



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: August 13th, 2013

Time: 9:30 am

Location: H.R. MacMillian Planetarium and Space Centre, Lower Level

Speaker: Ronald W. Thiessen

Topic: Mining: Commodities Equities; Where are we and where are we going?

RONALD W. THIESSEN



Ronald W. Thiessen has been President and Chief Executive Officer since 2000 of Hunter Dickinson Inc., a diversified, global mining group based in Vancouver. He is also President and CEO of Quartz Mountain Resources, Northern Dynasty Minerals, and Amarc Resources, and chair of Taseko Mines and Great Basin Gold.

Ron and his team have financed, built and operate an extensive portfolio of advanced mineral exploration, development and mining projects.

He also regularly serves as a guest speaker, panelist, and representative at mining industry events both in Canada and internationally.

He was awarded the E.A. Scholz Award

for excellence in mine development in 2008 and was named the Business Person of the Year by the Canada-Southern Africa Chamber of Business in 2011. Most recently, he was presented with the 2013 William Lawrence Saunders Gold Medal from the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration and awarded a fellowship (FCA) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia.

Ron has a B.Comm. from the University of Saskatchewan and is a Chartered Accountant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 17th—Tour of Molson Coors Brewery
October 8th - Presidents' Luncheon

FUTURE SPEAKERS

September 10th - Dr. John Webb
Topic- Pioneering Cardiac Surgery
October 8th - Andrew Petter, President, SFU
Topic- "The Engaged University"

Report of the July 9th Meeting

Attendance: 158 Members and Guests

President Wayne Audette called the meeting to order at 10:00am. John Gemmill acted as Secretary.

Norm Leach brought forward three new members for introduction (See "Welcome New Members").

In the continued absence of Professor Andre Geroly-matos, our designated speaker for the day, the President asked for anyone who might wish to give a short presentation on a topic of his choice.

Jack Zaleski came forward to speak on the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society. Jack also provided a written presentation on the topic which follows:

"The Pacific Assistance Dogs Society or PADS is a non-profit organization that breeds, raises, trains, and places dogs for 3 types of Assistance: Service, Hearing & Canine Assisted Intervention dogs.

One of these, the service dogs, assist people with a physical disability in performing their activities of daily living. Many, but not all, of their clients use a wheelchair or other adaptive equipment. PADS' Service Dogs are trained to open and close doors, turn lights on and off, pick up dropped items, pull manual wheelchairs, carry items such as grocery bags and fetch medication. Training starts at 8 weeks when pups are placed with puppy raisers for the first 12 to 14 months. During this time the pups are taught to respond to basic commands such as sit, down and here and are socialized to familiarize them with their future work environment. Puppy raisers are volunteers, who agree to attend a weekly "puppy" class, learn to apply specialized training techniques that have been developed by the society and to take the puppy wherever they go - to work, the theatre, restaurants and Probus meetings!

What follows is 1 to 2 years of specialized training prior to placement with a person in need of such assistance. But the work doesn't stop there. Continual monitoring, and re-assessment over the service life of the dog ensure a happy and productive "marriage" between client and companion."

Nick Thornton thanked **Jack Zaleski** for his presentation.

Dr. Ralph Yorsh, a retired dentist, came forward to speak on "Oral Health for Seniors" Dr. Yorsh also provided a written presentation on the topic which follows:

"For a happy and healthy mouth, these suggestions are a must. Ninety-five percent of adults develop tartar, a chalky concretion that builds up on the teeth and causes gum and bone recession. It cannot be removed chemically unless you'd like to rinse with sulphuric acid! It must be physically scaled by your dentist or hygienist! It is of life and death importance that the teeth be cleaned by brushing at least once a day, preferably before retiring for the night. At your dentist's visit, demand that they inform you how successful you are with your brushing and how to improve it. The use of tooth paste is optional, and not at all a requirement. The design of the hand tooth brush matters very little, but your skill in using it matters a great deal. An excellent job can be done by hand, but an electric tooth brush is much faster and a good investment.



