

PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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N E X T M E E T I N G

Date: November 17, 1998 Location: Stanley Park Pavilion
Time: 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Gordon Campbell, MLA
Topic: The Economy - How We Can Make BC Number One Again

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October 20, 1998 Meeting - Attendance 117.

President Pidge McBride called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. He introduced the new Executive to the membership.

"No Dividend" Wallace reported that approximately 50 percent of the members have paid their 1998-1999 dues.

John Hopkins, membership, reported that three new members had signed up at this meeting. All the guests were introduced to the meeting.

Our guest speaker, Norman D. Mullins, Q.C. was introduced by Ken Weaver and thanked by Roy Williams. Mr. Mullins spoke on the Nisga'a Settlement: Lies and Deceptions," in detail and at length. The Treaty can be divided into three sections: Land, Money and Self-Government.

a) Land: The Treaty covers 1992 sq. km. (492,000 acres or 770 sq.mi. - a lot!) and is equivalent to the area from Point Grey to Langley and from the Border to Grouse Mountain. The Nisga'a would own this land fee simple and control the resources. Note that the Nisga'a people total approximately 6000.

b) Money: The money payout is stated at \$312,000,000 but will probably increase over time with inflation, interest, etc.

c) Government: The agreement is not comparable to B.C. municipal government because Nisga'a Law will prevail over Provincial and Federal law except for criminal matters.

Mr. Mullins concluded that the court challenge is premature because there is currently no law in place to challenge.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Jim Gilley.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER: As this is my first letter to our members, I feel it is quite important to examine the aims of PROBUS. Our Constitution states, "the activities of the Club are to be directed towards acquaintance and friendship.

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We all should be striving to make time to renew old friendships and more importantly, to make new friends.

Someone has said, "Friendship, after all, is what life is finally about. Everything material and professional exists in the end for persons."

I am writing our members to focus on friendships; simply let us each commit to more aggressively pursue this goal this coming year.

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

Samuel Johnson once said, "If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone."

Remember our CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on December 15th. This would be an excellent time to introduce a new 'friend' and member, we hope.

Pidge McBride

ANECDOTE: Learn from the mistakes of others, because you can't live long enough to make them all yourself!!

"Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief."

"He who seeks friends without faults stays forever without friends."

The best way to test a man's friendship is to ask him to co-sign your note. If he refuses, he IS your friend.

Have a great day!!

REMEMBER...
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DEC. 15th



GORDON CAMPBELL
MLA for Vancouver - Point Grey
Leader of the Official Opposition

There is no mystery about how Gordon Campbell got to be where he is today. Hard work.

It started with a scholarship to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire where in addition to his studies he worked in the dining hall to make extra money.

Shortly after graduation, he and his wife Nancy left for a two-year CUSO teaching assignment in Nigeria where Gordon also helped out the kids by coaching sports on the side.

When Gordon returned home to British Columbia he started as assistant to the Mayor of Vancouver and ultimately three terms as Mayor himself, including a term as president of the Union of BC Municipalities. It was noted by Macleans Magazine that under Mayor Campbell Vancouver was "the most progressive and openly accountable civic administration in the country."

Gordon Campbell was elected Leader of the BC Liberals in 1993.

Gordon now leads the largest Official Opposition in BC history.