



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: August 12th, 2014
Time: 9:30 am
**Location: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium
and Space Centre, Lower Level**
Speaker: Neil Ritchie
Topic: Jazz

Future Speakers

September 9th: Pierre Lebel
**Topic: North West BC
Development**
**Our scheduled speaker for October
had to postpone. An alternative is
being sourced.**

Neil Ritchie



Neil Ritchie was born in Vancouver and attended high school in West Vancouver. He graduated from UBC with a degree in commerce. He joined the CBC cataloguing records in the library, and after four years, he became a studio director for CBC radio's *Off the Record* with Bob Kerr, and *Hot Air* with Bob Smith. Ritchie, who was with the CBC for 30 years, produced radio shows for the late Otto Lowy, Jurgen Gothe, Paul Grant and the late Alan Aberbach, who persuaded him to teach a class on jazz history in the Seniors Program (now the Adults 55+ Program). With the experience he had gained working at CBC and a collection of videos and CDs, as well as his knowledge of music from playing piano and saxophone, he taught that first class in 1997.



Upcoming Events
**September 16th—Tour of the Canadian
Museum of Flight**
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PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON
When: Tuesday, October 14th
Where: The Arbutus Club
**What: A buffet luncheon will be served at the
modest price of \$25.00.**
**The committee is firming up the
arrangements for a very special speaker.
Registration will be set up at the August
meeting and full details will appear in the
September newsletter**

The Fred Cotton Probud Book Club

The Club reassembles after the summer break on Wednesday, September 3rd to discuss "The Second World War", a monumental work by Antony Beevor, author of "Stalingrad", "Berlin" and "D - Day". Our Fall reading list is "The Diamond Queen" by Andrew Marr, "The Rational Optimist" by Matt Ridley, "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khalid Hasseini and "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. We meet at 9 am on the first Wednesday of each month at the White Spot on the corner of Georgia and Cardero. Any Probud members wishing to join would be most welcome and should contact either George Cook george.cook@telus.net or Michael King (michaelizabethk@shaw.ca)

Report of the June 10th Meeting

Attendance: 161 Members and Guests

President **Jon Collins** called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, welcoming all and especially guest speaker Martin Collacott, whose biography appears in the July newsletter. **Ken Yule** acted as secretary.

Membership Chair **Norm Leach** introduced new members Zenon Gorchynski, Mark White and David Riding. Bridge Club President **Jack Zaleski** presented the trophy for most points to **Conrad Rademaker** and **Lindsay Mann**, and **Conrad** presented the trophy for most slams to **Jack Zaleski** and his partner Brian Mamchur. **Jack Zaleski** invited members and their spouses to join the club. Vice-President **David Scott** urgently pleaded for a member to become secretary, or to suggest a retired stenographer who might prepare the minutes for a small honorarium.

Conrad Rademaker introduced Martin Collacott, who addressed Canadian immigration policy generally in discussing "Passports of Convenience". Although immigration is often in the news, the basic questions are not asked. How many immigrants do we need? How much diversity do we need? Will immigrants integrate?

Why should Canada continue large-scale immigration? It is said that it is essential to economic growth, being an increasing proportion of labour force growth. However, prosperity depends on productivity and sound economic policies, not labour force size, and immigration increases per capita GDP by little or nothing. Indeed, recent immigrants have earned less and claimed higher benefits than previously, and been very costly for Canada. Next, it is said that large-scale immigration covers labour shortages. However, it is an ongoing, recurring problem that employers cannot hire enough domestic workers at the wages they are offering. Most labour requirements can be met internally, by increasing wages, improving comprehensive skills and technical training, persuading Canadians of the value of such training rather than academic learning, retraining those laid off, older workers working longer, reducing the attractiveness of EI, and bringing aboriginals into the work force.

