



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Presidents' Luncheon—October 8th, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Marine Drive Golf Club—7245 Yew Street

Speaker: Andrew Petter, President of Simon Fraser University

Topic: The Engaged University

**Last Call To Register —by Mail Only—Closes on Wednesday October 2nd
(Details Inside)**

ANDREW PETTER



Born in 1953, Mr. Petter was raised in Victoria and Nelson, where he graduated from his secondary school as class valedictorian. He attended Nelson's former Notre Dame University and in the early 1970's he was briefly an open-line radio host where he got his first taste of politics while interviewing the likes of newly elected premier, Dave Barrett and former premier, W.A.C. Bennett. At age 19, he was asked to serve as executive assistant to local MLA Lorne Nicolson. In 1976, Mr. Petter went to the University of Victoria to study political science. He entered the law programme in 1978 and graduated top of his class, winning the Law Society of BC Gold Medal, in 1981. He went on to earn an LL.M (Public Law) with first-class honours from Cambridge University.

After briefly practising law in Saskatchewan, Mr. Petter became an assistant professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1984 and joined the UVic Faculty of Law in 1986. He has taught and written extensively in the areas of Constitutional Law and Public Policy including works on the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and Canadian federalism. He is cur-

rently a member of both the BC and Saskatchewan Law Societies.

After 5 years at UVic, Mr. Petter won the NDP seat as MLA for Saanich South in the 1991 provincial election. He spent the next decade as an MLA and held a series of key cabinet posts including Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Finance and Corporate Relations, Advanced Education and the Minister Responsible for Seniors. He concluded his political career as Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Human Rights. Mr. Petter was involved in numerous aspects of government including the Nisga'a treaty negotiations.

In 2001, Mr. Petter returned to UVic to resume his teaching career, going on to become the Acting Dean and later, Dean of the Faculty of Law. He was the first graduate of the school to serve in that position, which he did from 2002 until 2008. During his tenure, the faculty created a new interdisciplinary graduate programme to deliver the Akitsiraq Law School for Inuit students in Nunavut. He also founded a new National Aboriginal Economic Development Chair which resulted in an increase in the number of Aboriginal students in the faculty, to more than 8% of the student body.

Mr. Petter received an Honorary Citizen Award from the City of Victoria in 2002 and UVic's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003. In 2008, he was awarded a residency as visiting scholar at the Rockefeller Foundation Centre in Bellagio, Italy.

Mr. Petter spends his leisure time running, cycling, reading and attending theatre, opera and movies with his life partner, Maureen Maloney. He is a fan of political biography and he has a passion for Marx Brothers and Frank Capra films. His son, Dylan, is currently pursuing graduate studies in England.

**Report of the September 10th
Attendance: 184 Members and Guests**

President Wayne Audette called the meeting to order at 10:00am, welcoming all attendees and the guest speaker, Dr. John G. Webb whose biography is available in the September Newsletter. Brian Wasson acted as Secretary.

The President acted as Chair of the third Annual General Meeting of the Society, minutes of which are available separately.

The Chairman then introduced the incoming 17th President of the Probus Club of Vancouver, Jon Collins, whose first act on assuming the Chair was to honour Past President Wayne Audette with recognition of his leadership and dedication to the Club in the various positions he has held.

Membership Committee Chairman Norm Leach then introduced three new members: (see Welcome New Members). President Jon Collins presented a membership pin to each of the new members.

Activities Committee Chairman Bill Robertson encouraged members to register for the October 8th Presidents' Luncheon (see de-

tails inside).

Mark Cullen then introduced the speaker, Dr. John G Webb whose topic was Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implementation (TAVI), a surgical procedure pioneered by Dr. Webb at St. Paul's Hospital and who has performed the procedure no less than 1500 times since 2005 with a 95% success rate. Dr. Webb describes himself as an interventional cardiologist. Dr Webb grew up in Vancouver and returned to St. Paul's Hospital to pursue his cardiac research and practice.

Using his teaching materials, Dr Webb demonstrated how severe aortic stenosis looks and how it affects blood flow. He pointed out that there are many patients with severe aortic stenosis and coexisting conditions who are not candidates for surgical replacement of the aortic valve. For them the TAVI procedure may be an alternative. Instead of the traditional technique of open heart surgery, Dr Webb and his associates use a replacement valve that can be threaded up to the heart using a special catheter inserted into the patient's artery just above the leg. He described the evolution of heart valves to their present size and efficiency. Through the hospital he has developed a hybrid Operating Room with 21 monitors set up and with video capability where he can operate and teach. Technology is advancing rapidly with more predictable deployment and predictable sealing of the implant, quite often in a fully awake patient. There is now success in replacing failing surgical valves with TAVI procedures.

