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Next Meeting: Tuesday February 13, 2007

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Speaker: Dr. Simon B. Sutcliffe

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14 -Valentine's Day Luncheon,
Shaughnessy Golf Club

March 13 - Totems to Turquoise
Exhibition

September 25 - Four Day Holland America
Cruise

Simon B. Sutcliffe

Bsc.,MD, FRCP, FRCPC,
FRCR

Dr. Sutcliffe graduated
with honours from St.
Bartholomew's Hospital,
London, England in 1970.

Following training
positions at St. Bartholomew's,
Hammersmith (Royal Postgraduate
Medical School) and Oxford in the areas
of internal medicine and medical
oncology, he completed his Doctoral
thesis at London University (1979) after
periods of research study at the Albert
Einstein College of Medicine. (New
York) and Tulane University (New
Orleans). He obtained his Canadian
Fellowship in Radiation Oncology in
1981, his UK Fellowship of the Royal
College of Physicians in 1989 and the
Fellowship of the Royal College of
Radiologists in 1997.



Dr. Sutcliffe was a staff oncologist
and member of the senior scientific staff
of the Ontario Cancer Institute/Princess
Margaret Hospital (OCI/PMH)1982-1989,
the Vice President Oncology Programs
1989-1993, and the President and CEO
of OCI/PMH 1994-1996. 1998-2000, Dr.
Sutcliffe was Vice President at the B.C.
Cancer Agency with responsibility for the
Vancouver Cancer Centre, academic
development in oncology with the
University of British Columbia and
leadership of the Provincial Tumour
Groups. On October 1st, 2000, Dr.
Sutcliffe was appointed President of the
BC Cancer Agency. The Agency's
mandate is to provide a
population-based cancer control program
for the public of British Columbia.

In November 2006 Dr. Sutcliffe

Minutes of the January 10th, 2007

Meeting and Presidents' Luncheon

Attendance: 132 including guests

was appointed Vice Chairman - Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, with responsibility for implementing the objectives of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Sutcliffe was the inaugural Chair of the Governing Council of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC), a joint initiative undertaken by Canadian Cancer Society/National Cancer Institute Canada (CCS/NCIC), Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies (CAPCA) and Health Canada. In 1999/2000 Dr. Sutcliffe was Chair of the Treatment Working Group - a subgroup of the CSCC. Dr. Sutcliffe is the Past Chair of the CCS/NCIC Joint Advisory Committee on Cancer Control, the CCS/NCIC National Medical Advisory Committee, and past member of National Cancer Institute for Canada Board of Directors. Dr. Sutcliffe has also served as a member on a number of NCIC/CCS Committees: Clinical Trials Group, Working Groups on Economic Analysis of Clinical Trials; Cancer information Services; and Synoptic Reporting in Pathology. Currently Dr. Sutcliffe serves on a number of public and private sector boards including Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and Genome BC.

Dr. Sutcliffe has published extensively in the areas of radiation and medical oncology as applied to the treatment of lymphoma, leukemia and endocrine malignancies, fertility and gonadal function in cancer patients, and cellular immuno-deficiency and immunomodulation in cancer.

Dr. Sutcliffe was presented with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award by the National Cancer Institute of Canada/Canadian Cancer Society in recognition of his many years of service at the national level.



President Jack Farley opened the meeting saying that today's speaker was delayed in Victoria because of the "most unusual" snowfall. He then suggested we all stick by him and witness how a well-qualified President handles such a situation. He then casually proceeded with other business such as reminding us that the next meeting will be back at the Planetarium on February 13th, the second Tuesday of the month. He then offered the mike to **Chris Lee** and quick as a wink we were enjoying our pinch-hitting speaker for the morning.

Chris offered the following interesting statistic. Probus has 35,000 members Canada wide, our Club is the third largest with membership in the 335 range. The two larger Canadian Clubs are Simcoe and Cambridge, both in Ontario. The North Shore Club's membership is 270. This is appreciable considering over 100 of Vancouver's members living on the North Shore prior to the new club's formation chose to remain with their original affiliation.