Finally, it is said that immigration is essential to cope with the aging of the Canadian population. However, since immigrants also get older, immigration does very little or nothing to mitigate this problem. Raising the retirement and pension age by one year would be the equivalent of adding 100,000 immigrants. There is something fundamentally dysfunctional when Canada, with its human and educational resources and capabilities, requires outside assistance to operate its economy. How does immigration affect the quality of city life? It is producing higher housing costs, increased congestion and pressure on public services. The immigrant population is increasingly diverse, with different backgrounds, languages and cultural traditions. Today the high levels of immigration are feeding ethnic enclaves, which in the cities are growing in number and size, through generations. If the economic benefit is minute and the quality of life and social cohesion are reduced, why do we continue to bring in so many immigrants? A minority do benefit, and they may be calling the shots. Employers want a bigger pool of cheap labour. Housing

developers, who fund municipal politicians, depend on immigrant purchasers. Immigration settlement organizations and immigration lawyers have vested interests. Political parties seek support from the immigrant communities, and want to be seen as good economic managers, or to increase the number of unionized Canadians. Canadians responding to polls are positive in principle to immigration, but feel cities are big enough now, public services are under too much pressure, and their own neighbourhoods don't need more immigrants. There is concern about lack of integration. Canada needs a balanced, open, informed national debate, and the mainstream parties need to address the question of what best serves Canadian interests in general.

Q & A: A requirement that an applicant be able to speak English or French would be valuable; Australia requires basic English to function effectively before arrival, and the immigrant must pay for family members to learn English. Immigration to Canada is about 250,000 per year, and emigration 75,000, but many who leave are skilled immigrants who can't find jobs here, and those who stay can't find jobs either. Many wealthy immigrants do not pay Canadian taxes, but work abroad, hide their offshore assets from Canada and park their families here to obtain social benefits. Dual citizenship is too entrenched to be eliminated, but causes diplomatic problems when the dual citizens get into trouble in their other country. The cost to government of each person during retirement is \$300-350,000, including health care, OAS and GIS. We used to be more selective in soliciting immigrants for needed positions, but by the time they arrived the shortages had been filled. Canada has one of the shortest residence requirements in the world; it should be increased to five years. Ottawa is probably studying the American taxation of its citizens on their worldwide income.

Nick Scharfe thanked Mr. Collacott for his informative and timely talk.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Greeters—Doug Horswill & Zen Gorchynski

Cashiers—Alan Watt and Al Hurwitz

Member Services Desk—Tony Weall

Welcome New Members

Zenon Gorchynski—Anesthetist

Mark White—Security

David Riding—Insurance



**Please remember
to pay your \$5**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT-2014

The Nominating Committee, comprising of Chairman, Wayne Audette, Jon Collins and David Scott, submitted the following slate of nominees for 2014-2015:

President and Director:	David Scott
Past President and Director:	Jon Collins
Vice-President and Director:	Jack Zaleski
Secretary and Director:	Richard Carson
Treasurer and Director:	Doug Cucheron

The following have agreed to serve as Committee Chairmen:

Speakers Committee:	Norm Leach
Membership Committee:	Brian Maunder
Web Site Committee:	Hugh Lindsay
Activities Committee:	Doug Jones
House Committee:	Doug Lambert
Newsletter Editor:	Peter Scott
Membership Services Committee:	Tony Weall
Historian & Archivist:	Roy Williams

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club Vancouver will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

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 10, 2013
5. Consideration of Annual Financial Review
6. Election of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen
7. Other business:
 - By-Law Amendments
 - Conclusion of Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Please refer to left hand column on this page, for information about the nominees for the 2014/15 Management Committee positions and the agenda for our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 in conjunction with our regular monthly meeting. David Scott, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Review Committee has submitted the report of the Committee which makes several recommendations for improving our Club operations. A few of these resulted from your responses to the "Member Satisfaction Survey" conducted earlier in the year by Norm Leach's Membership Committee. There are several recommendations for minor improvements. Plans are afoot to better the waiting experience for prospective members, as well as smooth their introduction to the club once inducted. One of the recommendations is to develop a Mission Statement for our club and if any of you have any experience in this area, or interest in contributing to a Mission Statement, kindly let David Scott or myself know by early August. Our June 24th Cirque de Soleil visit was highly entertaining and went off without a hitch. Over 80 folks attended and I heard many favourable comments about the wonderful seats, show, experience etc. Congratulations to Doug Jones and his Activities Committee for orchestrating another great Event. Martin Collacott's July talk on Immigration certainly stimulated a lot of thought and discussion. Neil Ritchie's presentation on Jazz in August is expected to be highly entertaining. At September's meeting, Pierre Lebel will update us on Resource Development in Northwest BC including Imperial Metals' Red Chris Mine. Duncan Davies has had to reschedule for a later date so Brian Maunder advises he is hot on the trail of an alternate for October's Presidents' Lunch which will be held at the Arbutus Club. Tuesday, September 16th will see us all at the Museum of Flight.

