



# NEWSLETTER

## PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 10th, 2005

**MAY 2005**

**Time:** 9:30am

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

**Speaker:** Carole Taylor. O.C. Chair, Board of Director, CBC/Radio-Canada

**Topic:** Public Broadcasting in Today's Environment

### CAROLE TAYLOR, O.C.

Carole Taylor's professional career has followed an unusual path from public affairs



broadcasting into politics, business and, most recently, back to broadcasting. Through these transitions, one thing remains

constant: a desire to contribute.

While in high school, Ms. Taylor began her television career with a program for teenagers called After Four, broadcast on CFTO, Toronto. This evolved into a long-term relationship with CTV, highlighted by her work on Canada AM and W5. Later Carole went to work for CBC, hosting Pacific Report and Authors, as well as Scene from Here and Vancouver Life.

In 1986, she decided to enter politics and was elected to Vancouver City Council and made a significant contribution as Chair of the Neighbourhood, Cultural and Community Services Committee.

Topping the polls in her second election, Carole was named Chair of the Greater

Vancouver Hospital District where she became involved with the Vancouver Port Commission over friction between industry and nearby residents. Familiarity with Port issues eventually led to her appointment as Chair of the Ports Commission after her second political term ended. In this capacity she personally directed the overhaul of the existing governance structure in preparation for the privatization of the port system.

Next, as Chair of the Vancouver Board of Trade, Ms Taylor headed the Spirit of Vancouver Taskforce in a city-wide effort to revitalize the partnership between business and the Vancouver community.

### Other Highlights:

**Directorships:** Fairmont Hotels and Resorts; HBSC Holdings pic.

**Volunteer Boards:** Numerous including Member of the honorary Cabinet of Simon Fraser University's Captial Campaign.

**Honorary Degrees:** Simon Fraser University; BCIT; B.C. Open University.

In May 2001, Carole was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada.

# Minutes of the March 8th meeting

**Attendance: 147 including 5 guests**

**President Gordon** called the meeting to order, welcomed all and asked **John Hoyle** to introduce the following new members, Richard Barker(paper packing background), Bud Boyer(investment dealer), Gerard Farry(urban planner), Dr. Peter Mackay(plastic surgery) and Dr. John MacFarlane (surgical oncology). All were warmly welcomed then Gordon called for the Committee Reports.

**Treasurer - Bill Manson** reported, "We are in good shape." **Speakers Committee** - As Gordon scanned the audience searching for "Red Sweater Fred" up jumps **Chris Lee** peeling off his jacket to reveal a faded "red sweatshirt" and the connection was made!

Chris said Fred was in Shanghai, with 11 other members, enjoying the China trip, Chris then asked **Art Jones** to explain why next month's meeting is likely to over-flow. Could it be something to do with the renowned speaker Carol Taylor? **Visits and Entertainment** - Three upcoming tours mentioned, Minter Gardens on May 25th, Princess Lousia Trip on June 15 & 16 and Steveston Village on June 21st (see details within). **Newsletter - Roy Williams** reported that copies will not be sent by mail to those members accepting the e-mail edition effective with the May Newsletter.

President Gordon wrapped up the business session by asking members to keep guests to a minimum because of the large crowd expected for the May meeting. Don Farquhar then introduced the speaker, John Macfarland.

John said that West Nile Virus (WNV) was first identified in 1937 in Uganda. It reached New York in 1999. Since then it has spread across North America until in the fall of 2004 only Washington State and British Columbia remained unaffected. It is a multispecies bird disease transmitted by mosquitoes. Humans and warm-blooded animals are susceptible, causing fever or even death.

