



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: September 12, 2006

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Speaker: Paul Sullivan

Topic: Canadian Media: A Matter of
Convergence

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 16. Football Game

BC Lions vs Montreal

**October 7 - Fraser River Cruise to Fort
Langley Cranberry Festival**

PAUL SULLIVAN

Paul Sullivan's career in the media began in 1971 when he became Editor of The Manitoban, the University of Manitoba's student newspaper. He graduated from the University with a BA (English) in 1972. Currently he is President of Sullivan Media, a business which he started in 1999.

Early in his career he was an editor and writer for the Winnipeg Free Press. He was first Editor-In-Chief of the Winnipeg Sun, a tabloid newspaper started in 1980.

Before launching Sullivan Media, Paul was western editor of Canada's national newspaper, the Globe and Mail. He was founding editor of West magazine, also for the Globe, which won Canada's National Magazine Award in 1990 for overall editorial excellence, and best Western Canadian magazine of the year. Paul has also been managing editor of



The Vancouver Sun, the city's leading metro broadsheet; the host of CBC Radio's morning show in Vancouver, The Early Edition; and a senior news editor at the highly-rated CBC-TV news program, The Journal based in Toronto. Paul also served as Vice President Editorial of one of Canada's largest magazine companies, Telemedia, where he edited TV Guide and created and launched Sympatico NetLife, Canada's largest home Internet magazine. Still a working journalist, Paul continues to be published in his column on business for GlobeInvestor.com and GlobInvestorgold.com. He is a judge for both The National Magazine and National Newspaper Awards, and has taught communications and journalism at both the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. He currently teaches the e-commerce course at SFU.

Paul lives in North Vancouver with his wife Elizabeth, dog Cleo and occasionally, the empty nest is repopulated by daughter Ann or son John.

Minutes of the August 8th Meeting

Attendance: 99 including guests

President Denis called the meeting to order and asked Bev Machesney to introduce our speaker, Dr. Johanne Cashman who proceeded to give an excellent power point presentation about "Cloning, Stem Cells and Beyond." This proved to be a very complex but fascinating subject which Dr. Cashman endeavored to put into appropriate terminology for her audience.

She started by discussing the importance of genetics in the future, particularly in the field of medicine, and how the genome project had captured the imagination of scientists and the public alike. Next, Dr. Cashman talked about this issue of cloning and its controversies, and defined two aspects of cloning - reproductive and therapeutic.

Therapeutic cloning involves taking DNA from an individual, harvesting the embryo at an early stage, and making the cells differentiate into heart muscles, nerve, pancreatic, blood or liver cells, to treat a host of disorders. In reproductive cloning, the embryo is transferred into a surrogate mother and allowed to come to term to create an entirely new individual who is genetically identical to the DNA donor. However, this procedure, which is how Dolly the sheep was made is technically very difficult and has a very low success rate.

Dr. Cashman went on to define a stem cell as a cell capable of differentiating - or becoming any other cell type in the body. She described how stem cells could be used to treat and even cure such diseases as diabetes, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. In fact, she told us about situations where progress has been achieved in some areas already. Importantly, she stressed that stem cells from living persons have limited use in fighting diseases, since such

stem cells do not provide a lasting cure because they are already "aged". She emphasized the necessity for using *embryonic stem cells* which have the potential for providing permanent cures.

Dr. Cashman stated that it would take ten years or more before some of the research being done leads to extensive use of stem cells in the curing of human diseases.

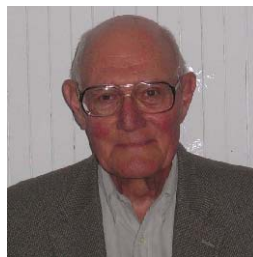
Finally, our speaker was adamant in her opposition to the cloning of humans. She stated that it was virtually impossible to perfectly clone a man or woman. The only true perfect clones are apparently the birth of identical twins!

President Denis called upon Frank Anfield to thank the speaker.

The Club's business session followed Dr. Cashman's presentation. President Denis read the Nominating Committee's Report (reprinted herein). He then asked Nick Thornton to introduce four new members. They were: Bryan Atkins, Denis Cole, Roger Fether and Glen Foreman.

Roy Williams, Editor

YOU WANT LEGACY - YOU GOT IT!



As the sun sinks slowly in the West leaving a red/golden sky of late summer, our eyes are caught by the scurrying

about of the Probuscans and our ears are captured by the multi sounds of the Probuscan Activities. We are in luck. We have happened upon the Annual Handing Over of the Gavel to What's His Name Ceremony---without wine, women or song! But no matter, a Ceremony is a Ceremony and Probusocracy must live on!

Those members of keen eye and ear will

have noticed and heard that the "Visits and Entertainment" Committee has disappeared and has been replaced by the "Activities" Committee (approved at a Management Committee Meeting on August 1st, 2006). That's it! That's the Legacy (of Creighton)!

No, I'm not going to thank so and so etc., et al but I am going to say that I've just finished the easiest job in the Probus Club of Vancouver and that I've enjoyed being with a great bunch of guys - you, the members.

Thank you.

Denis

MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT



Jack Farley

Jack and his wife Nancy reside in West Vancouver where he went to West Vancouver High School. After graduation he attended UBC and in 1958

secured a degree from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC. In 1993 he was elected a Fellow of the Institute.