Chris then talked of attending a recent West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Meeting that featured Mayor Goldsmith-Jones as speaker. The topic of discussion was the revitalization of Ambleside. West Van City is quite unique in that it consists of several villages, Horseshoe Bay, Fisherman's Cove, Ambleside and Dundarave, for example. Also, West Vancouverites are the wealthiest Canadians based on the income tax paid. This affluence itself creates a demographic quirk as few West Vancouver citizens are between the ages of 20 and 40. He explained 'til age 20 children are usually family responsibility so typically, once the kids are on their own and unable to afford the high costs of West Vancouver life, they are forced to move away.

After becoming financially secure, usually around age 40, many tend to return to the life they enjoyed as youths.

The revitalization of Ambleside has many facets. Not only is there a desire to provide for street people through affordable housing, but they also want to make the area a viable destination, provide adequate parking, make better use of public transit and reintroduce sea transit to Vancouver. Chris described his dream as the geography of possibilities. He visualizes Translink mini buses picking up commuters throughout West Vancouver and delivering them dockside where they board a ferry, which is either destined for Vancouver Harbour or False Creek. The return trips would bring tourists and shoppers to visit specialty shops, museums, art galleries and the like, recreating Ambleside as a vibrant and vital destination of popular choice.

During the question period we learned that:

- The North Shore has its own street people to look after, let alone those in Vancouver. It is recognized that some live on the street by choice.
- The West Van. Police chief's initial appointment was for one year. There is a review/investigation under way and the Mayor is expected to make a public announcement soon.
- There only being two east/west connectors on the North Shore is often the cause of traffic bottlenecks. This is especially true under emergency conditions. Additional connectors could be constructed, but at great expense, as bridging over many rivers and creeks would be required.
- North shore traffic congestion will continue to increase but not just north/south. East/west traffic flow must also be addressed sooner or later.
- Consideration should be given to the adoption of a system similar to that successfully used in London. Their photo system automatically bills a 15 pound charge to vehicles entering the downtown core.
- The Port of Vancouver is well swept by tides and seawater currents and is considered as clean as any port worldwide.
- The meeting was asked how many could have

arrived via public transit this morning. The answer was none. The point made was that existing public transit is not always practical, depending on starting points and destinations. The alternatives, in such cases would be to stay home or take a taxi.

- When West Vancouver formed its own municipality in 1912 the remainder of the North Shore split into North Vancouver City and the District of North Vancouver. This serves no practical purpose today and pressures to amalgamate should be brought to bear for the sake of efficiency if nothing else.

Don Farquhar thanked the speaker.

Bill Weatherall, Secretary.

Reflections From The President



A couple of weeks ago I started to think about some New Year's Resolutions and it got me wondering about some of our New Year's traditions. Here's what I found out.

The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago, though they determined the beginning of the New Year to coincide with the 1st New Moon after the Vernal Equinox (the first day of the spring). The Babylonians New Year celebration lasted for 11 days!!

The Romans continued to observe the New Year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of sync with the sun. Then Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, implemented what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar (named after you know who). It established January 1st as the start of the New Year.

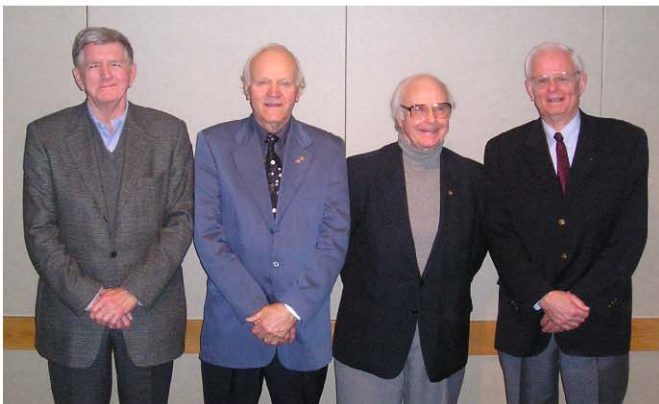
The tradition of making a New Year's Resolution also dated back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern day resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm machinery!!

