you
Jan. 22nd passengers but it's your fault for not
reading the back page of the January Newsletter)

and that, in all probability there would be a 3rd
tour in early March.

6. **Doug Lambert** reported that the
Museum/Space Centre meeting place was
working well.

7. **Leo Sauve** said he had greeters for the next
12 months and that they would shortly find out
their greeting dates.

8. **Peter McCabe** advised that he was ready with
the first five years of what we "reprobates had
done in the past".

9. **John Hopkins** presented an interim report of
the Probud B.C. 2003 Annual Convention
Committee with these highlights:

A. 25 Probud Clubs in B.C. (17 on Vancouver
Island, 6 in the Valley, White Rock, Surrey, Delta
and 1 in Kelowna)

B. The Convention will be Thursday May 8th and
Friday May 9th at the Best Western Tsawwassen
Inn in Downtown Tsawwassen, B.C.

C. Each Club is permitted 2 delegates (usually
the President and Vice-President with their
spouses or other politically correct configuration).
In addition, the Past President and Managing
Director of Probud Canada, Reg Whynott and our
Pidge McBride (Director of Probud Canada) will
also be in attendance.

D. Thursday May 8 is registration in the
afternoon followed by the Banquet Thursday
evening (this is a Probud Vancouver event and
members will be receiving event information from
Gordon Thom in the usual way) with the
workshops and an event for non delegates being
on Friday morning with a workshop wrap-up and
lunch ending the convention.

E. Convention Committee requires facilitators for
the workshops registrars, for the registration
desk and some 6 to 8 couples to act as hosts at
the Banquet by sitting, as a couple, at each of
the tables in the Banquet room.

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In addition to the above persons of interest to the Committee it is also looking for 12 smallish floral centre pieces for the said tables at the Banquet and gifts items as a remembrance for attendees and for door prizes. Think outside the box! Write, fax, e-mail or phone **Leo Sauve, Don Farquhar or John Hopkins NOW** with your offers, ideas or suggestions be they temporal or ethereal!

10. **Pidge McBride** told the members that he, on behalf of Probus Canada, was looking at the forming of New Clubs in Richmond, Surrey and North/West Vancouver and that he would like to hear from anybody in this regard.

George Plant was given a round of applause after the meeting was advised that he had received not only the highest award of the Canadian Red Cross but also a Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Brice MacDougall introduced **Ross Smyth** who spoke on One World or None - the Story of World Federalism. Mr. Smyth first became aware of World Federalism when he attended a conference in Chicago on world tensions in 1960, co-chaired by Lester Pearson. Mr. Smyth served two terms as President of the World Federalists of Canada in the late 60's and early 70's.

Flora MacDonald is the current head of the Canadian World Federalists and Sir Peter Ustinov head of the International World Federalists.

The federal idea is basic to world federalism. The federal principle stems from the idea that sovereignty (power to take action without interference from a higher authority) resides originally with the people. A federal constitution delegates only limited, specified powers to a federal government with all other powers delegated to the states or retained by the people. The federal idea was born in 1787 at the U.S. Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia followed by the Swiss in 1848, Argentina in 1853 and Canada in 1867 (some others are South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Germany and India). Among "competing" sovereign nations, federalism promotes the force of law over the law of force for the settlement of disputes.

The creation of a world federation would not mean the elimination of national governments or of national differences and loyalties. Its powers would be limited to those necessary for the solution of global problems and maintaining a peaceful world community.

The ultimate goal of world federalists is the existence of a world wide society in which disputes are settled, not by mass killing and destruction, but by legal and judicial means aimed at replacing force with justice. Peace is not merely the absence of war, but the presence of justice, of law, of order... in short, of government and the instruments of governance. Such a society must be governed by world law, created and enforced by an accountable global legislature composed of national representatives and conflicts adjudicated by an independent judiciary with the competent authority to reach just settlements of international controversies.

Our speaker compared the long term objective of the World Federalists to that of a three legged stool i.e. one leg is a democratic world parliament (NOT), one leg is an effective enforcement mechanism (NOT) and one leg is a judicial one (YES) with the treaty of Rome in 1998 which resulted in the creation of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2002. President Clinton agreed to the ICC but President Bush has repudiated it. President Truman said "It will be just as easy for nations to

get along in a republic of the world as it is for you to get along in the republic of the United States."