Jack is President of Farley Enterprises Ltd., a personal investment company dealing in areas such as property management and development and fund raising consulting. He is a Director and Officer of several associated companies including Cottrell Forwarding Co. Ltd.

Over the years he has been active in numerous educational, cultural and sports organizations. From 1982 to 1988 he served Simon Fraser University in many ways. He was a member of the Board of Governors, Executive Director of the President's Club and Director of SFU's Capital Campaign. In 1990 he received the President's Club Leadership Award. Significantly, he chaired the committee that raised the necessary funds to save the SFU Football Program for which he received the

Fred Dietrich Memorial Award.

He has been a Director of the Vancouver Opera Association, Treasurer of the Community Arts Council of Vancouver and Director of the BC Amateur Sports Council.

Jack's sports activities are too numerous to mention them all. Obviously, he is a real "jock". In particular he has been devoted to the BC Lions and Canadian Football. He has served as Treasurer and President of the Lions and as President of both the Canadian Football League and the Western Football Conference. He has been inducted into the BC Lions Wall of Fame and Jersey # 83 was retired in his name on his retirement from the Board of Directors.

After being inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame as a Builder, Jack became the Chair of the BC Sports Hall of Fame & Museum Foundation. He chaired the Fund Raising Committee which raised \$5 million to build the new facility at BC Place Stadium.

NOTICES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2006

The Nominating Committee comprised of Gordon Thom, Chairman, Jack Farley and Denis Creighton submitted the following slate of nominees for 2006 - 2007

President: Jack Farley

Past President: Denis Creighton

Vice-President: Ted Daem

Secretary: Bill Weatherall

Treasurer: Bill Manson

The following have agreed to serve as Committee Chairman:

Speakers committee: Fred Cotton

Membership Committee: Nick Thornton

Activities Committee: Don Hudson

House Committee: Doug Lambert

Newsletter Editor: Roy Williams

Membership Services: Tremayne Perry

Historian and Archives: Gordon Thom

Director, Probus Canada: Pridge McBride

Any additional nominations (with prior agreement to stand) must be conveyed to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Member Services Desk: Ted Daem

Cash Desk: Lorne Bohlman, Tom Duncan

Greeters: Robin Leckie, Don Jones,
Jack Merchant

ROTARIANS' INVESTMENT CLUB

The Club meets at 6:00pm on the last Thursday of every month for dinner at the RVYC, and members of the Probus Club are eligible to be considered for membership. In fact several Probus members have joined in the past year, and have enjoyed the fellowship and knowledge gained through attendance.

Guest speakers are invited on topics of interest, especially Presidents of small listed companies in Western Canada where the Club may consider purchasing some shares for appreciation; for example Pacific Insight and Azure Dynamics in the past. Members are also encouraged to present ideas for discussion, and the range of experience around the table can be very informative and lead to lively discussions. As well, "watchdogs" are appointed to watch stocks that have been purchased or being considered. Educational features are also presented. Christmas and August meetings are usually part social with partners being invited.

Due to some retirements, there maybe an opportunity for one or two new members to join the club. Membership is limited to 33 Rotarians or Probus Members.

Membership required a willingness to take an active part in bringing forward investment ideas, tracking and research, and reasonably regular

attendance, and purchase a share of current portfolio value (about \$5,000) and pre-paid dinner/wine costs.

If you would like further information, please contact Gordon Thom (732-0714) or Fred Cotton (266-7060) charter members of the Club, or membership secretary, John Sullivan (work - 684-8291 xtn 333; Res: 263-4486).

Paddlewheeler Riverboat Cruise up the Fraser River to Enjoy the Cranberry Festival at Historic Fort Langley

Saturday, October 7, 2006

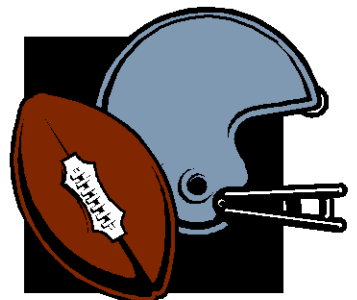
***See August newsletter for complete details
about his interesting river cruise***

50% of the tickets have been sold and we are inviting the Vancouver Woman's Probus Club to join us. This cruise up the Fraser River will be sold out by mid-September, so mail your cheque along with the enclosed registration form.

PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT BC LIONS VERSUS THE MONTREAL ALOUETTES

Saturday September 16th, 2006

This game could be a preview of the 2006 Grey Cup. Two BC Lions sponsors and suppliers are purchasing blocks of tickets from us. We currently have 15 tickets left for Probus members so complete the enclosed registration form and mail with your cheque A.S.A.P.



Registration
PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT
September 16th, 2006

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Telephone # _____

Please reserve _____ tickets for me at \$75.00 each

Make cheque out to: Probus Club Vancouver, #252 - 2025 West 42nd Avenue., Vancouver, B.C., V6M 2B5

REGISTRATION FORM
PADDLEWHEELER RIVERBOAT CRUISE TO FORT LANGLEY
Saturday October 7, 2006

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____

Please reserve _____ tickets for me @ \$50.00 each

Make cheque out to and mail to: Probus Club Vancouver, #252 - 2025 West 42nd Avenue,
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