



# NEWSLETTER

## PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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Enriching members with topical, entertaining speakers and social activities

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11th**  
**Time: 9:30 am**  
**Location: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium and Space Centre, Lower Level**  
**Speaker: Miles Prodan,**  
**BC Wine Institute**  
**Topic: TBA**

### Miles Prodan



Currently President & CEO of the BC Wine Institute, Miles Prodan has over 30 years of marketing experience specializing in destination marketing and new media strategies. His extensive background and knowledge of the British Columbia agri-tourism industry, combined with his in-depth marketing and management experience with member-based trade organizations makes him the ideal candidate to lead the BCWI.

In addition to his role at the BCWI, Miles is also Board Member of the Canadian Vintners Association; Member of the Federal government's Wine Sector Advisory Board; and member of BC Ministry of Agriculture's Production Insurance Grape Advisory Committee.

Since 1990, the BCWI has played a pivotal role in taking BC's wine industry from a vision to an internationally recognized niche region producing premium wines and providing quality wine tourism experiences.

Representing more than 144 member wineries throughout the province, the BCWI supports and markets the Wines of British Columbia (BC VQA), which gives consumers assurance they are buying a wine that is 100% from BC grapes.

### Future Speakers

**September 8th: Jim Allworth**  
**RBC Chief Investment Strategist**

**October 13th: Dr. Andre Gerolymatos**

**WESTERN CANADA RENDEZVOUS**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 16 and 17, 2015**  
Due to insufficient support, the organisers of this event have decided to cancel it.

### Website Tips

#### **Why are these members smiling?**

Have you noticed that the people with the biggest smiles at Probus meetings are the volunteers who greet you, collect your parking fee, register you for an activity or make announcements from the stage?

Getting involved and working with other members is a great way to make friends—and increase the value of your Probus membership.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, go to the list of committees on the website Home Page. Find one that appeals to you and phone the committee chair. You'll be glad you did—and your smile will prove it.

The website address is <http://probusvancouver.com/>

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to phone Hugh Lindsay, Chair of the Website Committee at 604 732-0366.

### **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES TEAM**

**Greeters—Tony Weall & Rob Goodell**  
**Cashiers—Dick Wagner & Vic Weckerle**

### Welcome New Members

**Arun Mehra—Family Practice Doctor**  
**Lance Skerratt—Forest Products Executive**  
**Jim Parke—Insurance Executive**

## Report of the July 14th Meeting

**Attendance: 131 Members and Guests**

The meeting was chaired by President David Scott. John Gunn acted as Secretary of the meeting. Our usual excellent light touch to open the meeting concerned a problem of deficient hearing!

Doug Jones reported that the forthcoming baseball game on July 22<sup>nd</sup> is on schedule and the site has been checked out by Doug Graham, the Activities Committee member who is handling this event. The Sea to Sky outing to Squamish on September 1st has been well taken up but there are still about 20 slots left for members who would like to attend. The price is \$55.00.

Three new members were inducted (see Welcome New Members).

The meeting was advised that the original speaker for this meeting, Dr. John Nightingale of the Vancouver Aquarium was called away to an important meeting in Spain, and on very short notice our two speakers agreed to be confronted.

Norm Leach introduced our guest speakers: **Erinn Broshko** - Conservative and **Jody Wilson-Raybould** – Liberal, both candidates for the new Federal riding of **Vancouver Granville**. Our Speakers Committee tried hard to balance out the meeting with a representative of the NDP party but that candidate was otherwise engaged out of town. Neither of these candidates has been previously elected to federal office.

The new riding goes east to west, from Main Street to Arbutus, and north to south, from Fairview to Marpole, and takes in a number of diverse neighbourhoods, including parts of Kerrisdale, Mount Pleasant, Oakridge, Riley Park, Shaughnessy, South Cambie and South Granville. The Federal Election takes place on October 19th.

First to speak was **Jody Wilson-Raybould**, a lawyer, and crown prosecutor for four years, who lives in Vancouver but has strong family ties to the We Wai Kai First Nation on Quadra Island. Her upbringing in that surrounding instilled in her a sense of duty to the community and a firm

belief in self-worth. She graduated in 1999 from UBC Law Faculty, was involved in the Treaty Commission and was elected as Regional Chief of BC Assembly of First Nations. She was at pains to have accountability and transparency in all these endeavours. At the same time she felt that the various government entities were, generally, not listening to the concerns of the aboriginal people she was then representing. Her meeting with Justin Trudeau in Whitehorse was seminal in her final decision to run as a Liberal candidate in this new riding. She hastens to add that she is not running for office just to represent the aboriginal cause.

