



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: June 9th, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Speaker: Dr. Brian Day, MD, MSc, MRCP(UK), FRCS,
Past President, Canadian Medical Association

Topic: Health Care in Today's World

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16th - Peak to Peak Gondola Trip

July 12th - Bard on the Beach

**August 18th - Baseball Game and
Barbeque**

DR. BRIAN DAY



Dr. Brian Day was born in Liverpool, England. He graduated in medicine from the University of Manchester in 1970. After postgraduate studies in England, in both

internal medicine and general surgery, he came to the University of British Columbia for a residency in orthopaedics. In 1978, following a trauma fellowship in Switzerland, England and Los Angeles, he began his medical practice at the Vancouver General Hospital and the University of British Columbia (UBC). It was there that he developed his interest and expertise in orthopedic sports medicine and arthroscopy.

Chair of the resident academic program for UBC's Department of Orthopaedics from 1978 to 1994, he has been a part-time associate professor at UBC since 1987. Dr. Day has chaired several international seminars on arthroscopic surgery, and from 1989 to 1994 he chaired the orthopedic test committee for Canada's Royal College of Surgeons. In demand as a visiting professor and lecturer, his academic teaching has taken him throughout Canada and the United States, as well as to many other countries. His publications include

more than 100 scientific articles and book chapters in areas of orthopedics, arthroscopic surgery and sports medicine. He has been active on the editorial boards and committees of several scientific and medical journals, including the *British Columbia Medical Journal*. He has a long-standing interest in technology and medicine. He co-authored a paper on electronic medical records in 1979, and in 1985, was a co-developer of the world's first surgical robot. He was also one of 2 participants in the first-ever live satellite telemedicine broadcast between North America and Mainland China.

In 1995, Dr. Day founded the Cambie Surgery Centre, a private surgical facility. He has written more than 25 articles and lectured throughout North America on health policy issues. Dr. Day is the founder and a past president of the Canadian Independent Medical Clinics Association.

His long association with the Canadian Orthopaedic Association started early in his career when in 1979 he received COA's Edouard Samson Award for outstanding research by a young investigator. A member of the COA board of directors and chair of its membership committee from 1987 to 1998, he also was vice-president of the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation

(1989-1993) and a member of the executive of the Canadian Orthopaedic Research Society (1992-94).

He is a former research committee chair and past president of the Arthroscopy Association of North America (AANA), the world's leading academic society in his field of practice. Dr. Day was only the second Canadian to serve as president of the AANA.

In 2001, he was the 80th annual Osler Lecturer for the Vancouver Medical Association and, in 2004, he was made an honorary member of the Cuban Orthopaedic Association.

Dr. Day has 6 children. He and his wife, family physician Nina Bland, live in Vancouver. They enjoy tennis, soccer, skiing and golf.

Report of the May 12th Meeting

Attendance: 137 members and guests

President **George Adams** called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, welcoming all attendees on voting day. He announced that **David Scott** has been elected as Chairman of the Speakers' Committee. The committee will meet at the end of the month to develop its ongoing program.

The President welcomed two guests to the meeting: **John Leonard**, Director, Probus Centre Canada and **Ezio Marzotto**, President of the North Shore Probus Club.

John Cruickshank provided a status report on the excursions organized by his committee.

May 18 UBC Botanical Garden Bill Robertson is the facilitator and contact. Some 50 members and guests have signed up to participate.

June 16 Whistler "Peak to Peak"
(see Notice Inside)

July 12 Bard on the Beach-Comedy of Errors
(See Notice Inside)

August 18 Baseball at Nat Bailey Stadium
(See Notice Inside)

Don Hudson then introduced the two speakers: Mr. Chuck Davis, radio announcer,

journalist and historian and Mr. Dal Richards CM OBC.