An extremely useful tool is a "PROXABRUSH," a tiny device like a bottle brush that sweeps out the space between the teeth where food debris lodges. The replaceable tips can be used many times before new ones are fitted into the permanent handle. Dental floss and tapes are also useful to remove food or plaque in tight areas that the PROXABRUSH cannot fit into. If you have a handicap - either physical or mental, do not be ashamed to enlist help from relatives or staff.

Contrary to TV advertising, commercial mouth wash is the least important item to use. Tea, coffee or whiskey work fine, but I prefer a beverage made of ordinary breakfast cocoa or carob powder. These last 2 foods are extremely nutritious (check on the internet).

Your teeth are designed to last for your entire lifetime so cooperation with your dentist is a sure technique to make certain as many as possible of your own are present when you go to meet your Maker."

Wayne Audette thanked the speakers for their kindness and thoughtfulness in providing the meeting with their very interesting, impromptu presentations which were thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Please refer to other sections in this Newsletter for information about:

The nominees for the 2013/14 Management Committee positions;

The agenda for our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2013 in conjunction with our regular monthly meeting.

Those of you who attended the July meeting will know that our scheduled guest speaker, Dr. Andre Gerolymatos, was unable to attend. Since we did not know of that in advance, your management team had to deploy its emergency backup plan! Please refer to the brief article contributed by our Historian, Norm Weitzel, and to the Report of the Meeting for details. Thanks and congratulations to fellow members Jack Zaleski and Ralph Yorsh for stepping to the plate. Result - two home runs!

We'll try to reschedule Dr. Gerolymatos as soon as possible, although it's likely that won't be before next year. We have confirmed speakers in place through December, and I can promise you that all of them are highly qualified and will deliver messages of interest to our membership.

In August, we'll welcome Ron Thiessen, Director and CEO of Hunter Dickinson Inc., with his insights into "Mining and Commodities Equities". Plan to attend, and hear firsthand from one of Vancouver's most respected businessmen about the challenges and opportunities being faced by this important industry.

Dr. John Webb, of international medical renown, will be our guest speaker at our September meeting. Please participate in the brief AGM beforehand, and then learn all about "hearts" from Dr. Webb.

Once again, please introduce yourself if we happen to meet as strangers in the hallways of the auditorium at any future meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Greeters – James Matkin, Silvano Facchini

Cashiers—Gerry Hildebrand, Bill Lang

Past President Greeter – Roy Williams

Member Services Desk – Tony Weall

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard Spencer - Civil Engineering &
University Teacher- Administrator

Mike Towill - Education/School&University

David Smith - Physician/Pediatrics

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret we announce the passing of Peter Wilson on July 8th and Michael Lambert on July 10th, 2013. Our condolences to their families. Donations will be made in their memory by Probus to the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT-2013

The Nominating Committee comprised of Chairman, Don Newman, Wayne Audette and Jon Collins submitted the following slate of nominees for 2013-2014:

President and Director: Jon Collins
Past President and Director: Wayne Audette
Vice-President and Director: David Scott
Secretary and Director: Ken Yule
Treasurer and Director: Richard Carson

The following have agreed to serve as Committee Chairmen:

Speakers Committee: Brian Maunder
Membership Committee: Norm Leach
Web Site Committee: Jack Zaleski
Activities Committee: Doug Jones
House Committee: Doug Lambert
Newsletter Editor: Roy Williams
Membership Services Committee: Tony Weall
Historian & Archivist: Norm Weitzel

Any additional nominations (with prior agreement to stand) must be conveyed to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the September Annual General Meeting. A nomination for one of the top five positions would also carry a nomination for one of the five directors.

Hidden Talent Exposed!

Our July meeting marked the third time in our history when our scheduled speaker failed to appear. As on the first two occasions, fellow members stepped forward and excelled, turning a potential disaster into an opportunity.

The first time this happened, Leo Sauve was called upon, and captured our interest with a description of his recent river cruise in Russia.

Our second "substitute" speaker was Chris Lee, who, having attended a recent meeting of the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, spoke on current activity in that community.

Thus, on Tuesday, July 9th, it was no surprise to have Jack Zaleski and Dr. Ralph Yorsh comply with President Wayne's request, and proceed to inform and entertain us. Jack on the subject of service dogs trained to help people with disabilities, and Dr. Ralph on oral health and dental care.