The second speaker was **Erinn Broshko**, also a lawyer and the CEO of a small biotech company. He spoke of our very good fortune to live in this country with its resources, its democratic traditions and its sound economy. However, even while we are, indeed, an energy superpower, it does us no good unless we can get that resource to market. While we live in a pretty safe country we cannot take this for granted and we have had a few brushes with terrorism on our own soil. The threats are real, and he raised the question - which leader can best lead us through these challenging times and at the same time, give us a strong economy with low taxes. He suggested that Mr. Harper took us through the 2008 crisis quite well and since then has created one million new jobs. Keeping us safe and at the same time supporting small businesses is high on his list of priorities. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy." He said that by 2017 the small business tax will be reduced by 40% from where it was when Mr. Harper became Prime Minister. Doubling of the TFSA allowance was also a wise move and good for the economy and for the taxpayers.

*For a version of the above which includes questions and answers, please go to our Probus website at [www.probusvancouver.com](http://www.probusvancouver.com), click on "Speakers" then on*

*"A Conversation With Candidates – Political Forum"*



### **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!**

On Wednesday, July 22, 58 Probus members, spouses and guests enjoyed a thrilling baseball game between our Vancouver Canadians and the Eugene Emeralds with Vancouver winning 4 to 2. Good company and an excellent food buffet featuring all the ballpark favourites made for a most enjoyable afternoon. Well done Activities Committee!



**ROTARIANS' INVESTMENT CLUB**

"Sell in May and go away" was the theme for the June Meeting which was well attended, and although our Odlum Brown advisor, Jeff Davis, was unable to deliver his address, he did send us a 3 page summary plus several stock recommendations.

No "Sell" decisions were made, but there were two "Buy" decisions from previous "Round Table Review" presentations. There will be no formal meeting in July and August, but there will be a summer party on August 9th to include members' partners.

The Executive will be meeting to plan for the coming year, and have an overview of the portfolio. The portfolio has made a 12.18% profit over the last 12 months and has a 40% cash portfolio which will provide opportunities for strategic purchases during these tumultuous times!

Next meeting will be on Thursday September 24th. For information contact President Phil Webber (604-263-9247) or John Sullivan (604-263-4486)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT-2015**

The Nominating Committee, comprising of Chairman Jon Collins, David Scott and Jack Zaleski submitted the following slate of nominees for 2015-2016:

- President and Director:** Jack Zaleski
- Past President and Director:** David Scott
- Vice-President and Director:** Doug Jones
- 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:** Ian Paterson
- House Committee:** Doug Lambert
- Newsletter Editor and Publisher:** Peter Scott
- Membership Services Committee:** Raymond Greenwood
- Historian & Archivist:** Roy Williams
- Counsel:** Brian Wasson
- Ken Yule
- Ted Horsey

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 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club Vancouver will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

**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 9, 2014
5. Consideration of Annual Financial Review
6. Election of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen
7. Other business:
  - By-Law Amendments
  - Conclusion of Meeting

**IN MEMORIAM**

*It is with regret that we announce the passing of Brian Lahiffe on May 24th, of Norm Olsen on June 20th and of Douglas Seager on July 14th*

*Our condolences to their families.*

*The Probus Club of Vancouver will make a donation in Brian's memory to the Brian J Lahiffe Memorial Bursary at UBC, one in Norm's memory to a charity of the family's choice and one in Douglas's memory to the St. John Hospice*



**COME FOR LUNCH!**

After the meeting enjoy the conversation and fellowship at a "No Host Lunch" at the "Local Public Eatery" 2210 Cornwall Avenue.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SEA TO SKY GONDOLA

*“Adventure by Nature”*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST**



Forty members and guests have now registered to take part in a unique, exciting adventure just south of Squamish. We will gather at the parking lot at the base of the gondola. We will then board six person gondolas for a 10 minute ride to the Summit Lodge. There are spectacular views from the Lodge and its viewing platforms. Everyone can follow easy-to-negotiate hiking trails to explore the fauna and the wildlife. There is even a suspension bridge. Several lookouts on the trail provide sweeping views of the Howe Sound Fjord, luscious coastal forests and mountains. After an hour and a half of exploring on our own we will gather again at the Summit Lodge to enjoy a catered lunch and listen to a presentation by Trevor Dunn, the co-founder and General Manager. Members can then return to Base Camp whenever they wish – last ride down at 6pm.

