



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 am
Location: H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
Speaker: Rudy Buttignol, President & CEO. Knowledge Network
Topic: Not confirmed at the time of printing

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER

**October 9th: Fin Donnelly,
Chair, Rivershed Society of BC
Topic: The Rivershed Society &
The Fraser River**

RUDY BUTTIGNOL



Born in Italy in 1951, Rudy Buttignol and his mother immigrated to Canada in 1955. They reunited with his father, who had arrived in 1954, in Toronto, where Rudy was raised and educated. He attended York University, Faculty of Fine Arts, where he

studied film.

Buttignol's career spans more than four decades. He started as an independent producer, director, writer and editor of documentary and children's programs, and later as a commissioning editor, television programmer, and broadcast executive. He has been called "Canadian broadcasting and documentary guru" and "friend of the auteur in Canada and abroad". Buttignol is acknowledged for his roles developing Canadian cultural policy related to documentary film funding and broadcasting and advancing the creative documentary genre in Canada and on the world stage. Rudy Buttignol originated the idea behind the 2014 television series *Emergency Room: Life + Death at VGH*. He stressed the distinction between the genre of the series, which is a documentary, and that of reality-based entertainment. Rudy Buttignol has published criticisms of the governance of the CBC. From 1975 to 1993, Buttignol worked as an independent filmmaker creating film and video works. His early documentaries were about an Italian dairy (*The Dairy* (1977), a Canadian artist (Jack Bush (1979), a pop history of neon lights (*Neon, an Electric Memoir* (1984), an Apollo era astronaut who became an artist (*Allan Bean: Art Off This Earth* (1990), and the early history of the Russian space program (*Soviet Space: The Secret Designer* (1992).

In 1993, Buttignol began work as a public broadcaster when he joined TVOntario as commissioning editor and creative head of independent production. From 2000 to 2006, he was TVOntario's creative head of network programming, green lighting various award winning commissions.

In 2004, he shared the Gemini's Donald Brittain

Award with documentary filmmaker Allan King for *Dying at Grace* (2003). In 2007, Buttignol was awarded the inaugural Hot Docs' Doc Mogul Award. All together, Buttignol was the recipient of nine Gemini Awards, from the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.

In 2007, Buttignol was appointed president and CEO of British Columbia's Knowledge Network. In 2011, he became president of BBC Kids. His mandate includes outreach through events throughout British Columbia.

Along with his professional success, Buttignol contributed to and participated in a number of organizations. He is current Chair of the International Advisory Council of the Hot Docs Documentary Forum, Vice-Chair of the Canadian Association of Public Educational Media; and a Director on the Boards of the Vancouver International Film Festival, Knowledge West Communications Corporation Board, and the Cultural Properties Export Review Board which is a Canadian federal government tribunal.

Buttignol is also a director on the board of the Britannia Mine Museum, Britannia Beach, British Columbia. In the past, he was founder of the Hot Docs Financing Forum, elected chair of the board of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television from 1997 to 2003, President of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television Foundation, director on the boards of Banff Television Foundation, Canada Media Fund, Canadian Conference of the Arts, and moderator at the Hot Docs Documentary Festival Summit. Buttignol was also a member of the European Television and Media Management Academy's Advisory Council in Strasbourg. In 2013, Buttignol was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contributions to British Columbians and Canadians, and for his role in transforming the Knowledge Network, British Columbia's public broadcaster. On December 30, 2015, Buttignol was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions as a champion of Canadian documentary filmmaking and for his transformative leadership at the Knowledge Network.

Report of the August 8th Meeting

Attendance: 125 Members and Guests

President Doug Jones opened the meeting and acknowledged the guests present. He announced that he did not have a joke for us but then proceeded to tell us some "old people jokes from old people celebrities".

Peter Hamilton introduced three new members (see page 3) and Doug Graham talked about the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Game, which is a nooner on Wednesday, August 30. There are still tickets available and members are encouraged to gather up family members and grandchildren. Chris Finch talked about the planned Boeing Plant Tour in October, details of which can be found on page 5. Raymond Greenwood thanked our greeters and cashiers (see page 3). Doug then announced details of the annual Presidents' Luncheon, to be held at The Arbutus Club again this year with what promises to be a most interesting presentation by Fin Donnelly, founder of the Fraser River Watershed. Fin has swum the length of the river twice and promises to give us lots of information on what is a significant waterway for our province.

Details and registration forms for both the Presidents' Lunch and The Boeing Plant Tour are on pages 4 and 5 respectively.

Doug then asked Owen Owens to introduce our speaker, Herb Grubel.

Mr. Grubel gave us a most thought-provoking presentation on the topic of government regulation. He started by explaining that his figures and statistics are all from the US. Getting information from the Canadian Government is so easy, apparently. First, he asked for a show of hands of those who thought there was not enough, those who thought there was just the right amount and, of course, those who thought there was too much. It will probably not come as a huge surprise that the majority of our members fell into the latter category.