In prospective, WNV hasn't been detected in BC. However, in the US during the 2004 season the number of States having positive confirmation increased from 14 to 47 with 1386 human cases and 35 deaths recorded. In Canada the 2004 spread included Ontario, Quebec and the Prairie Provinces with 21 human cases. These statistics leave health authorities little doubt that WNV will arrive in BC this year and they requested the GVRD plan a combat. Using a scientific approach GVRD designed a computerized procedure to control WNV at the mosquito larval stage, with the product BTI. This will be backed by a plan to spray adult mosquitoes with other agents such as pyrethrum. As this is more expensive, a greater environmental risk and less effective than larval control, it's use will be limited to emergencies. At present there are more than 500 defined GVRD land sites being monitored by Acroloxus Wetlands Consultants. Risks are assessed and high and moderate locations identified for closer surveillance. The GVRD and Regional Health Authorities are also assessing and updating the adult-borne risk. The program colour-codes all mosquito species, earmarking only WNV carriers (a surprisingly small percentage), for larval control.

Through the already coordinated efforts of the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments, Regional Districts and health Authorities, each with defined roles. BC is well prepared to face the spring's expected West Nile Virus attack.

During the question period we learned that: BT1 bacteria remains effective: if this changes there is a new product available.

the WN mosquito has a 7-day incubation period, egg-larva-pupa-adult.

Mosquito traps are available, but not recommended for private use.

GVRD golf course lakes now have fountains to prevent mosquitoes hatching.

Burns Bog is too acidic for mosquitoes, but still salt-water pools can create a problem.

The average age for paralysis from West Nile is 50, for death is 70, While under development, as yet there is no human vaccine. in New York crows and jays are almost extinct. BCI(known as Aequback) is available for purchase in pest control stores.

President Gordon asked Chris Lee to thank the speaker, concluding the meeting.

Bill Weatherall, Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yesterday, Tuesday April 19th was a beautiful



spring day for an excellent turnout of members and wives who enjoyed a wonderful tour of Hycroft and Old Shaughnessy organized by Chris Lee. We were welcomed by

University Women's Club archivist, Beverly New, who told us how this wonderful old home was built and later restored and its context in the history of Shaughnessy and Vancouver. After a tour of the house author/historian John Atkins took us on a tour of the area. Thank you Chris for again providing us to gain deeper insight into this city we enjoy.

Fred Cotton and his group of Probus members, wives and friends are in China. We look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return. Thank you Fred for arranging this opportunity for Probus members.

John Hopkins and his group of recent Past Presidents - Tom McCusker, Don Farquhar, and Norm Weitzel plus Vice President, Denis Creighton have been meeting over the last few months to

consider how we maintain our present very strong and active Club into the future. They soon will be reporting to the Management Committee. I want to thank past President John Hopkins for leading this August group.

John Hopkins, our President for 2000-2001, was born in Saskatoon. His career for 41 years was with Woodward's where he was involved with the development and construction of stores and shopping centers. He is married to Joy and they have four children and thirteen grandchildren. As well as our Probus Club, John enjoys golf, bridge and travel.

We look forward to a good turnout for our May meeting with Carole Taylor as our speaker. As we may approach the upper limits of the auditorium we are not encouraging guests. However, we will try to accommodate all who come and it may not be a problem.

Those who received this latest issue of the Newsletter by e-mail are enjoying it in full colour. I am sure the Probus members who have dutifully stuffed the envelopes and our Treasurer who will have money from postage, appreciate your cooperation. Thanks again to Roy Williams for his leadership.

## NOTICES

**Member Services Desk:** Ted Daem

**Cash Desk:** Jack Croll, Jim McPherson

**Greeters:** Stan Clarke, Ken Weaver, Cecil Merritt

***IT IS WITH REGRET WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF HANK BALLOU ON MARCH 19TH, 2005. OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY. A DONATION WILL BE MADE IN HIS NAME BY PROBUS TO THE BC CANCER AGENCY.***



## VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### Princess Louisa Tour

Wednesday June 15 and Thursday June 16, 2005

#### JOIN US TO SEE THE MOST SCENIC AREA OF OUR COAST

Arrangements have been made to dedicate a scheduled departure on a Princess Louisa Inlet tour to our Probus Club. Some modifications have been planned to enhance our outing. Details of the normal program can be viewed on the tour company web site at [www.SunshineCoastTours.ca](http://www.SunshineCoastTours.ca)

##### 1. June 15th

(a) Travel to Sunshine Coast on the BC Ferry. Depart from Horseshoe Bay, take the sailing to Langdale. BC seniors ride free mid-week and pay only for their vehicle (\$32.25 round trip).

