PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Most of us had some pre-retirement anxieties regarding "how am I to keep active after retiring?" I have met only one individual who found this to be a problem. Most of us are leading full lives (some are even "too busy"). Probus offers the opportunity to become actively involved in a corporate activity with the bonus of developing and maintaining those contacts that are so important for our social well being. As a result we have many volunteers who are active within the Club or have indicated a willingness to be so. However, the purpose of this essay is to highlight a problem. Many are willing to work, but fewer are willing to take responsibility. Isn't this true in most organizations! How many times in committees have we all experienced the "eyes of the table" phenomena when a committee chair is being sought. If you are willing to be a General or even a Sergeant rather than a Private please let us know. There are a number of areas in the club that desperately require a "take charge" type of individual.

Though I look old, yet I am strong and Lusty

W. Shakespeare **AS YOU LIKE IT** **Act II Scene III**

NOTICES:

Airport Tour
January 22, 2003
Departs Oakridge 9:00 am - return Noon

Your Visits and Entertainment Committee has arranged a tour of the Vancouver International Airport on Wednesday January 22. The plan is to board our Perimeter Tour Bus at the BAY Oakridge North entrance at 9:00 AM sharp. We leave for the airport at 9:10 AM. No charge parking has been arranged with Oakridge. Please park in the North West section of the lot.

At the airport we will be met by Heather McCarley, manager of Community Relations. She has arranged Visits to the Operations Room including the Emergency Operations Centre. There after we return to the coach for a conducted tour of the airfield.

Returnable security passes are required as we enter restricted areas. To issue, the airport staff must see your photo ID (Drivers License). So make sure you have it on your person.

Visit duration is expected to be two hours, after which we return to Oakridge ETA 12 noon. There's a White Spot there, why not have lunch?

The bus for the visit costs $10.00 per person. The tour is limited to 49.

Wives are welcome at the same rate. There are arrangements for a second visit on February 19 if the response demands. First come first serve.

Airport tour Chair, Bill Weatherall.

GEOFFREY E.H. BALLARD

Geoffrey Ballard is the Chair of General Hydrogen Corporation and Chair of the Canadian Hydrogen Association. He is the founder of BALLARD POWER SYSTEMS, INC. Dr. Ballard serves on a number of boards and panels for the Canadian Government, the British Columbia Government, the California Air Boards and several Universities in Canada and the United States. He serves on the Canadian Advisory Board for Energy Science and Technology.

Prior to the development of BALLARD POWER SYSTEMS, INC. Dr. Ballard spent 10 years with the US Department of Defense. In 1974 he was appointed to the Federal Energy Office in Washington, D.C. as the Director of Research for the Office of Energy Conservation.

In 1976, Dr. Ballard brought together and funded a technical team, Ballard Research Inc., to explore the development of high energy density power systems. The battery development became Bluestar Battery Systems International Corp., and the fuel cell development became BALLARD POWER SYSTEMS, INC.

Dr. Ballard was a visiting professor at Dartmouth College in 1964, participated in the National Academy of Sciences Woodshole Summer Studies in 1967, participated in the Defense Science Seminars of ARPA/DOD in 1966, and was Commissioner for Oil and Gas, State of Arizona from 1974-75. He received the US Army Maritorious Civilian Service Medal in 1969 and again in 1971 for innovative research management and the Canadian Commemorative Medal in 1992. He is a Member of the Order of Canada.

In 1996 he was honoured by Brock University with an LL.D. for pioneering efforts in hydrogen fuel cell development. He received an Honorary Doctor of Science from University of Victoria and from Simon Fraser University in 1997, University du Quebec and Queen's University in 1999, LL.D. Concordia University 2001. Time magazine identified Dr. Ballard as a "Hero for the Planet" in February 22, 1999 issue. He received the World Technology Network Award in Energy in November 1999 and in 2001 for the Environment. He received the Goteborg International Environmental Prize for Sweden in December 2000. He was recognized as a 'Pioneer of Innovation' by the Vancouver Board of Trade.