Mr. Grubel did not hide the fact that he is somewhat right wing to put it mildly! However, he did point out entire categories of regulations which are critical to the well-being of society and which he classifies as Type 1 Regulations where the economic benefits are greater than the economic costs and the value of lost freedom. Examples of this are the regulations regarding food safety, building codes, medications, etc.

Type 2 Regulations are those which enhance Social Well-being – they provide social benefits whose values exceed the Economic Costs and Value of Lost Freedom, for example, Unemployment Insurance, Medicare etc.

Mr. Grubel's Type 3 Regulations are those where the en-

hancement of social well-being cannot be measured objectively and where the cost considerations are neglected or downplayed. Examples which he gave were equal pay for equal work; civil rights for indigenous peoples; equal rights for same-sex couples and access to toilets according to self-determined gender identity.

Type 4 Regulations are those where the benefits are highly uncertain and the cost consideration is either neglected or at least, downplayed. Some examples he gave us were: the protection of consumers from the consequences of financial and economic crises (bank regulations, anti-trust legislation); the protection of endangered species (here he related the story of the cancellation of a large dam project due to the possibility of wiping out a species of tiny fish, discovered only in that particular location) and the prevention of climate change.

Mr. Grubel continued his presentation with a history of regulation dating back to the 1930's the USA and spoke about the Administrative Procedures Act of 1946 which, among other things, allowed public and interest groups to challenge the merits of regulation in courts.

Mr. Grubel concluded his remarks by outlining the attempts by President Trump to bring about deregulation, by scrapping two existing regulations for each new one added; by appointing heads of regulatory agencies known to favour deregulation, reducing the budgets of agencies and curtailing the enforcement of existing regulations. He left us to ponder the question of whether or not deregulation would succeed, especially given the bureaucrats strategies for resistance by making estimates and reports unnecessarily long, complicated and ambiguous, by selectively using data that supports their views and disregards others that do not and favouring the use of outside consultants supporting their views.

It was not possible to get the questions and answers recorded.

President Doug asked Don Hudson to thank the speaker and present him with the customary honourarium.

WE NOW HAVE A BRAND NEW BROCHURE TO HAND OUT TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. THESE WILL BE ON THE CASHIERS TABLE AT EVERY REGULAR MEETING. PICK ONE UP AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AND GIVE IT A FRIEND. ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN OUR CLUB!

CLUB HISTORY-TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following is an excerpt from the September, 1997 Newsletter: "Chair Fred Cotton asked the new members to introduce themselves. They are Dick Nelson, Len Wright, Paul Higgins, George Sayers, Tony Wooster, Ted Hickson. Membership stands at 80 (paid). Our target is 100 members.

Bill Manson reported that 29 attended the golf event and that the Roberts Bank tour is still on for September. A tour of the construction of the Catamaran Ferry will be held in late fall".

Roy Williams. Historian & Archivist

Rotarians' Investment Club

No meeting in August but we are having our Annual summer party at one of our Member's country home !

Next meeting will be on September 28th at the RVYC with guest speaker Eugene Lee of the Vancouver Foundation discussing "RISK".

Probus Members and guests are welcome to attend. Let me know if you would like to attend and I will email an Agenda which will be sent out the weekend before the event.

Meetings are a 3 course dinner affair at the RVYC with dinner wine included for the modest sum of \$60.00 and starting at 6.00 pm sharp; no-host bar at 5.30 pm.

For membership details please call John Sullivan at 604-263-4486; email: johnws@telus.net

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I first want to welcome our newest members, Bill Hooker, Dave Matheson and Roy Oakey. Please make them feel welcome when you see them at our future meetings.

Our Probus Club meeting was held Tuesday, August 8. Our speaker was Herb Grubel, Professor of Economics (Emeritus), SFU, and now a Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute. He gave us a detailed presentation on Regulations in government and their effect on societies, activities and costs, both good and bad. Most of his studies are in the U.S. because there is more data available. He conducted a quick study of our members and the majority of us think Canada has too many Regulations. He classifies regulations into 4 types. Type 1 are good, to protect environment, people, etc. Type 2 are necessary as Social Benefits, and reflect what voters want. Type 3 are questionable in terms of benefits. Type 4 are highly questionable and originate from politicians special interests. He feels that we have too many Type 3 and 4 regulations, but once established they are very difficult to remove.

Our next speaker, on Tuesday, September 12, is Rudy Buttignol, President and CEO of the Knowledge Network. That meeting will start with a brief Annual General Meeting, including a conversion to a new slate of volunteers acting as the Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen of our Society. A number of us have signed up for the Vancouver Canadians baseball game on August 30 and look forward to a good game and a fun time. We have two more Activities coming up in the near future. First is the annual Presidents' Lunch, which will take place at the Arbutus Club on Tuesday October 10, instead of our regular meeting. We have a great speaker booked and all the details and registration instructions are explained in this newsletter. The second is a coach tour arranged to visit the Boeing plant in Everett, Washington on October 24. Again, more details are in this newsletter.

