PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Gord Thom for taking the November meeting.

I am sure that he did not forget anything as I did. If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so now.

We have lost a few members within the year, however, have gained quite a few. The Club has new names on the wait list again, so at the first of the year, we will have a Management meeting to sort out the membership list.

The Presidents Luncheon will be January 13th. Please phone the office to confirm your attendance. We have to have the correct numbers close to that date for catering purposes, as the Club must pay for the numbers committed.

Tom McCusker

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As back-up quarterback, I had to fill in for our traveling President at our last meeting. Regarding that meeting and on behalf of all members present, I wish to thank Bill Ibbott, Speakers Chair Fred Cotton and anyone else who had a hand in arranging the two world class speakers who informed us on Diabetes and the latest break through in the treatment of that disease. The presentation again showed that in BC we are on the leading edge of innovation and discovery. The topic seems to be of great interest to all attending. I am sure that those who were absent will be told by friends present that they missed another stimulating and informative Probus meeting.

Our thanks also to Chris Lee and others that led us through the West End and helped us discover that area's old and restored historic treasures. Outings like this are the real bonuses of having Probus memberships. Thanks Chris! Next we hope to see many of you at the Orpheum tour organized by Art Jones on December 3.

As Chair for the October meeting I was pleased to welcome several new members into the Club including some long-term friends and classmates going back to my university days. Thanks to John Hoyle and the Membership Committee for introducing these new contributors to the Club.

Next month we will welcome back our President. We hope that he and his wife had a great cruise around the tip of South America.

NOTICES

MEMBER SERVICES DESK:
Bill Weatherall

GREETERS: Don Milliken, Tremayne Perry

CASH DESK: Frank Willis, Lorne Bohlman

*It is with regret we announce the passing of **Fred Joplin** and **Raul Ryan**. Our condolences to their families. A donation to the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation and St. Paul's Hospital, palliative care, will be made in their respective names by Probus.*

PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

The Presidents' Luncheon will be held once again at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club following the regular meeting on 13th January. Attendees will be assured of an interesting and entertaining meeting amongst friends in a most spectacular setting.

For members, the cost of the lunch will be $20.00, which is being subsidized by PROBUS CLUB. Guests will be charged the full amount. Please bring cash or your cheque to the YACHT CLUB. The guest fee will be announced at the December meeting.

The Yacht Club must know how many members and guests will be at the luncheon. Please let the member services desk know whether or not you will be attending at the December meeting. If you are not going to the December meeting please let your intentions be known by calling the Probus Office at (604) 261-6818.

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

Next Year's Valentine's day falls, surprising, on 14th February and once again, Probus Club will be arranging a lunch for members and their ladies to mark the occasion. However, since Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday, the event will be held one day earlier, on Friday, 13th February at the Point Grey Golf Club. Please mark this occasion in your diaries and stand by for more details.

"High Flight"

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-spilt clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew-
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr., was an American serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force. In August or September 1941 Pilot Officer Magee composed ***High Flight*** *and sent a copy to his parents. On Dec. 11, 1941 his Spitfire collided with another plane over England and Magee, only 19 years old, crashed to his death.*

PAT JACOBSEN

Chief Executive officer, Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority, (known as TransLink) the planning and funding authority for all modes of transportation in the region.

A former Deputy Minister of Transportation for Ontario, as well as head of property management for the Province, Pat is familiar with the challenges of mobility of goods and people in major urban centers, complex major capital projects, building consensus and public/private partnerships. During her leadership she developed the Greater Toronto Area Transportation Plan and funding strategy as well as the Highway 407 public/private partnership strategy. Pat also spent nine years in the financial services industry in Toronto and Winnipeg. In addition to CEO of TransLink, Pat is a member of the UBC Department of Commerce Faculty Advisory Board, a member of the BC Climate Change Economic Impacts Panel, a Board member of the B.C. Cancer Foundation, Chair of the Transportation Property & Casualty company Inc. Board, and a director of the Vancouver Whistler 2010 Bid Corporation.