



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2005

JULY 2005

Time: 9:30am

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

Speaker: John Atkin, Author, Historian and Heritage Advocate

Michael Kluckner, Artist and Writer

Topic: History and Heritage - The New Reality!

MICHAEL KLUCKNER



Michael Kluckner is a writer and artist whose early books on the history of Canadian cities, heritage, planning issues and art include *Vancouver The Way It Was*, *Paving Paradise*

and *British Columbia in Watercolour*.

These books won numerous awards including the Duthie Prize, the Vancouver Book Prize, the Toronto Book Prize (short list), the Hallmark Society (Victoria) Award of Merit and the Heritage Canada Medal of Achievement. His remarkable contribution to heritage preservation and Canadian culture was further recognized in 2002 when Michael was presented with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for outstanding achievement. His most recent book *Vanishing British Columbia* was published by U.B.C. Press.

In addition to his work as a writer and artist Michael was the founding president of the Heritage Vancouver Society and has served on the boards of the Heritage Society of British Columbia and the Heritage Canada Foundation.

Michael and his wife, author Christine Allen, live on a farm with a large cottage and garden in rural Langley.

JOHN ATKIN

John Atkin has acted as our tour guide on Probus walking tours in recent years. John knows Vancouver like few others and can be counted on to offer interesting and offbeat insights into the city's architecture, history and neighbourhoods.



We certainly had ample evidence of his many talents on our tours of the downtown Eastside/Gastown area, Shaughnessy and Strathcona.

In addition to his tour business, Vancouver Walks, John presents a popular Continuing Studies course at U.B.C. called Neighbourhoods Explained plus being frequently interviewed on local radio and television shows. John is also editor of the *Journal of British Columbia History*. His books include *Strathcona: Vancouver's First Neighbourhood* and *Vancouver Walks*, which has been co-authored with Michael Kluckner. This popular guidebook is now in its second printing! John's new guidebook, *Skytrain Explorer*, describes walks from each of the Expo Line Stations between Vancouver and New Westminster.

John and his wife Robin live in a heritage home in Strathcona.

Minutes of the June 14th Meeting

Attendance: 130 including 1 guests

President Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:00am. He regretfully announced the passing of **Paul Kepkay, Bill Mitchell** and **Peter McCabe**.

John Hoyle introduced new members: **Walter Badun, John Pearkes** and **Robert Kennedy**.

Committee Reports: Treasurer **Bill Manson** gave his usual report...silence! Probus Canada Director **Pidge McBride** had nothing new to report. **Bill Adams** covered the following events; Princess Lousia Tour attracted 23 persons; Steveston Village Tour all set to go with 27 registered; Bard on the Beach set for August 6th and Probus Football Night is slated for October 1st.

Gordon Christopher introduced our guest speaker Fred McMahon of the Fraser Institute who spoke on the Promotion of Economic Freedom in the Arab World.

Economic Freedom promotes other freedoms and democracy by liberating people and families from dependence on government and by building prosperity, which in turn reinforces the movement towards freedom and democracy. Economic freedom includes the key ingredients of personal choice, protection of personal property, voluntary exchange and the freedom to compete.

To attain economic freedom it is necessary for a

country to have satisfactory governance, a sound legal structure and security of property rights, access to sound money, freedom to trade internationally, and regulation of credit, labour and business. The Fraser Institute, helped by a \$500,000.00 grant from the John Templeton Foundation, has attempted to create an index based on these factors in order to rank the level of economic freedom in Arab countries. Due to lack of data from some countries it has not been possible to assess all.

The speaker then presented the rankings of 16 Arab States in various parameters based on the developed indices. For instance the overall economic freedom rankings showed that: the Gulf States: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAR ranked highest. The relatively peaceful states were next: Yemen, Jordan, Mauritania, Tunisia, Egypt, and Morocco. The conflict states: Syria, Lebanon, Libya and Algeria ranked last.

He then proceeded to present graphs demonstrating the rankings based on size of government, sound money, etc. as well as an overall score of the 16 countries with Kuwait at the top and Algeria at the bottom.

It is the opinion of many that the essential ingredient to the attainment of democracy worldwide is the development of economic freedom worldwide. Unfortunately in the Iraq situation George Bush et al have approached it backwards, trying to create democracy first before developing the infrastructure of economic freedom in Iraq.

Answers to questions from the audience:

- Foreign aid usually gives an unsatisfactory outcome - for instance it sustains bad governments.
- Islamic religion is friendly to markets. However, it is at least 50 years behind the West in the economic treatment of women.
- Terrorism by the Arab States is insignificant compared to the West's reigns of terror by Hitler and Stalin.
- The Iraq war has been a terrible setback to East-West relations having created lots of anger in the Arab States.

Michael Jacobson thanked the speaker.

Bill Weatherall, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is upon us and may we all enjoy this season doing our summer things. For our family that means moving to Bowen Island and spending time at the beach, boating and doing other things with our grandchildren. They help keep us young. Please have



a wonderful summer.

