



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday March 13, 2007

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Speaker: Dr. Paul Evans

Topic: The Rise of Global China and Its
Implications for Canada

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Totems to Turquoise Exhibition -
March 13**

Classic Car Museum Tour - April 17

Sea to Sky Field Trip - June 19

Holland America Cruise - Sept. 25

DR. PAUL M. EVANS



Paul Evans is Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He is on secondment from the University of British Columbia where he is co-appointed to the Liu Institute for Global Issues and the Institute of Asian Research.

As an internationally recognized authority on contemporary political and security issues in the Asia Pacific region, Dr. Evans has provided expert advice to governments and the private sector. In the past decade, he has given more than 300 speeches and presentations in 18 countries and his writings have been translated into eight languages. He is frequently cited in the print and broadcast media. Born in Alberta, he was educated at the University of Alberta and Dalhousie University where he received his

Ph.D.

Dr. Evans' previous teaching and administrative appointments include: Assistant, Associate and Professor, Department of Political Science, York University, 1981-97; Director, University of Toronto - York University Joint Centre for Asia Pacific Studies, 1991-96; Visiting Professor, Asia Center, Harvard University, 1997-99; and Acting Director, Liu Institute for Global Issues, 2004-05. His visiting fellowships were held at the Australian National University (1988); National Chengchi University (1989); Chulalongkorn University (1989); the East-West Center (1995); and the National Institute for Research Advancement in Tokyo (1999).

His Principal books are: *John Fairbank and the American Understanding of Modern China* (1988); *Reluctant Adversaries: Canada and the People's Republic of China 1949-1970* (1991) - a co-edited volume;

Studying Asia Pacific Security (1994) - an edited volume; *Beyond Boundaries: A Report on the State of Non-Official Dialogues on Peace, Security and Cooperation in South Asia* (1997); *The Asia-Pacific Security Lexicon* (2002) - with David Capie.

His current writing focuses on East Asian regionalism, Asian responses to human security, and Canada's Asia policy.

Minutes of the February 13 Meeting

Attendance: 157 including guests

President Jack Farley opened the meeting at 10:00am. Five new members were introduced and given their Probus pins. **David Scott** introduced the guest speaker Dr. Simon Sutcliffe, President of the BC Cancer Control Agency, who spoke on "Cancer Control, Life and Death in the Global Village." His presentation focused on 5 areas:

Section 1 - Understanding population health including: Why people die, health disparities and patterns of life and death. Two graphs of age related death rates 1860 and 1990 demonstrated that the "gap" between the rates were highly influenced by the death of 50% of children before the age of 5 years in the 1860's. The difference has also been attributed to the main determiners of health - wealth, education and healthy living. One example of many innovations was the replacement of wool by cotton for clothing. This allowed cleaning as one factor in the improvement of the general cleanliness of the environment. This in turn impacted the major cause of death at that time (infectious disease 13,000 per million in the mid 1800's compared to 700 today). The death rate from tuberculosis has fallen in a straight line since 1860 despite various scientific discoveries whose utilization one would think would have influenced the rate of fall at the time of their discovery. In fact, the steady decline has been influenced not by discovery, but by a steady improvement in life circumstances.

Selected demographic indicators demonstrated that death rates are closely related to the wealth of the country in question - poor countries spend less on health and have higher death rates. Huge disparities exist in the world today in health, wealth, education and the uptake of technologies.

Section 2 - Do population based interventions

change health outcomes? Examples: River Blindness in West Africa - Represents a model for control of a specific health problem with proven technologies through cooperation of many agencies: HIV/AIDS, current drug cost \$3,000 per year for a population with annual income of \$200 per year. The drugs can be produced for \$120.00 per year. This raises the issue of the "Human right to receive treatment."

The majority of deaths from infectious diseases can be prevented by currently available drugs.

Successful Population based interventions include:

- Health System - Fluoridation, iodination, maternal health
- Life Style - tobacco control, family planning
- Communicable disease - eleven identified
- Social policy - financial incentives for health

There are many factors identified as indicators for successful population Intervention Programs including: public sector investment, ownership by the country, reaching the target population, inexpensive methods, reliable, effective, acceptable by the targets, compliance, evaluation possible, sustainable.

"Today's tools...are powerful and inexpensive ...health conditions can be...good...even in countries with a low income" (WHO, 2006)

Section 3 - Should we have national (large scale)

cancer control programs? For example, with the same knowledge we get different applications of this knowledge giving different outcomes. The death rates of invasive cancers: Globally 61.5% - Canada 46.0% and B.C. 43.8%. Even within Canada there is a difference in invasive cancer outcomes with BC having the lowest mortality. Why is this? Newfoundlanders for instance smoke more, exercise less, eat more butter and have higher unemployment. Other Provinces do not offer screening programs for cancer of the cervix, breast and prostate. These events create the obvious results. An example of the success of large scale programs is the Finland experience. Mortality rates dropped 49% in men 35 - 64 years 1970-1995 following an intensive healthy

living program imposed by a government on a population with a very unhealthy life style. Canada has developed a strategy for Cancer Control encompassing 10 standards such as early detection programs, clinical practice guidelines, etc. in an effort to standardize cancer management across the country. Efforts are being directed towards speeding up "Knowledge Cycles." There can be years lost between the discovery and the application of new knowledge or technologies. There has been an international recognition of an important new concept, "that (disease) control is a HUMAN RIGHT."