Prompted by Chuck Davis, Dal Richards reminisced on his early days growing up in the active riverside community of Marpole: the family's excursions to downtown Vancouver to attend vaudeville performances at the Pantages Theatre and the range of organ, piano and orchestra talent in the Vancouver area theatres. More personally, Mr Richards recounted his association with another musical legend in Vancouver, Mr. Arthur Delamont, most famous for his Kitsilano Boys Band. He led on to the golden years we remember of the Richards orchestra performing at the Panorama Roof at the Hotel Vancouver from 1940 to 1965, every Saturday of all 25 years broadcast across Canada by the CBC.

1965 signified a major shift in musical taste across North America, leaving Dal Richards in the position needing to reinvent himself and his orchestra. As he put it, from a dance orchestra to a stage orchestra where his versatility and professionalism have shone.

Mr. Richards is in the process of writing a biography titled *One More Time*, from which he read an excerpt. When asked what next, he replied he did not know but that it would involve his wife, Muriel.

The speakers were thanked by Jerry Wennes. The meeting then adjourned.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The history lesson given to us by Dal Richards and Chuck Davis at our May meeting was entertaining and most informative and it was quite

evident that the memories of our Probus Members were highly stimulated, with clear recollections of days of romance and chivalrous behaviour.

For our June 9th meeting we return to our regular venue, the Planetarium, where the always interesting, courageous and frequently controversial Dr. Brian Day will update us on the Canadian medical system.

You will recall that Roy William's contribution to our Probus Club was recognized last year when he was made an Honorary Life Member. Well, not to be outdone, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame has now recognized Roy's athletic excellence (which, I hasten to assume, was at an earlier age) and they will be inducting Roy this month. This rare and special honour is being received by Roy in typical style – modestly and with minimal fanfare. It was Shakespeare's Henry V who said

"In Peace there's nothing so becomes a man

As modest stillness and humility"

I am sure you will all join me in extending hearty congratulations to Roy on this achievement.

NOTICES

BARD ON THE BEACH EVENING

Sunday, July 12th, 7:00 p.m. curtain

"THE COMEDY OF ERRORS"

A partner event

Bard on the Beach is one of Vancouver's finest summer traditions, and most of its

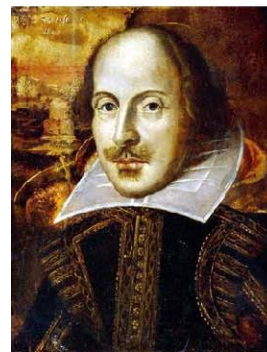
performances sell out. Join fellow PROBUS members and partners at a fun-filled evening of Shakespearean comedy in magnificent Vanier Park.

In "The Comedy of Errors" no character can tell twins apart, and there are two sets of twins. Each twin is continually being mistaken for his brother, producing uproarious chaos. For plot details, see

www.bardonthebeach.org.

To reserve your place, write a cheque to PROBUS Club Vancouver (\$31 per person) and submit it to the Member Services Desk at the next PROBUS meeting, June 9th, or mail it to reach the business office, Probus Club Vancouver, 252-2025 West 42nd Ave., Vancouver BC V6M 2B5 by June 9th., as we will be finalizing our numbers promptly after June 9. Please mark "Bard on the Beach" on the envelope.

For further information, contact John Cruickshank, 778-330-7617.



Probus Book Club

The Probus Book Group has been in operation since last November. It has a solid base of about 15 members and *would welcome a few more individuals into the membership*. Those interested please phone Eric Hayne at: (604)922-5181.

The Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the White Spot on West Georgia at Cardero. The meetings begin at 9:00AM and end at 11:00AM. There is a charge of \$7.00 for a light breakfast.

Titles to be reviewed in the future are:

June 3rd – "Three Cups of Tea", July 8th – "McMafia", August 5th – "The Outliers", September – "Dreams from my Father".