Well, Harry, we've got a tad of a way to go yet but there are some building blocks lying about e.g. the U.N., the ICC and the current business and legal norms among nations.

Tom McCusker thanked Mr. Smyth.

Denis W.H. Creighton, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Valentines - a great time to remember loved ones. Its origins lie with an ancient Roman pagan festival - *Lupercalia*, which occurred on February 15 and honoured Juno the Roman goddess of women and marriage. In 494 Pope Gelasius put a Christian Face on this pagan festival by creating Saint Valentines Day on February 14 commemorating two obscure priests named Valentine who were martyred near Rome in the 200's. However the romantic attributes of Valentines remain to this day.

An Old belief was that birds choose their mates on February 14. Out of this many cultures associated Valentines day with maidens learning of or choosing future mates by various maneuvers.

Our club has followed tradition by having an annual Valentine's lunch to give its members opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones. However we do not expect future mate choices to occur at this event! I look forward to seeing you there.

Treasure the love you receive above all.
It will survive long after your gold
and good health have vanished
- Og Mandion



Donald Farquhar
President

NOTICES:

February Greeters: Stewart Brown, Mel Endelmen
February Cash Desk: George Plant, John Macgowan
Member Services: Roy Williams

It is with regret we announce the passing of Wells Wilkinson on January 17th. Our condolences to his family. A donation will be made in his name by Probus to Vancouver General Hospital, Palliative Care Unit.

Reminder: Airport Tour February 19th.

Board Bus at The Bay Oakridge, North Entrance at 9 am.

Park NW Parking Lot. The first tour experienced a later return time than expected and little interest in lunch at the White Spot. Therefore, this option has been canceled for the February 19th and March 5th Airport Tours. **Photo ID is required for Airport Security**

Valentine's Luncheon - Friday February 14th

Point Grey Golf and Country Club

3350 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver

Reception: 11:30 am - cash bar

Luncheon: 12:15 pm

Cost: \$35.00 payable in advance, includes wine with lunch

RSVP: Please return reply form and cheque

STILL A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!!

Annual Golf Tournament - Monday April 28th

University Golf Club

Mark your calendars today for this highlight event of the Spring Season. Come out and enjoy the fellowship, the steak and salmon barbecue dinner following golf on this fine golf course. Estimated cost is only \$125.00 for golf, a luncheon sandwich and drink plus a superb dinner. **PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST AT THE MEMBERS' SERVICES DESK AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OR TELEPHONE BILL KENNEDY AT (604) 731-4244.** We're looking for at least 40 able bodied golfers regardless of handicaps for this super Probus Club event.



Archie Miller

Archie Miller was born and educated in New Westminster. He subsequently graduated from Simon Fraser University with a degree in Cultural/Historical Geography and Archaeology, preparing him for his lifetime interest in local history.

Archie and his wife Dale have established their own business. **A Sense of History Research Services Inc.**, which supplies a wide range of programs and activities including illustrated talks and a variety of walking tours.

Miller has worked extensively with community TV since 1974 in the development of many programs of a local historical nature. In 1994 his contribution to historical programming was recognized by the Canadian Cable Television Association when he received their **Best in Canada Documentary Award**. The Award recognized his remarkable contribution in co-producing, writing and hosting **Lest We Forget: Canadians in Normandy**, a one hour documentary in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1944 D-Day landings.

Archie and Dale have written a highly readable book on the **Great Fire of 1898** in New Westminster. They are well known locally for their weekly newspaper column **Our Past** which appears in the local weekly paper, *The Record*. **Our Past**, in a few weeks, will pass it's 1100th column milestone! Archie Miller has been honoured many times for his work in history and heritage: Heritage Canada Award for Communication of History, Tourism BC Award, Canadian Ports and Harbours Association Award and the Heritage Society of BC Award.

Archie will share with us his wide knowledge of his home town, the oldest Canadian city west of the Great Lakes. This presentation will serve as an introduction to an easy-access walking tour of New Westminster being organized by Chris Lee and hosted by Archie Miller on Wednesday May 7th. Watch for details in our March Newsletter.