Welcome New Members



BILL HOOKER
LAWYER



DAVID MATHESON
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE



ROY OAKEY
GENERAL PRACTITIONER

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that we announce the passing of

Anthony (Tony) Wooster on July 15

Our condolences to his family and friends

The PROBUS Club of Vancouver will make a donation in his name to:

The SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund

Thanks to our August Member Services Team

Greeters: Anton Grunfeld & Eric Wickham

**Cashiers: Darryl McNaughton
& Bruce Buchanan**

THE PRESIDENTS' LUNCH

Tuesday October 10, 2017 – open to members and 1 guest



THE RIVERSHED SOCIETY AND THE FRASER RIVER

Fin is the Chair and founder of the Rivershed Society of British Columbia. Between 1990 and 2000, Fin twice swam the 1,400 km length of the Fraser River, and made 12 other environmental marathon swims, covering more than 3,200 kilometres in BC's rivers, lakes and ocean to draw attention to the health of these water bodies. Since 1995, he has talked to over 60,000 people in hundreds of BC schools and communities about the need to live sustainably. In 1997, Fin was named Iyim Yewyews, by the Squamish Nation, for his stewardship work.

His presentation will be followed by a fellowship break, with a no-host bar. Then a light and healthy Gourmet Buffet will be served. There will be soup of the day, assorted whole wheat buns and bread with various fillings, barbecued chicken and veggie wraps, vegetables and salads and finally assorted dessert squares and cookies.

In the past, some attendees were not able to see the screen so this year, we have arranged to have 2 screens set up so that everyone will be able to enjoy Fin's presentation.

The seating is limited at the Arbutus Club, so you should register for this popular event as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

ALL THIS FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ONLY \$35 PER PERSON

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT - THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ARRIVE AT 9:30 AM TO TAKE PART IN NORMAL SOCIALIZING AND TO ENJOY COFFEE. THERE IS PLENTY OF FREE PARKING UNDERGROUND.

REGISTRATION: At the Activity Desk at the Probus meeting on September 12, **OR** Mail Registration form and payment (\$35) to: Ian Paterson, 5749 Athlone Street, Vancouver, BC, V6M 3A1.

1. Make cheques payable to the **PROBUS Club Vancouver**.
2. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 7TH, DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATION IS OCTOBER 5TH**
3. Remember - you will not be registered until payment is received.

YES, I plan to attend

Name _____ Guest Y NO

Email _____ Phone number _____



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24
CHARTERED COACH TOUR OF THE BOEING
PLANT IN EVERETT, WASHINGTON
LIMITED TO 56 MEMBERS**

The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour is one of the premier attractions in the Pacific Northwest. Located just 25 miles north of Seattle, the Boeing Tour is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to view 747, 777, and 787 Dreamliners (may not be known until arrival) being assembled on the Everett production line before they take to the skies all over the world. The plant is the largest building (by volume) in the world. Each tour is approximately 90 minutes long and includes

fascinating facts about Boeing and the planes that bear its name.

ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT AND ARE ADVISED TO HAVE PERSONAL OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL INSURANCE.

THE SMALL PRINT OR WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

OUR 56 PASSENGER COACH WILL LEAVE FROM 37TH AVE. BETWEEN OAK AND OSLER, BY VANDUSEN GARDENS, AT 8 AM SHARP. DO NOT PARK IN THE VANDUSEN LOT; THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING ON 37TH AVENUE—WE RECOMMEND YOU TRY TO CARPOOL. COFFEE AND MUFFINS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE COACH AND A CATERED LUNCH AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN & A SHUTTLE TO THE PLANT.

IMPORTANT DETAILS!

This tour involves walking about a quarter of a mile and climbing a flight of stairs. Still photos and video cameras, electronic devices (mobile phones, cameras, pagers) and personal items (purses, bags, backpacks) are not permitted on the Boeing Tour. Free lockers are available on-site. There are restroom facilities and a café at the Future of Flight. **Restrooms are not available during the Boeing Tour.**

Registration Form

Make cheques for \$110.00 per person, payable to the **PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER.**

1. Take Registration Form and payment to the September 12 or October 10 PROBUS meetings or mail to: Chris Finch, #105—5760 Hampton Pl, Vancouver, BC, V6T 2G1.
2. Payment in full for the coach charter is required from PROBUS by September 24. As long as we have a firm commitment by then, payment must be received by October 10, after which no cancellation will be possible unless another registrant is found. Due to the considerable interest in this unique trip, it will initially be open to members only. **Guests may be registered after September 24.**
3. Remember - you are not registered until payment is received.

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Phone _____ Cheque enclosed for _____

To check that you are registered, go to the Activities section of the website.