Our special price of \$55 per person for the Gondola Ride, a Catered Lunch and a Lecture.

**10:30—11 am** Arrive at Base Camp  
**11—11:30 am** Gondola Ride to the Summit  
**11:30—1 pm** Gather at the summit and break off into walking trails  
**1—2:30 pm** Lunch and Lecture

Please register by mailing the registration form and payment to Doug Blackman at 3844 West 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver V6R 2Z9, or submit at the Probus meeting on August 11

#### Form and Payment

**Registration** Make cheques payable to: Probus Club of Vancouver  
Remember – you will not be registered until payment is received

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attendees \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheque enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## THE PRESIDENTS' LUNCH

*An annual highlight*

Tuesday October 13, 2015 – open to members only

Our regular meeting in October will be replaced by our annual luncheon meeting to honour our Past Presidents. Once again this year it will be held at the Arbutus Club where last year we were treated a widely-praised luncheon – a gourmet sandwich buffet, a selection of salads, hot soup, dessert and coffee. Our speaker will be a Probus favorite – Andre Gerolymatos. Will he talk about the Middle East, Ukraine or Greece? Maybe all three! Don't miss this!

**Just \$30 per member**

*Space is limited and we expect this event to be sold out early. So if you are coming we advise you to register at the August 11 meeting!*

**Recent History of Management Committee Membership**

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-16*
<b>Past President</b>	Thornton	Sexsmith	Newman	Audette	Collins	D Scott
<b>President</b>	Sexsmith	Newman	Audette	Collins	D Scott	J Zaleski
<b>Vice President</b>	Newman	Audette	Collins	D Scott	Zaleski	D Jones
<b>Secretary</b>	Wasson	Wasson	Yule	Yule	Carson	R Carson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Audette	Carson	Carson	Carson	Cucheron	D Cucheron
<b>Speakers</b>	D Scott	Maunder	Maunder	Maunder	Leach	N Leach
<b>Membership</b>	Rademaker	Rademaker	Leach	Leach	Maunder	B Maunder
<b>Activities</b>	Robertson	Robertson	Robertson	Jones	Jones	I Paterson
<b>House</b>	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert	Lambert	D Lambert
<b>Newsletter</b>	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	P Scott	P Scott
<b>Member Services</b>	Collins	Collins	Weall	Weall	Weall	R Greenwood
<b>Historian</b>	Thom	Thom	Weitzel	Weitzel	Lindsay	R Williams
<b>Website</b>		Collins	Zaleski	Zaleski	Lindsay	H Lindsay
<b>Counsel</b>					Wasson Yule Horsey	B Wasson K Yule T Horsey

\*Proposed By Nominating Committee

One of the key reasons for the success of the Probus Club of Vancouver is the very high quality of the members who volunteer to serve on one or more of the committees or as Secretary or Treasurer. Many of our members who end up on the Management Committee, initially volunteered for one of the committees and later became Chairman of that Committee. The position of Vice President is most often selected by the Nominating Committee from those who have served as Committee Chairman. The Vice President becomes our next year's President. You can find this pattern in the above chart.

One example (and any one of the former Presidents could be selected) is Bill Sexsmith. Bill joined Probus on March 12, 2007 and volunteered his services shortly thereafter. In October 2008, he was asked to take over as Chair of the Membership Services Committee. His performance in this capacity plus his contribution at Management Committee meetings led to his selection as Vice-President in 2009. Under his leadership as President in 2010-11, the Club was incorporated as a Society and a Strategic Plan for the future development of the Club was completed. In addition to his responsibilities as President, he spent many hours helping to insure that the Probus Canada Rendezvous held in Vancouver in September was a success.

In late 2012 Probus Canada notified the Clubs in our District of the need for a Director to represent it. Our Management Committee persuaded Bill to run for this position and he was duly elected by the Clubs in our District in March of 2013 for a term of three years. In that capacity, he has been instrumental in the development of new Clubs. Ask any member of Probus Vancouver who has volunteered to serve the Club in one capacity or another if the experience was worth it. I'm sure you will get a very positive reply. Every committee is in need of new blood, so don't hesitate to volunteer.

Roy Williams, Historian & Archivist