IN MEMORIAM

*It is with regret we announce the passing of Dick Beck on July 10, 2014
Our condolences to his family.
The Probus Club of Vancouver will make a donation in Dick's memory to
The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver*

UPCOMING EVENTS

GUIDED TOUR OF THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

"A Walk Down Memory Lane"

Location: Hangar # 3 - 5333 216th Street, Langley, BC

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING ONE GUEST

NOTE: CARPPOOLING RECOMMENDED, EASY PARKING, NO STAIRS AND SHORT WALK

The Canadian Museum of Flight is a non-profit museum dedicated to restoring, preserving and showcasing Canada's rich aviation heritage. In the early 1970's, a group of aviation enthusiasts made a move to stop the exodus of historic aircraft leaving Canada for the U.S. and Europe. They pooled their resources to acquire as many of these aircraft as possible. The Canadian Museum of Flight and Transportation was incorporated as a non-profit society in March 1977. The Museum houses over 25 aircraft, both static and flying. It possesses the only displayed Handley Page Hampden in the world. In 2002, after a 22-year restoration, Museum volunteers saw the 1937 Waco AQC Cabin biplane take to the skies. This restoration was done solely by the Museum's volunteers. To date they have six aircraft flying: Tiger Moth, Fleet Finch, SE5A replica, Waco AQC Cabin, Mustang replica and the Harvard II. The Museum is a very "hands-on" facility. A large selection of the aircraft can be touched, and you can feel that aircraft are made not only from aluminum, but also wood and fabric. Visitors can take a chronological walk around the Museum starting with WWI to present day, and can see how large a part Canada has played in aviation history.

- 9:45 AM** ARRIVE AT HANGAR #3 - 5333 216TH STREET LANGLEY, BC.
- 10:00 AM** ASSEMBLE IN DC3 CLUB HOUSE, TO HAVE COFFEE AND HEAR OPENING REMARKS.
- 10:00 AM** 2 HOUR GUIDED TOUR AND FREE TIME TO VIEW THE COLLECTION
- 12:30 PM** NO HOST LUNCH AT YOUR CHOICE OF RESTAURANT, POSSIBLY IN LANGLEY

Travel instructions from Vancouver and restaurant suggestions will be at the August meeting.

COST IS ONLY \$20 PER PERSON

Registration: At the Activity Desk at the Probus Meeting on August 12th

1. Mail Registration form and payment (**\$20 per person**) to: Doug Jones, 17—5760 Hampton Place Vancouver, BC, V6T 2G1; E-Mail: jonzee88@hotmail.com
2. Make checks payable to the **Probus Club of Vancouver**.
3. Remember - you will not be registered until payment is received.
4. Deadline for registration is September 8th. Cancellation Deadline also September 8th.

I plan to attend: Name _____ E-Mail _____

Phone number _____



VANCOUVER CANADIANS BASEBALL GAME

We are planning to arrange an outing to a game in July, 2015.

The cost for a 1pm daytime game would be \$37 per adult and \$25 for kids.

This includes a Barbecue along the right field sideline as well as seats in the bleachers.

In order to get a head start for next year, would those members who are interested, please email Doug Jones at jonzee88@hotmail.com indicating how many tickets you might like.

So far, 20 people have indicated they would like to buy 40 tickets. Our target is 50.

