



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday August 8, 2006

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Speaker: Dr. Johanne Cashman

Topic: Cloning, Stem Cells and Beyond

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 16. Football Game

BC Lions vs Montreal

October 7 - Fraser River Cruise to Fort

Langley Cranberry Festival

Dr. Johanne Cashman



Dr. Johanne Cashman received her BSc in Human Anatomy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada and her Masters and PhD in Experimental Pathology at the University of British

Columbia. She is a former research scientist in the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Dr. Cashman was a member of the Terry Fox Laboratory in the Division of Hematology at the British Columbia Cancer Agency for over 20 years where she was involved in a number of research projects aimed at improving the treatment and survival of

patients with leukemia. Dr. Cashman has authored over 60 scientific papers, review articles and book chapters on such topics as development and application of cell culture assays, surgical adhesions, xenotransplantation, transgenics and stem cells and has given presentations at international scientific conferences in the United States, Europe, Japan and Australia.

Previously she was Head of Pre-clinical Development at ARC Pharmaceuticals where she developed new treatments for surgical adhesion disease. Dr. Cashman is presently a research scientist in Pharmacology at Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, a biotechnology company based in Vancouver, Canada.

Minutes of the July 11th Meeting

Attendance: 106 including guests

President Denis opened the meeting on a sad note bringing to our attention the passing of one of our founding members, **Jim McPherson**. He then stated that **Dean Winram** would be in the lobby after the meeting to deal with Bard on the Beach matters. As for the tickets, Dean will be at the entrance to the Bard on the Beach tent to distribute them to those attending the event. After informing us that our next speaker will be Dr. Judy Cashman who will talk about stem cells. President Denis asked **Gord Jinks** to introduce this morning's speaker, Peggy Wilson of the World Bank.

Peg said that she has given talks on both the serious and the light side of her experience with the World Bank and on this beautiful summer's day she felt the light side would be more enjoyable. Way back when Peg first became involved with the World Bank when the successful development of jet aircraft offered economical intercontinental travel to all, many of her friends and acquaintances jokingly "rubbed-in" her good fortune of exotic world travel at company/government expense. Peg acknowledged this nugget and her talk consisted of a humorous account of the downside that goes with business travel. She gave many examples of her own challenges and perils of travelling and working in developing countries as compared with typical tourist visits. In the early 90's when Peg visited countries such as Russia, China, and several African states, she found precious little in the way of travel amenities and business-folk had to accept accommodations, in-country travel and food, normal to that country. Therein lay the basis of many very funny personal experiences including encounters with cows,

cockroaches, archaic transportation methods and questionable cuisine. In contrast she said that her travel and work today, even in developing countries is pleasurable. Peg concluded with a Will Rogers quote, "Never miss an opportunity to stop!"

During the extensive question period, among other things, we learned that:

- China's large power dam project was almost exclusively self-financed.
- When project financing is in place and a change of government occurs, the World Bank, being apolitical, will make every attempt to work with the new regime.
- The World Bank's loan/loss ratio is nil. In some cases this is made possible by using a new loan to refinance an existing, delinquent one.
- The currency of borrowing and repayment is the choice of the indebted country.
- Both Russia and China will qualify for World Bank loans because their average income per capita is still low.
- The World Bank's mandate is to provide loans to combat poverty and improved education; and while the WB is pro-active, the country in question still must make the loan application.
- Any country can become a World Bank member by paying a nominal fee.
- The bank has a board of directors, and similar to the UN, decisions are made on a "one-man-one vote" basis.
- World Bank and the IMS are sister organizations. The IMS deals in short term financing when a country is in trouble.
- The World Bank's total loan portfolio is in the 20 billion range, and the average loan duration is 17 to 20 years.

- One of Peg's most satisfying projects was the replacement of a broken-down school-heating boiler in Kashmir. A very frustrating one was a gas distribution system. After many dollars and much time was being put into assessing the project, four of the five contractors dropped out only to be followed by the fifth after still more dollars and time. The WB has experienced a few technical disasters such as leaking dams and poorly constructed roadways. Corruption is a real problem to the WB, but it is continually being combated.

President Denis asked **Barry Sleigh** to thank the speaker.

Bill Weatherall Secretary

NOTICES

It is with regret we announce the passing of Jim McPherson on July 5, 2006. Our condolences to his family. A donation will be made in his name by Probus to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation.

It is with regret we announce the passing of Jack Merchant on June 21, 2006. Our condolences to his family. A donation will be made in his name by Probus to the Cancer Society.



Member Services Desk: Ted Daem

Cash Desk: Lorne Bohlman, Tom Duncan

Greeters: Harry Richard, Mel Endelman, Anthony Wooster

BRIDGE

Probus members are invited to join with members of the Rotary Club of Vancouver for evenings of contract bridge.