Section 4 - How does one make national (large scale) cancer control successful?

1. Address the gaps between the current state and the optimum: Access; Prevention and Promotion; State of Art treatment; Research, Rehab, Palliative/EOL Care; and Public/Private survivor engagement.

2. Concentrate resources on the best preventative practices: a successful program in Canada would reduce cancer cases by 1.24 million by 2032 and save \$73.5 billion in health care costs.

Section 5 - Death with Intersectorial/Interdisciplinary Collaboration.

Sectors: Multiple community resources such as health, finance and education.

Stakeholders: public, patients, providers, politicians

Disciplines: total spectrum of cancer control

Don Farquhar, Acting Secretary

Reflections From The President

On Vacation!

Jack Farley



NOTICES

NOTICE!! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

April meeting date changed from April 10th to April 3rd to accommodate the speaker.

Classic Car Museum Tour

1:00PM – Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Place: 12391 Gilbert Road, Richmond

Jim Ratsoy is a long time collector of older, classic automobiles, especially convertibles. Arrangements have been made to view his extensive collection which was featured in a Sun article several months ago. The cost is \$10.00 per person which Mr. Ratsoy donates to charity. You are requested to arrange your own transportation. Take Highway 99 south to Steveston Highway and exit right. Travel west to Gilbert and turn south for about .5km to the above address.



Please call Dean Winram at (604)736-4246. If you plan to attend.

Totems To Turquoise

11.30AM - March 13th, 2007

A guided tour in the Vancouver Museum will take place immediately following our regular meeting. The cost is \$8.50.

Totems to Turquoise is an exciting show of North American native jewellery art including objects created by Bill Reid, Robert Davidson and Charles Edenshaw, master carvers and designers from BC.

The guided tour takes about 40 minutes but you can remain in the museum as long as you wish. Spouses and friends are welcome. See the February Newsletter for complete information.

If you have not yet bought a ticket but plan to attend please leave a message at the Probus Office 604-261 -6818.

NOTICES

It is with regret we announce the passing of Gary Bowell on January 31, 2007. Our condolences to his family. A donation will be made in his name by Probus.

Members Services Desk: Tremayne Perry

Cash Desk: Tony Wallenger (Captain), Jim McWilliams, Nick Scharfe

Greeters: Bob Paul, Leon Pond, Mason Ramsay

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tony Boyd - Civil Engineer

Alan Duncan - Chartered Accountant/Teacher

Arthur Knight - Builder/Developer

Ron Lake - Marketing Executive - Food Business

John Morgan - Federal Civil Servant

PROBUS SHUSWAP RENDEZVOUS

SALMON ARM, BC

MAY 1 to MAY 3, 2007

The Shuswap(Salmon Arm) Probus Club will be hosting the Annual BC Probus Clubs Conference this year. As usual, two members of our executive will be attending as delegates.

Because of the Shuswap Club's proximity to the Alberta border, all Alberta Probus Clubs have been invited to send two delegates to the Conference turning it into a kind of rendezvous.

It has been the custom to invite non-delegates to these events to participate in the social and fellowship part of the gathering. Special activities have been arranged for everyone to enjoy this spectacular part of BC.

Members the Vancouver Club interested in attending can contact Pidge McBride at (604)274-0446 or Roy Williams (604)926-4727.

SEA TO SKY FIELD TRIP

We have booked the tentative date of Tuesday, June 19, for a field trip on the Sea to Sky Highway to Squamish. We are planning to have a representative familiar with the current construction program explain the construction operation as we proceed, by bus, along the highway. We will stop to visit the B.C. Museum of Mining at Britannia Beach and if time permits, visit the mine water scrubbing plant, also at Britannia. We will then proceed to Squamish for lunch, followed by a visit to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park.

The cost, excluding lunch, will be about \$45. We will firm up details as the date approaches.

Please complete the enclosed form if you are interested in this event.

Four day Holland America Cruise

September 25th, 2007

The MS Oosterdam will take you to Victoria where you will overnight. The next two days you will be at sea before arriving in San Diego where you can take advantage of one of the tours being offered or just enjoy the city for as long as you wish. Prices (excluding return airfare) range from \$489.31 for an Inside Cabin to \$808.31 for a Verandah Suite.

Family and friends are welcome.

More complete information appeared in the February Newsletter. If you are interested you can contact

Jude Harms at Lloyds Travel Group
(604)872-5464 or go to website

www.lloydstravel.com/probus for more information.





VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH

UNDER 18 JUNIOR MEN'S SINGLES

1. Jim Killeen (Vancouver L.T.C.)
2. Don Farquhar (Jericho) 3. Jack Farley (West Vancouver)
4. Monty Greer (B.C. Electric T.C.) 5. John Swann (Jericho)
6. Neil Creighton (Jericho) 7. Dave Wallace (Jericho)
8. Peter Read (Vancouver L.T.C.)
9. Mike Bazett (S. Cowichan L.T.C.)
10. Ian Kingham (Victoria L.T.C.).

Vancouver Sun Apr 1, 1952

B.C. Tennis Rankings

Almost 55 years ago!

SEA TO SKY FIELD TRIP

If you are interested in this trip, please complete the following and mail to the Probus Office or turn it into the Member Services Desk at the March Meeting

NAME _____

NAME OF GUEST _____