Jack Zaleski, a member of this Club has just completed his term as president of the Rotary Club of Vancouver where he also is a member as are a number of

Probus Club members. The Rotary Club of Vancouver was our sponsoring Club and initially helped this Club significantly. Our congratulations to Jack on his successful term in a major volunteer role in a Club that does much good work in our community.

Jack also organized the Rotary Members Bridge which has invited and included a number of Probus Club participants including myself. With help from my partner Fred Cotton we managed a second place finish among the partnerships for the 2004-5 season which just ended. Next season begins in the Fall. The total group begins and ends with an evening of all partnerships playing at Point Grey Golf and Country Club and continues on the first and third Wednesday evening with a schedule of two tables in participants homes. The emphasis is on fellowship not winning. I encourage Probus Club members who might be interested to contact me (604-739-0714) or Jack Zaleski (604-261-7492) regarding next season. On behalf of all the Probus Club members who played this past season, thank you Jack.

This spring we have continued with a variety

of topnotch speakers thanks to Speakers Chair, Fred Cotton. Fred was our first President and a prime mover within the Rotary Club of Vancouver in establishing our successful Probus Club Vancouver. He also organized the recent successful China tour for members. Fred was born into a pioneer New Westminster family in 1928 and attended Duke of Connaught High School before going to the University of Washington where he earned a Bachelor of Business Degree. Fred's career was with Sears Canada. He rose to the senior management role as General Manager of the company before retiring. Fred served as a long time Director of the BC Automobile Association and as President of Shaughnessy Golf Club. Fred is married to Bette. On weekends and during the summer Fred spends a lot of time at their home on Mayne Island.

NOTICES

Member Services Desk: Ted Daem

Cash Desk: Jack Croll, Jim McPherson

Greeters: Ed Legg, Strachan Birnie and James Elliott

Congratulations to the Chairman of our Visit and Entertainment Committee, George A. Adams, on his appointment to Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Port Authority.



IT IS WITH REGRET WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF PETER MCCABE ON APRIL 28, BILL MITCHELL ON MAY 13TH AND PAUL KEPKAY ON MAY 21ST. OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES. A DONATION WILL BE MADE IN THEIR NAMES BY PROBUS TO THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY, THE SALVATION ARMY, AND THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY RESPECTIVELY.

VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Princess Louisa Tour SEPTEMBER 2005

Despite a boat breakdown on our June 16 tour, there was a strong desire on the part of the participants to try this tour again.

Time: Either September 15 or September 22

Cost: For vessel \$101.30 per person

Day 1: Ferry to Langdale - regular ferry rates
(Senior's discount)
- Overnight on Sechart Peninsula \$85 to
\$175 per couple. Group dinner on own.

Day 2 - Drive to Egmont and board vessel at 10am
- sightseeing up Jervis Inlet
- go through Malibu Rapids into Princess
Louisa Inlet
- stopover at Chatterbox Falls
- probable stop at the Malibu Resort (Young
Life Camp)
- return to Egmont
- ferry home from Langdale

Further information in the next newsletter. If interested,
please complete form on page 5.

BARD ON THE BEACH BBQ AND FIREWORKS SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH

***A special Evening of Theatre, Good Food,
Fireworks and Fellowship***

It all starts at 6pm with the first part of a performance of
"As You Like It." At intermission you will be treated to

a salmon barbeque followed by the second half of the performance. Then coffee and dessert will be served leading up to the grand finale of spectacular fireworks over English Bay from a reserved seating area. A cash bar will be open all evening. The cost: \$82. each. Probus has committed for 50 tickets so you need to move quickly by completing the enclosed form and providing a cheque, payable to Probus Club Vancouver for \$82 X the number of tickets you want. Please act promptly. Final payment and confirmation of numbers to Bard on the Beach must be made by July 15th with no refunds after that date.

Seating is festival/rush so it is recommended that you arrive 30 minutes or more before the 6pm curtain time to reserve your seats.

PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2005

BC Lions vs Saskatchewan Roughriders

Again this year, Probus Club members and guests can enjoy a football game from the Presidents' Suite at BC Place Stadium. The game promises to be an outstanding matchup between two of the best teams in the Western Division of the CFL.

HERE IS THE SPECIAL PROGRAM:

5:30PM - Cash bar opens for the evening

6:15pm - Dinner served featuring delicious
light snacks

7:10pm - kick-off

Price \$65.00 per person

For those who enjoyed this event last year, Jack Farley promises greatly improved food and beverage service! Members of the North Shore Probus Club are being invited, so DON'T DELAY, complete the enclosed order form today to avoid disappointment. Tickets are limited.

Registration and Order Form

BARD ON THE BEAT BBQ AND FIREWORKS

SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH AT 6:00PM

I wish to order _____ ticket(s) at \$82.00 each.

Enclosed is a cheque in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Probus Club Vancouver

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Tickets will be mailed to you by Probus

Please return this form and your cheque to:

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NAME: _____

PHONE# _____

Please reserve _____ tickets for me at \$65.00 each

Enclosed is a cheque payable to Probus Club Vancouver. Mail to: Probus Club Vancouver, 252-2025 West 42nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5

Expression of Interest

PRINCESS LOUSIA TOUR - SEPTEMBER 15 OR 22

Name (S) _____

Phone # _____

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