



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Time: 9:30am

FEBRUARY 2004

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

Speaker: A. Karim Qayumi, MD, PhD, FRCSC

Minutes of Tuesday, January 13, 2004

held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Point Grey Road

Attendance: 175 members

President **McCusker** opened the meeting by reminding the members that they **MUST** advise the Club office **BEFORE** the meeting of their attendance, where lunch is included and the location is not the Museum/Planetarium. **McCusker** then presented **Bill Wallace** with a book "as a small token" of the Club's appreciation of founding member **Wallace's** work for and on behalf of the Club over the past years, to a sustained round of applause.

Nick Thornton, in the absence of **John Hoyle** (recovering from hip operation), introduced 19 new members: **Colin Warner, Terry Miller, Don Jones, Michael Alexandor, Dave Hazelwood, Leigh Taylor, Robin Preston, Gil Bradner, James Knickerbocker, Jack**

Fournier, John Barton, Kenneth Woods, Barry Done, David Rolfe, Leon Pond, David Scott, David Stowe, Wayne Audette, Ted Rae.

Michael Jacobson, on his own, advised members of February's speaker, a Professor of Medicine at U.B.C. (born in Afghanistan) who will talk on a medical system for Afghanistan. **George** ("I do nothing and do it well") **Adams** mentioned love and supersition (Valentine's Lunch February 13th - NOT 14th - at Point Grey Golf and Country Club), golf (**Bill Kennedy** managed non CPGA tour event, last Monday in April at University Golf Club), the Orpheum (**Art Jones** does it again in the Dress Circle, in March!)

McCusker returned to implore the members to let him know their ideas for Club size (Probus - not golf) so that he and the other officers of the Club could continue to discuss ad infinitum, ad nauseum but, with luck, sine die.

Our guest speaker, "Red" Robinson was introduced by the other "Retro-Guy,"

Art Jones. "Red" started with CHAN TV (now BCTV) and continued in 1959, Portland, Ore., KGW, KSO, Monty McFarland ("very funny man"), Jack Wasserman, Denny Boyd, CJOR, Rafe Mair, swap and shop, Horst Kohler, Michael Jackson, nude racing in Australia, "ten things I learned in 60 years" (e.g. "never lick a steak knife"), promote Vancouver, felt he was "a jack of all trades, master of none," "life is a buffet," Folgers (coffee) in his family's background, Ben Franklin, Mormons, 16 years in major market (determination/passion), Jimmy Stewart, 1953, Al Jordon (CJOR), Peter Lorrie got him a job (Red's impersonation), Vic Walters, King Ed, R & B, "Marie" (the 4 tunes), R & R, Boogie Woogie, youth market (teenagers), padded dashes, radio, Ted Harrison, T.V., 33rd, KING (Seattle), disposable income, George Chandler, Grosvenor Hotel ("Theatre Under the Stairs"), Jack Webster (City Mike), Tupper Commission, Walter Mulligan, 1955/56, CKWX, 50,000 Watts, John Ansell, male, female, instrumental, Tiny Elphick, 1958 (March 31 - April 1 - whale on the beach caper - "a

whale of a tail"), Sam Ross (fires him - Tiny rehires), News Herald, Bobby Darin, gatekeepers (too many these days), Michael Buble, Blue Note, Kevin Spacey, Ray Charles, Jack Benny, Jack Cullen (Owl Prowl), Bruce Allan, B.C. Electric, Jim Morrison, 1953, Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Peggy Middleton (Yvonne DeCarlo), "Backstage Past" (the book), Errol Flynn, John Ireland, Barbara

Parkins, Grant Gould, Glen Gould, Errol Flynn's yacht, Glen MacDonald (former Vancouver coroner on Flynn's autopsy "Mr Flynn your table's waiting"), William H. Pratt, there were 4 Orpheums, P.N.E., Lyric Theatre, Boris Karloff, draft/U.S. Army/21 year old, "made a man out of me", "no straight lines in politics", Don Potter, Senator John F. Kennedy, 1968, C-FUN, retail advertising, Mary Welch, Murray Goldman, RCA, Herb Capozzi, George Tidball, McDonald's ("head man was a clown"), No. 3 Road, Dick Smith, Frank Palmer, Jimmy Pattison, Pat Burns, Trend/Palmer Jarvis, CBC, music hops, Terry Jacks, trivial/Trivial Pursuit, "post office with camera" (CBC), Timmy Telathon, "do something e.g. cause/charity, "still doing stuff," Global TV, "incredible ride - make your own luck", Deep Cove/Indian Arm, R & R Hall of Fame/ Cleveland (Why? because Alan Freed's from there!), Dave Marsden, Louie Jordan, Roy Orbison, Exhibition Gardens, K.D. Laing and ending with the Beacon theatre, 1953.

