



NEWSLETTER

PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 11, 2003
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium
and Space Centre - Lower Level
SPEAKER: Dr. Brad Hicks
TOPIC: Fish Farming in a Psychotic BC

Minutes of February 11, 2003

Attendance: 109 with 2 guests

President **Don Farquhar** opened the meeting by asking **John Hopkins** and **Leo Sauve** to update the meeting on the 2003 Annual Convention. They reported that 90 people were expected at the Thursday Banquet (split equally along gender fault lines) and all members were urged to contact either of them about providing gift items for delegates (up to 50) and door prizes for the banquet i.e. not just ideas for, but real prizes. **John Hoyle** reported on a further meeting on January 31 in the continuing series on possible new Clubs in the lower mainland. **Bill Wallace** confirmed the Club had \$9,000 and change "in the bank". Members were reminded to get their golf tournament (April 28) clubs in order and then tell **Bill Kennedy** (604) 731-4244. **Fred Cotton** indicated he had two (2) speakers for next month but that, at the end of the day, only one (1) would speak on March 11.

Chris Lee introduced the speaker, Archie Miller, former Curator of the City of New Westminster, who gave an "introduction" to the Royal City with archival and modern slides in anticipation of his N.W. walking tour for the Club on May 7th. Remember, Colonel Moody, that Royal Engineer, (of Port fame) laid out N.W. in 1859 with wide streets because it was to be the capital (until

1868, when Victoria became the capital of the recently united colonies of B.C. and Vancouver Island). Speaking of Victoria - the Queen that is, named New Westminster. I'll bet you didn't know that Wells Gray Provincial park was named for a former mayor of N.W.!

Richard Nelson thanked our Speaker.

Denis W.H. Creighton, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

March has many messages. The start of spring heralds a new beginning. St. Patrick's downgrade from sainthood reminds us that history is not forever, and the ides with the Shakespearean connection of Caesar keeps our mortality before us. The allegory is that life has a beginning, is subject to revision after we are gone, and may end unexpectedly. So, grab the brass ring by enjoying the fellowship of Probud and participating in programs we offer.

**Think of all you planned to do.
Have you done the best you can?
...It is later than you think:
...Far, far later than you think.**

-Robert Service

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President

March Greeters:

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March 2003

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March 5th, 2003

Airport Tour

a few spaces left

Board Bus at Bay Oakridge, North Entrance

9 am

Park N.W. Parking Lot

Photo ID is required for Airport Security

for information contact: *Bill Weatherall 604-263-3069*

BC Probus Convention Banquet

Best Western Tsawassen Inn

1665-56st Street, Delta, B.C.

May 8th

Reception 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

Come and meet fellow Probus members from all the Probus Clubs in BC. Our Club is hosting the convention. The banquet is open to all members and our club members will be involved as hosts.

We need at least 10 couples to attend the banquet and host tables as well as assist in meeting and greeting the delegates from the various BC Clubs.

Cost - \$45.00 per person. Includes drink ticket, buffet dinner & Entertainment.

To assist the Committee in planning an early response would be appreciated. Come and join the fun! (see enclosed response form)



A WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN NEW WESTMINSTER

-the oldest Canadian city west of the Great Lakes-

Wednesday, May 7/03, 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM

or

Tuesday, May 27/03, 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM

Beginning and ending in the Concourse of

WATERFRONT STATION, CORDOVA STREET, VANCOUVER

We will meet in the middle of the station concourse by the brass framed sign at 09.50 in preparation for our departure at 10.00 sharp. We will travel to Columbia Street Station in New Westminster on the Sky Train Expo Line and will return from New Westminster Quay on the new Millennium Line, "the most visually stunning public transit journey on the continent!". It is suggested that

you buy a Translink day pass ahead of time from a 7-eleven Store or Safeway. Make sure you have an appropriate ticket before our departure.

- 10.00, departure from Waterfront Station, Vancouver.
- 10.30, arrive Columbia Street Station, New Westminster where we meet Archie Miller and commence our tour. The tour will include descriptions of the early colonial capital and identify sites of early buildings and events. Reference will be made at various points to the City's Great Fire of 1898 which destroyed much of the downtown. The tour will end at New Westminster Quay, a former industrial and shopping area now reclaimed for public market use.
- 12.30, a soup and sandwich lunch with sweet and beverage will be served to us in Fraser's Restaurant on board the Royal City Star tied up at the Quay.
- 1.30, further local explorations at the Quay and departing summary comments.
- 2.00, departure on the Millennium Line at Waterfront Station, Vancouver.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for some strenuous stair climbs at new Westminster Quay and at the skytrain Stations.

Tours will be restricted to 30 participants including members and spouses/partners. The total cost for each participant will be \$17.00 which includes the services of our guide and lunch. For further information please contact Chris Lee at 604-926-1022.

NOTE: Transit Gloria: *The Millennium Line* exhibition of photographs and drawings is on display at the Architectural Institute, 440 Cambie Street, until March 7, 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM, Monday to Friday. Sorry for the late notice but you may just have time to see it before it closes!

The Common Taxpayer's Lament

In reply to your request to send a check. I wish to inform you the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible due to federal laws, state laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, liquor laws, mother-in-laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws and outlaws.

I am expected to pay a business tax, amusement tax, school tax, gas tax, carpet tax, income tax, furniture tax and excise tax; even my brains are taxed...and get a business license, car license, hunting license and fishing license, truck license, marriage license and dog license.





I also am required to contribute to every society and organization, to woman's relief and gold diggers relief, to every hospital and charitable organization in the city, including the red cross, the black cross, the purple cross and the double cross.

I am required to carry life insurance, burglar insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, unemployment insurance, compensation insurance, accident insurance, business insurance, earthquake insurance, tornado insurance, old-age and fire insurance,

The only reason I am clinging to life at all is to see what the hell is coming next!

DR. BRAD HICKS

Dr. Hicks holds degrees in Fish and Wildlife Biology, Veterinary Medicine and Fish Pathology. He is a certified fisheries scientist and registered professional biologist. He has published numerous articles on fish health, fish farm business management and the politics of fish farming.

After several years working as a fish Pathologist and researcher at the University of Guelph, Dr. Hicks moved to BC in 1987 as the Provincial Fish Health Pathologist. In BC he worked extensively with the fish farming industry and with the Provincial and Federal governments on fish health issues, both wild and farmed.

Dr. Hicks found it difficult to work within the constraints of government so in 1988 he joined the fish farming industry as the operations manager for one of BC's fledgling fish farming companies. In the space of 10 years he and his management team grew this company from a small insolvent BC fish farming company with a few \$100,000 in sales into a profitable International Company with farming operations in BC, Ontario, Maine, Florida, and Chile and with sales of \$40,000,000. International Aqua foods grew Atlantic salmon, Pacific salmon (chinook), trout, black cod and tilapia. And had experience with the "so-called" closed containment systems.

In 1999, International Aqua Foods was sold and Dr. Hicks is presently a partner in a Canadian feed company with operations in BC and with sales in NB, Ont., Nfld., USA, Japan, Spain, Portugal, Chile and the Czech Republic. He also consults on a wide range of fish farming issues.