In the question and answer period following Dr. Webb's address, he pointed out that the cost of the TAVI procedure is some five times the cost of a surgical operation and consequently will be justified on a limited basis. Moreover

since the equipment is so specialized the procedure can only be justified in major centres. The Chairman called on Bill Ibbott to thank Dr. Webb for his presentation, who expressed the wholehearted appreciation of the membership. Dr Webb has opted to donate his honorarium to the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.

Remember, this diversity of talent can only continue with new members. Invite your young retired or semi-retired business and professional friends to visit and join our Club. Also, you can volunteer your own talents for any committee.

PRESIDENT 'S MESSAGE



After serving progressively as Membership Chair, Vice President, President and Past President, Don Newman has moved on. We thank Don for all his hard work and sage advice to the club in these roles and hope that he stays involved.

Wayne Audette

has led us through an extremely successful year and looks to be settling in rather well to the role of Past-President. Thanks to Wayne, my transition to President seems very seamless. We're fortunate to have David Scott moving in as Vice President.

The tour of the massive Molson Brewery was most enjoyable. This was Bill Robertson's penultimate activity as Chair of the Activities Committee. His grand finale will be the Presidents' Luncheon. We will miss the skill of Bill in the Activities area which Doug Jones is taking over.

We have a remarkable enthusiastic group with a broad variety of backgrounds, business and professional skills as members of our club. This came to life for me when attending the Fall session of Brian Maunder's Speakers' Committee "Think Tank". This gathering of interested members generates ideas for potential speakers for our club at an amazing rate. You too could be a part of this enjoyable club activity. Call Brian Maunder about getting to see it in action. The real bonus is that there is no obligation other than to suggest some ideas for speakers. You'd be surprised how the group will be willing to help with any ideas or desires you may have about future speakers.

PROBUS EXTENDED HEALTH CARE WITH "PRESTIGE" EMERGENCY TRAVEL INSURANCE

For members **UNDER THE AGE OF 75** in good standing with Probus, there is a **ONE-TIME OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FROM NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST** for the above insurance and no evidence of good health is required. Complete details were sent separately to every member. Also, details are posted on the Club's website.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret we announce the passing of John Bamfield on September 3rd. Our condolences to his family. A donation will be made in his memory by Probus to the VGH Foundation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Peter Cooperberg - Radiologist

Michael Francis - Chartered Accountant

Andrew Hames - Consulting Engineer



14TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH
10AM TO 2PM**

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION—NOW BY MAIL ONLY

**MARINE DRIVE GOLF CLUB
7425 YEW ST. (57th Ave. West)
COST \$50 PER PERSON
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**

**GUEST SPEAKER ANDREW PETTER Q.C.
PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR OF
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
TOPIC: SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY – “THE
ENGAGED UNIVERSITY”**

**10AM - Coffee and Social Hour
11AM - Guest Speaker—Andrew Petter, Q.C.
.NOON – Intermission—Bathroom break, Bar
Now Open**

12:30 - Luncheon
Artisan breads, baby greens salad (carrot, cucumber, tomato, house made balsamic vinaigrette dressing), French pastries, coffee and tea.

CHOICE OF:
1) STEAK - 6 oz. top sirloin, green peppercorn jus, roasted garlic potato and Chef's vegetables
2) CHICKEN - Herb baked chicken breast, jump fried wild mushroom, tarragon jus, roast garlic mashed potato, Chef's vegetables

NOTE – Make check payable to Probus Club of Vancouver

You are not registered until payment is Received

I plan to attend:

Name: _____ Guest _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Choice of Main Course: Chicken _____ Steak _____

MEET NEW PRESIDENT



At our recent annual meeting, Jon Collins became the 16th President of our Club, succeeding Wayne Audette. Jon joined Probus in 2008. He served 3 years as Chair of the Member-

ship Services Committee and also organized development of our Club's website (probusvancouver.com) as well as the Website Committee, becoming its first Chairman. During the past year Jon has been Vice President.

Prior to retiring, Jon had a 40 year career with Cominco Ltd and eventually Teck Resources progressing through a number of assignments with the Exploration and Mining side of the companies. These included Exploration Management jobs in Toronto, London England, and Brussels, Belgium, Chief Geologist at Pine Point Mines in the NWT and ultimately Vice President, Exploration in Vancouver.

Born and raised in the Alcan town of Arvida, Quebec, Jon earned a BSc. in Geology from McGill University as well as an MSc and PhD in Economic Geology from Queen's University defending theses on the Newfoundland Zinc Deposits and Sedimentary Copper Deposits. Enjoying golf and curling, Jon is a member of Marine Drive Golf Club and the Richmond and Vancouver Curling Clubs. Married to Kay for 46 years, they have twin sons and two grandchildren, also twins but a boy and a girl.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2013—2014



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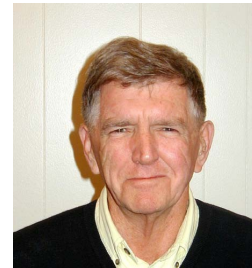
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