Tom McCusker thanked "Red" ("never found a microphone I didn't like") Robinson.

Denis Creighton, Secretary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Art Jones for arranging Red Robinson to address our Presidents' luncheon meeting.

I am sure that we all enjoyed Red's presentation. The talk brought along many memorable memories.

We had 187 members at the luncheon, 12 or so, were new members. For February, we will be adding six or so more members to the club. This brings up the question "How large do we wish to become?" I would appreciate it if you would let the Chairman of the membership committee know your thoughts on the number of people the club should have. We will be having a meeting in April to discuss this matter. For now, we will have a moratorium on the addition of members. If you have someone who wishes to join this Probus Club, please advise them that there will be a waiting list.

See you all in April.

Tom McCusker

NOTICES

It is with regret we announce the passing of George Toye on December 30, 2004. Our condolences to his family. A donation will be made in his name by Probus to Shaughnessy Heights United Church.

FEBRUARY GREETERS: Stewart Brown
Mel Endelman

CASH DESK: George Plant,

MEMBER SERVICES DESK: Bill Weatherall

VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT

BRIDGE

Members get together every second week to play bridge. A fourth hand is still required to make up one group - if you or your partner would be interested please contact Gordon Thom or leave a message at the Probus Office - 604-261-6818.

VALENTINE'S LUNCH

Will take place at the Point Grey Golf and Country Club on Friday 13th, February at a cost of \$38.00 per person - \$76.00 per couple. If you wish to attend and have not reserved your spot, please advise the Probus Office as soon as possible. Numbers are limited.



TOUR OF ORPHEUM

Tours were organized in December but, for a variety of reasons, some members were unable to attend. Art Jones has agreed to organize another visit for those who missed the previous opportunity and who would like to learn more of the fascinating story of a major part of the history of Vancouver. The date is 22nd March starting at 10:00 a.m.

Whilst the tour is free of charge, there is a donation box placed by the cloakroom at the end of the tour. Retired performers who have contributed to our enjoyment at this theatre benefit from the donations and so, those who enjoy the tour are encouraged to express their appreciation by making an appropriate contribution.

If you wish to participate in this tour, please complete the enclosed form and submit it to the Probus office.

FUTURE VENTURES:

TRIUMF

We hope to arrange a visit in early April to the TRIUMF Cyclotron facility on the UBC campus. This facility provides world-leading facilities for experiments in subatomic research with beams of pions, muons, protons and neutrons. Of course, the function of the Cyclotron is to accelerate an H-minus ion beam, from 300 KeV to a maximum of 520 MeV in order to extract simultaneous proton beams at various energies and currents, into numerous beamlines, for delivery to targets for the designated experiments.

Who knows, perhaps after the visit we may

be able to understand just what this means!
More details later.

ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

Chris Lee has agreed to organize another of his fascinating walking tours, the target this time is the False Creek area, the Concorde Pacific site. Yaletown and the Roundhouse Community Centre. We hope this will take place during the second-half of April so watch for more information in due course.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The date for this year's tournament, which will be followed by dinner, is 26th April, the venue, once again is the University Golf Club. Please mark your diary.

A. KARIM QAYUMI, MD, PhD, FRCSC

Dr. Qayumi is a Professor of Surgery and Director of the UBC Centre of Excellence for Surgical Education and Innovation. Director of Research for the Divisions of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Program Director of the Centre for Excellence Transplant Biology Unit at the BC Transplant Society and Director of Phase VI for Medical Curriculum at the University of BC.

Dr. Qayumi is a veteran investigator and an outstanding teacher at the University of British Columbia. He has extensive international teaching experience with excellent records.

In 1999 he received the most prestigious award from the University of British Columbia - Kilian Teaching Prize as an outstanding teacher.

Dr. Qayumi has developed numerous curriculums for the University of British Columbia and internationally.

Dr. Qayum has written a book on basic surgical techniques accompanied with a CD-ROM. This book has more than 500 colour illustrations and the CD-ROM has more than 100 animations. This book received the best author award in 1999 at the UBC Author's Competition.

Dr. Qayumi is the founder of the artificially intelligent Interactive multimedia software called "CyberPatient™" and has the leadership in the development of this product.

He is the founder and program director of the B.C. Institute for Afghan Studies and the founder and director of the Partnership Afghanistan, a non-profit organization assisting in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Dr. Qayumi has designed a health care system for rural Afghanistan that will greatly improve the livelihood in the rural areas of Afghanistan. In June 2003 Dr. Qayumi visited his motherland after 23 years to plant seeds for implementation of his health care program.