It is a reminder that there is a wonderful wealth of skill and experience within our membership!

Norm Weitzel,
Historian/Archivist

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

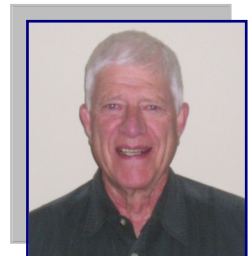
The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club Vancouver will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

AGENDA

1. Welcome address by Chair of Meeting - President
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Confirmation of Quorum and Voting Procedure
4. Approval of Minutes of AGM of September 11, 2012
5. Consideration of Annual Financial Review
6. Election of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen
7. Other business:

By-Law Amendments

Conclusion of Meeting





14TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH

10AM TO 2PM

MARINE DRIVE GOLF CLUB

7425 YEW ST. (57th Ave. West)

COST \$50 PER PERSON

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

LIMITED TO 200 REGISTRANTS

**GUEST SPEAKER ANDREW PETER Q.C. PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR OF
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

TOPIC: SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY – “THE ENGAGED UNIVERSITY”

As SFU approaches its 50th Anniversary, it is timely to reflect on how SFU evolved from its early incarnation as a “radical campus” to its current status as an “engaged university”. In five decades, SFU has forged a nationally admired and globally recognized model of a university that is less “ivory tower” and more “public square”. President Petter will discuss this evolution and the opportunities that lie ahead as SFU fully realizes its vision as “The Engaged University”

10AM - Coffee and Social Hour

11AM - Guest Speaker—Andrew Petter, Q.C.

Andrew Petter is President and Vice Chancellor of Simon Fraser University and Professor in the School of Public Policy. Prior to joining SFU in 2010, he was Professor of Law in the Faculty of the University of Victoria where he served as Dean from 2001 to 2008. He previously taught at Osgoode Hall Law School and practiced law with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice.

From 1991 to 2001, Professor Petter served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia and held numerous cabinet portfolios, including Advanced Education and Attorney General.

NOON – Intermission—Bar Now Open

12:30 - Luncheon

Artisan breads, baby greens salad (carrot, cucumber, tomato, house made balsamic vinaigrette dressing), French pastries, coffee and tea.

CHOICE OF:

- 1) STEAK - 6 oz. top sirloin, green peppercorn jus, roasted garlic potato and Chef’s vegetables
- 2) CHICKEN - Herb baked chicken breast, jump fried wild mushroom, tarragon jus, roast garlic mashed potato, Chef’s vegetables

YOU MAY REGISTER:

1) At Probus monthly meeting at the Activity Desk 2) Mail registration form and payment (\$50 per person): To Bill Robertson 3711 Puget Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6L 2T8 E-mail: robertsonwd@hotmail.com 604-269-0745

Deadline for registration October 4th Cancellation Deadline October 2nd

NOTE – Make check payable to Probus Club of Vancouver—You are not registered until payment is received

I plan to attend: Name: _____ Guest _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Choice of Main Course: Chicken _____ Steak _____



**TOUR of MOLSON COORS BREWERY
WESTERN CANADA'S LARGEST BREWERY
1500 BURRARD ST.**

Tuesday September 17th 1pm to 3pm

Members Only—\$35 Per Person

Limited to 36 Members—Only 10 Spots Left to Fill!

NOTE YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER SEPTEMBER 10TH

MEETING PLACE: 1 pm BURRARD AND FIRST AVENUE – Use First Avenue Entrance – enter via the gate across from the Security Guard Shack – meet at the White Tent.

Recommend you arrive by public transportation; parking will be available in Molson Parking Lot – just off 1st Avenue – east of Burrard ST. – black gate will automatically open. Park and proceed to the white tent.

We will enter Molson Brewery as a group and proceed directly to their lounge where we will gather and receive beer education. We will receive a lesson in beer tasting and will sample three different beers.

Groups of 12 will tour through selected parts of the Brewery to see the brewing process and production area. A wide assortment of appetizers and snacks will be available in the lounge.

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