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Next Meeting: December 12, 2006

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Speaker: Dr. John Nightingale
President and CEO, Vancouver Aquarium

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 -
Presidents' Luncheon, Point Grey Golf
Club

February 14, 2007 - Valentine's Day
Luncheon, Shaughnessy Golf Club

Dr. John Nightingale



Dr. Nightingale has a broad professional background in aquatic sciences specializing in their use for public education and conservation. His experience ranges from curating living animal collections to

developing strategic and physical plans for both new and existing aquarium institutions. He has managed all aspects of aquarium development and operation.

A professional biologist and bio-engineer, Dr. Nightingale has been responsible for the development and operation of some of the best aquarium life support and animal care systems in operation. His background and lifelong work in public communication, and both formal and informal public education, make him a leader in the current rapid development of new educational efforts in aquariums, zoos and museums. During his thirteen years at the Vancouver

Aquarium, he has guided the expansion of the Aquarium's leadership in conservation and research while focusing operations on further developing its financially self-supporting status. Dr. Nightingale has helped lead and manage the development of new institutions such as Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Maui Ocean Centre and Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay, as well as existing ones such as the New York Aquarium and the Seattle Aquarium.

EDUCATION:

B.A. Biology - Eastern Oregon State College
M.S. Fisheries Biology - University of Washington
Ph.D. Physiology - University of Washington
Post graduate studies in Business Administration, Law

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1993 - Present - President, Vancouver Aquarium
1990-1993 - Deputy Director, New York Aquarium (Wildlife Conservation Society)
1987-1990 - Director, Maui Ocean Centre, Maui, HA
1981 - 1987 Principal, BIOS: Inc., Seattle WA
1976 - 1981 General Curator, Seattle Aquarium, Seattle, WA

Minutes of the November 14th, 2006

Meeting

Attendance: 156 including guests

President Jack Farley opened the meeting by acknowledging Remembrance Day and asking the veterans to stand to a warm round of applause. He then reminded us our annual dues are now due and payable. **Duthie Welsford** was asked to introduce our new members. They are: **Bob Henderson**, computer/communications; **Donald Paterson**, corporate lawyer; **Bob Kendrick**, engineer, petroleum industry; **David Muller**, investment management; and **Ed Lien**, forestry industry, labour relations. At the request of President Jack, **Gordon Thom** introduced this morning's speaker, Mark Angelo and acknowledged Bob Gunn, Mark's able assistant.

From the start Mark piqued our interest by saying that BC has what could be considered the best river heritage in the world. He then explained his chosen vocation, river management, which resulted from an early fascination with the rush of crystal clear river water. It's no surprise that he's been a river enthusiast, a paddler and a fresh water fisherman for well over 40 years. Through the years Mark has been fortunate to "experience" many rivers considered some of the world's finest. These visits not only provided Mark with wonderful worldly wisdom, but also reinforced his belief that the rivers at his own doorstep are equally as good as can be found anywhere on this planet.

However, there is an array of threats to our rivers that range from pollution and urbanization to the extraction of too much water and the building of power generating dams. Mark is a strong believer that these threats must be managed if we expect to keep these waterways pristine. Rivers by nature have long linear features that cross many different environments

and jurisdictions, making management difficult. While we progress on some fronts there remains much to be done. The trend towards increased public awareness of these threats bodes well for adequate future control.

The increased awareness can be witnessed in the ever-growing interest in BC River Days. This year's event attracted more than 7,500 people. The increased attendance was markedly responsible for the very first World River Day held last September. This function, which was hosted by 30 countries, attracted millions.

Mark hopes that in the future our society will do whatever is necessary to protect our inland waterways. He appreciates that BC's combined river networks are among the Earth's finest and contribute appreciably to the quality of life enjoyed in BC. Realistically, his hopes will only reach fruition by dedicated help from all involved quarters of society including; Governments, to set appropriate policies and provide funding; First nations, who have a strong culture and historic tie; the private sector, which on an-across-the-board basis must become a good corporate citizen; and the local volunteers who must continue their diligent stewardship on their local waterways.