The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was begun in Greece around 600BC. The use of the image of a baby with a New Year's banner as a symbolic representation of the New year was brought to early America by the Germans. They had used the effigy since the 14th century---and the song "Auld Lang Syne" was partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700s and was first published in 1798 following Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scottish tune, "Auld lang Syne" literally means "old long ago" or simply "the good old days"

There's something rousing about the "out with the old, and in with the new" idea. WE may not be able to change everything about our lives, but we can certainly make some new decisions about how we want to live. As a wise person once noted, "though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a new ending."

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Jack

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS



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VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club

February 14, 2007

The date for this popular function is rapidly approaching!! THIS IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY to sign up and treat your partner to a superb luncheon. Phone the Probus office today or complete the enclosed Registration Form and mail it to the Probus Office. **REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 7TH.**

Details regarding this event appeared in the January Newsletter.



The Current Club President and the nine Past Presidents



Back Row: John Hopkins, Denis Creighton, Norm Weitzel, Roy Williams
Front Row: Fred Cotton, Jack Farley, Gordon Thom, Don Farquhar, Pidge McBride, Tom McCusker

TOTEMS TO TURQUOISE
VANCOUVER MUSEUM (PLANETARIUM)

March 13, 2007 - 11:30AM (immediately after regular meeting)
Entrance Fee: \$8.00

TOTEMS TO TURQUOISE is an exhibition of native North American jewellery art of the Northwest and Southwest. It has been organized by the American Museum of Natural History in New York. It has appeared in New York, Atlanta and Los Angeles before coming to Vancouver last October. Every item in the exhibition was made by a native North American artist from the Pacific Northwest coast or the American Southwest desert.

By all reports it is an exciting show. As an example, the Northwest exhibit includes objects created by Bill Reid, Robert Davidson and Charles Edenshaw, master carvers and designers from B.C.

The Vancouver Museum has agreed to provide guided tours immediately after our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13th starting at 11:30A.M. Tickets at \$8.00 will be on sale at the Probus Reception desk after the February 13th meeting and before and after the meeting on March 13th. A guided tour will take about 40 minutes, but you are of course welcome to stay longer if you wish. Your spouse and friends are welcome to join in.

In order to have an adequate number of tour guides, we will need an estimate of attendance. Accordingly would you please leave a message at the Probus Office at 604-261-6818 if you plan to participate.

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON
SHAUGHNESSY GOLF CLUB
REGISTRATION FORM

February 14th, 2007 - 12:00 Noon
Cost \$45.00 per person



NAME _____

No. of Tickets _____ Total cost @ \$45.00 each \$ _____

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No refunds after February 7th, 2007

Four Day Holland America Cruise

September 25, 2007

The Lloyds Travel Group has made this repositioning cruise available to Probus Vancouver. The ship, the MS Oosterdam, leaves Vancouver on Tuesday, September 25 and proceeds to Victoria where it overnights. The next day it leaves for two days at sea before arriving Friday morning in San Diego.

The prices per person in Canadian dollars including taxes are as follows:

Inside Cabin	\$489.31
Outside Cabin	\$559.31
Verandah Cabin	\$665.31
Verandah Suite	\$808.31

For short Coastal Cruises such as this one, blocks of space cannot be held without names. So it will be space available at time of booking on a "first come first serve basis." Therefore, the earlier you book the better choice you will have. A deposit of \$236 per person is required to hold your space with final payment due on July 6th.

Reservations are to be made through Jude Harms at Lloyds Travel Group, 906 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC. V5Z 1K7. Telephone 604-872-5464. Family and friends who are accompanying you are also welcome. Lloyds have also set up a website at www.lloydstravel.com/probus.

For those interested, Lloyds will be suggesting some tours to be taken after disembarking in San Diego. You are also free to make your own arrangements but we would encourage you to book through Lloyds who have been so helpful in making these arrangements.

The key at this time is to book your cabin. The other arrangements can be made later.