- First session is at Point Grey Golf and Country Club. Date to be announced. Subsequent sessions, October until May with a Christmas break.
- 2 tables hosted at members' homes 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Tea, coffee, dessert and snacks/beverages provided by hosts.

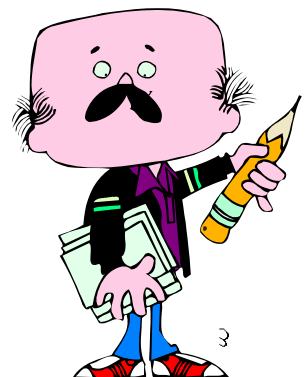
Members who are interested are asked to complete and return the attached form. Contact Jack Zaleski if you do not have a partner at this time. Others may be interested. Partners do not necessarily have to be members.

For Further Information contact Jack Zaleski 604-261-7492 or Gordon Thom 604-739-071

HELP WANTED

The editor of the Newsletter is seeking an assistant to help out, especially when he is out-of-town.

Almost everything is done from your home using a computer for e-mail and a phone to round-up copy from contributors to the the Newsletter. Familiarity with Microsoft Word would be a plus. If interested, contact Roy Williams at 604-926-4727.



FAMILY FUN AND ADVENTURE -

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Paddlewheeler Riverboat Cruise up the Fraser River to Enjoy the Cranberry Festival at Historic Fort Langley Saturday, October 7, 2006 (Thanksgiving weekend)

Probus has the exclusive use of the authentic paddlewheeler M/V "The Native". This vessel was constructed in 1985 and comfortably holds 80 passengers. There is also a bar facility on board.

The M/V "The Native" is moored in New Westminster next to the Westminster Quay Public Market. Parking is available next to the Casino.

Boarding will be at 9:30AM with departure at 10AM precisely.

The trip relives the excitement of the 19th century. Entertaining and informative narrative will explain the hardships encountered by Simon Fraser on his Historic Voyage in 1808. See where many native Indians fished, hunted and trapped on the banks of the river. Picture the wild days of the goldrush when the river became a major highway for the legendary steamboats and the important role of the Hudson's Bay Co. in the Development of B.C.

In Fort Langley you can visit the Fort, explore the village with its many interesting shops, museums and antique stores that make up Fort Langley's unique character. The Cranberry Festival will be in full swing with booths full of arts and crafts, home baked goods, music and tons of fresh cranberries.

After your visit to Fort Langley we will re-board the M/V "The Native", for our return to New Westminster. On this leg of the journey we will learn more about the history and folklore of the places along the river, docking once again at the Westminster Quay by 5:00PM.

The cost of the trip (including a hot lunch

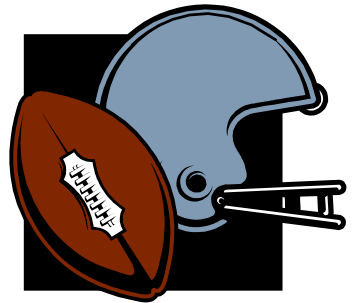
buffet) is \$50.00 per person. We are limited to 80 passengers.

If you have any questions, contact Jack Farley at 604-922-1515.

PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT BC LIONS VERSUS THE MONTREAL ALOUETTES

Saturday September 16th, 2006

On September 16th Don Matthews brings his high flying Alouettes team into the Lions Den. Don is the winningest coach in the Canadian Football league and the Alouettes are lead by quarterback Anthony Calvillo.



This year each team in the CFL will be close to parity because teams were strengthened with off season signing. This will be an exciting competitive year.

This is your invitation for an evening of fun, fellowship and exciting football.

Probus has taken over the Presidents' Suite at BC place Stadium which will accommodate 91 fans. **Please invite a friend to enjoy the game.**

5:30pm - cash bar opens for the evening

6:15pm - dinner served featuring "Big Dogs"

7:10pm - the Kickoff

Don't delay, complete the ticket order form today to avoid disappointment!

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Farley at 604-922-1515.

Registration
PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT
September 16th, 2006

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Telephone # _____

Please reserve _____ tickets for me at \$75.00 each

Make cheque out to: Probus Club Vancouver, #252 - 2025 West 42nd Avenue., Vancouver, B.C., V6M 2B5

REGISTRATION FORM
PADDLEWHEELER RIVERBOAT CRUISE TO FORT LANGELY
Saturday October 7, 2006

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____

Please reserve _____ tickets for me @ \$50.00 each

Make cheque out to and mail to: Probus Club Vancouver, #252 - 2025 West 42nd Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5

REGISTRATION FORM
BRIDGE

Yes, I would like to play bridge

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

Partner (if you have one): _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

If you don't have a partner at this time send in your name only. There may be others in the same situation.

Mail to: Jack Zaleski, 1741 SW Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 6B1 or email: zaleski@shaw.ca