To complete his presentation Mark provided a very interesting slide show of some of BC's greatest rivers. During the question period we learned that:

- When too much water is extracted from a river, (for irrigation, commercial, domestic use, etc.) the remaining water is subject to temperature rise, which in turn can be very harmful to fish. Mark would like to see the B.C. Heritage Rivers Program (BCHRP) become involved with water

extraction authorizations before licenses are granted.

- The Fraser River Council should encourage more input from the public and the BCHRP prior to signing-off on shoreline building permits.
- Mark believes that catch-and-release fishing regulations are still in effect on the Babine River.
- In Mark's opinion, when dredging and gravel extraction are for commercial gain the proper authorities should exercise stringent control.
- Winter-run steelhead spends more time in rivers (as compared with the ocean) than do their summer-run counterparts.
- Fish farms are likely here to stay but should locate away from the paths wild salmon take to the sea. The fish farm density should also be controlled. This to protect wild salmon against excessive sea lice common around fish farms.
- Rather than constructing more large hydro dams to meet power demands, Mark feels that BC Hydro would be wise to look elsewhere to meet these requirements. Smaller dams and thermal units, windmills, and atomic units were all suggested.
- Fraser River freight traffic is likely to increase. When additional port capacity is required, regulator bodies, with full authority necessary to protect our river shores, must be in place.

President Jack asked John Rawsthorne to thank the speaker.

Bill Weatherall, Secretary

Reflections From The President



The life blood of our Probud Club is the high quality guest speakers that we have been able to attract to our monthly meetings. A job well done

by Fred Cotton and his Speaker Committee. In 2006

we have heard from: Russell J. Anthony, President and Project Director of the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project. Dr. Stefan Ganzle, Assistant professor Institute of European Studies at UBC who's topic was "The Economic Union Today and Tomorrow." Jim Allworth, Director of RBC Investments - discussing the economic cycle and "Where Do We Go From Here." Steven Frasher, CEO, Washington Marine Group of Companies described the far reaching operations of his company. Tim Armstrong, Task Force Leader of Vancouver Search and Rescue who told us of the harrowing and heroic experiences of his Team in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Daniel F. Muzyka, Dean of Sauder School of Business at UBC discussing BC's place in Global Economy. Peg Wilson, Energy Economist and Financial Analyst for the World Bank, who spoke on the lighter side of her exploits with the World Bank. Dr. Johanne Cashman, a research scientist in Pharmacology who enlightened us on "Cloning, Stem Cells and Beyond." Paul Sullivan, renowned journalist, who's topic was, "Canadian media: a Matter of Convergence." Dr. Jack P. Blaney, Commissioner with the international Joint Commission who discussed Trans-boundary Waters and the IJC---and at our last meeting Mark Angelo, Program Head of the BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation took us on a tour of BC rivers and the importance of environmental protection to these waterways.

Congratulations to Fred Cotton and his Committee for presenting us with an array of outstanding speakers. Fred is always looking for interesting and educational guest speakers and if you have any ideas please contact Fred at 604-266-7060.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

NOTICES

Members Services Desk: Tremayne Perry

Cash Desk: Bob Swannell, Terry Heenan

Greeters: Richard Dunsterville, Rod English, Stew McKenzie

It is with regrets that we announce the passing of:

Kilgour Shivers on October 7

Dr. John Smith on Nov. 1

Barry Sleigh on Nov. 5

Don Moir on Nov. 9

John Boulbee on Nov 13

Our condolences to their families. Donations will be made by Probus to the West Vancouver Memorial Library, Saint Andrews Wesley Church, BC Cancer Foundation, Vancouver Academy of Music and St. Christophers Church, respectively.

PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2007

The January meeting will be held at Point Grey Golf Club on Wednesday, January 10th. (Please note that the meeting had to be scheduled for Wednesday as Tuesday was already booked.)

Arrival time is 10:00AM with coffee available and the meeting will commence at 10:30AM. The Presidents' luncheon will follow.