**VANCOUVER CANADIANS BASEBALL
GAME
and Barbecue Picnic in the Park at Nat
Bailey Stadium**

**Tuesday, August 18th, Matinee Game at
1 p.m.**

***This is a partner event, and grandkids
are welcome, too***



Enjoy a barbecue picnic along the first-base line at Nat Bailey Stadium before the game and watch the Canadians play from reserved grandstand seating at 1 p.m. This all-you-can-eat barbecue picnic is a popular summertime tradition for

Canadians fans, and it ***sells out quickly***. ***Available from noon on, the barbecue includes all the usual fare plus assorted desserts and a walk-up service bar. Parking adjacent to the ballpark is available for \$5.00. For further details visit***

www.canadiansbaseball.com

If you wish, you can watch the entire game from the picnic area. We will have our own section there with tables, chairs and umbrellas, as well as group-reserved seating in the grandstand. We have reserved 55 places at present but will attempt to expand the number if the demand is greater.

PRICE:\$34 per adult, \$22 for children 4-12 (free for children under 3).

Please reserve your place(s) immediately by mailing payment to the PROBUS Club Vancouver business office, 252 – 2025 West 42nd Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6M 2B5. ***Please mark envelope "Baseball Game".***

PEAK TO PEAK TRIP

Tuesday, June 16th



Arrangements have been made for the Tuesday, June 16, trip to the "Peak 2 Peak" gondola at Whistler. To date, 43 people have signed up.

There's room for 7 more!!

We will leave St. Davids Church, at the corner of the Upper Levels Highway and Taylor Way, in West Vancouver, at 9:00am and bus to Whistler. From here, we will take the gondola to the Roundhouse, at the top of Whistler then take the Peak to Peak gondola to Blackcomb Mountain, a distance of 4.4 km. This is considered one of the great scenic trips in B. C.

We will have lunch at one of the mountaintop restaurants, and we have arranged for a talk outlining the construction of the new gondola, which opened in December 2008.

We will then retrace our steps to Whistler and return by bus to West Vancouver, where we expect to arrive about 4:30PM. Along the way, we can view the reconstructed "Sea to Sky" highway.

The cost for the bus, gondola tickets and lunch is \$100 per person. Wives and partners will be welcome. As this trip involves commitments by the club, it will be necessary to pre-pay. (No refunds after June 9.) Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and turn it in to the Member Services Desk along with your cheque or mail it to the office. You can also register by phoning the office at 604-261-6818, or advise Don Codville at 604-929-3650. Cheques should be made to Probus Club – Vancouver. (Please note "Peak 2 Peak" on the cheque.)

Membership Services Team

Member Services Desk: Bill Sexsmith

Cash Desk: Ray Casson, Eric Hayne

Greeters: Ken Townsend, Hank Levett

A special thanks to Bill Adams who replaced Bill Sexsmith who was away for the May meeting

Probus Rotary 2008 – 2009 Bridge Results

Probus Members were actively involved as partnerships in the twice per month Wednesday 7:30 bridge games at partner's homes from October to April. While Rotary members Benny Aweida and Tom Crean placed 1st and retained the main trophy for the year the partnership of Gordon Thom / Fred Cotton were 2nd while Conrad Rademaker / Lindsay Mann came 3rd and also in the prizes for the 10 partnerships. Rotarians Jack Zaleski and Brian Mamchur won the trophy for most slams while Thom / Cotton were 2nd with Ted Horsey / Tony Wooster a very close 3rd and in the prizes. Unfortunately, Fred was not there to enjoy the final awards night evening at Point Grey Golf Club. Gordon completed the last few games with thanks to other Probus Members from the Spares List. Bridge is very capably organized thanks to Jack Zaleski jack.zaleski@gmail.com 604-261-7492. If you are interested in playing next winter please contact Jack or Gordon Thom thomga@telus.net 604-739 0714 or talk to other members involved. It is good fun and fellowship

PEAK TO PEAK TRIP TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH

REGISTRATION FORM

I PLAN TO ATTEND:

NAME:.....

PARTNER:.....

PRICE: \$100.00 PER PERSON (Pre-Payment Required)

Confirm your attendance by turning in the form and cheque to the Member Services Desk or by mailing the form and cheque to the PROBUS OFFICE at 252 - 2025 West 42nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5