(b) Arrange a dinner with your friends at one of the restaurants on the Sunshine Coast. Or a group dinner may be arranged at a local restaurant.

(c) It will be necessary to overnight on the sunshine Coast on June 15. You can make your own reservation at one of the many recreational resorts. The cost of accommodation varies from \$85 to \$175 per couple depending on level of accommodation chosen. A list of resorts is available on the Sunshine Coast Tours web site that has some accommodations details for local facilities. You can refer to that if you like..

##### 2. June 16

(a) We leave from Egmont 10am June 16 aboard a vessel carrying a maximum of 25 passengers. Travel is through the protected minor waters of Jervis Inlet..

(b) Included is a morning snack, barbecue ashore at the Princess Louisa Inlet Marine Park and an afternoon snack.

(c) Enjoy the sights of Jervis Inlet - It is beautiful, rain or shine.

(d) At the top end of Jervis Inlet we enter Princess Louisa Inlet through the Malibu Rapids.

(e) At the far end of the Princess Louisa Inlet we have free time ashore at Princess Louisa Marine

Park, beside the world famous Chatterbox Falls. Originally this was the homestead of James (Mac) MacDonald. Mac initiated the work to preserve the natural beauty of this destination.

(f) A second stop is planned at Young Life's Malibu Club where there will be a short hosted tour. This development was conceived by Tom Hamilton as a luxurious resort for the Hollywood elite of the day. It never realized commercial success and was purchased by the current owner in 1953.

(g) Return to Egmont in time to drive to the Langdale ferry and take it back to Vancouver  
Contact Person : Don Farquhar (604) 948-9908

### Minter Gardens Tour

Wednesday May 25th

A guided tour of Minter Gardens including lunch has been arranged for Probus Members and guests at a cost of \$50.00 per person. Travel will be by bus leaving VanDusen Gardens (Oak & 37th streets) at 9:30 AM and returning between 3:30PM and 4:00PM. There is parking for 10 cars in the VanDusen lot and the balance can park along 37th Ave.. Space is limited to 44 persons. You can register for this tour by completing the enclosed Registration Form or by phoning the Probus Office 604-261-6818.

### Tour Of Steveston Village

Tuesday 21st June, 2005

Plan to join your fellow Probus members for a tour of Steveston Village, a heritage treasure. We will assemble at 10:00 am at the Britannia Shipyard and, after a guided tour of the shipyard, we will walk to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery via the BC Packers facility and the restored Murakame house. After touring the Cannery, which is designated a National Historic site, we will gather for lunch at about 1:00pm, at the Steveston Hotel.

Parking will be available at both the shipyard and the cannery - there is a short walk between the two. Costs are being finalized but are unlikely to exceed \$35.00 per head.

Numbers for this fascinating tour will be limited so do get your name in early by completing and returning the enclosed application form to the Club's office.

# Registration

## Walking Tour of Historic Steveston Village

### Tuesday 21, June, 2005

Please print

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring to May 10th meeting or mail to Probus Club Vancouver at 252-2025 West 12th Avenue., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5

Please mark your envelope "Steveston"

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# Registration

## Minter Gardents Tour - Wednesday, May 25th

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$50.00 per person. Please enclose cheque payable to Probus Club Vancouver and mail to : Probus Club Vancouver, 252-2025 West 42nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5 or bring form to Member Services Desk at the May 10th Probus Meeting.

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# Registration

## PRINCESS LOUSIA TOUR - JUNE 15 & 16, 2005

Name (S) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a cheque for \$101.30 each, made out to Probus Vancouver

Please return your cheque and registration to:

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