It should be noted that this is the Tenth Anniversary of Probus Club Vancouver and the purpose of the luncheon is to honour the Presidents of the past ten years.

We need to know the number attending for catering purposes so

please telephone the Probus Office at 604-261-6818 to advise if you will be staying for lunch. The subsidized charge will be \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for guests. Please bring cash or cheque to the meeting.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bob Henderson - computer/communications

Bob Kendrick - engineer, petroleum industry

Ed Lien - forestry industry, labour relations

David Muller - investment management

Don Paterson - corporate lawyer

Ten Years ago

A Probus Club for Vancouver?

October 23, 1996

With encouragement and later sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Vancouver, twelve men met at the Hollyburn Winter Club at 9:45am, October 23, 1996. Fred Cotton was in the Chair. Fred outlined Probus Clubs and their success which was world wide. This group decided to establish a Probus Club in Vancouver and that it should be male only but with the wives or female friends invited to some social functions. It was decided the next meeting would be in the Vancouver area. The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Gordon A. Thom, Historian and Archivist

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

There seems to be a rash of "Senior Moments" occurring upon arrival at our meetings. When the fellows handling the cash desk tallied up the "take" at the last meeting, it appears to be ten short of the body count in attendance. Please remember to pay your \$5.00 on arrival at each of our regular meetings.

**VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON
SHAUGHNESSY GOLF CLUB
Wednesday, February 14th, 2007**

This year our Valentine's day luncheon will be held in a private room at Shaughnessy Golf Club starting at 12:00 noon. A specially prepared luncheon has been arranged for us by the Shaughnessy catering staff. Guests are welcome.

There will be a cash bar and wine. Lunch is at the cost of the member.

Arrangements are also being made for a musical presentation suitable for the occasion.

The Cost is \$45.00 per person and a Registration Form follows.

As in the past, this event promises to be a delightful occasion in a lovely setting. So treat your spouse, partner or best friend to a Valentine's treat.



**VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON
SHAUGHNESSY GOLF CLUB
REGISTRATION FORM**

February 14th, 2007 - 12:00 Noon
Cost \$45.00 per person

NAME _____

No. of Tickets _____ Total cost @ \$45.00 each \$ _____

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RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to thank everyone who completed and sent in the Activities Questionnaire. We have received completed questionnaires from about one-half the membership at this date (November 10) which is an excellent return.

We have tabulated the results and should state that we do not expect that additional questionnaires will change the results significantly.

The general conclusions are as follows:

1. 94% of the membership show an interest in participating in activities and events.
2. In order of interest, the type of activities getting affirmative response was as follows:

a) Commercial/Industrial tours	29%	d) Entertainment	18%
b) Local one-day tours	24%	e) Major travel tours	10%
c) Walking tours	19%		
3. 85% indicated cost was not a factor
4. As to times of year, the response was very varied. The "bad" times were rated as follows:

a) Jul. - Aug.	29%	d) May - Jun.	13%
b) Nov. - Dec.	20%	e) Mar. - Apr.	12%
c) Jan. - Feb.	18%	f) Sep. - Oct.	10%

As is evident, we are a group with significant travel and other interests.

5. In terms of frequency, 78% of the membership indicated 4 to 8 events per year would be satisfactory. This response is complicated by the number of members who are frequently absent from the city as per the previous response.
6. A challenge to the Activities Committee is that 78% of the membership indicated they would go more frequently if the events sparked their interest.
7. 78% also indicated their preference to involve their spouse, but 79% indicated they would still participate even if their spouse was unable.
8. 100% were satisfied with the notice and information provided in the Newsletter and 98% felt that 6 - 8 weeks notice (approximately 2 Newsletters) was adequate notice.

Interestingly, 62% did not want more information given out at the regular Tuesday meetings although 38% did.

Of the 152 responses tallied to date, 40 took the time to provide written comments for which we thank them. The Activities Committee will use the results of the questionnaire in endeavouring to develop interesting activities and events.