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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th at 9:30 am
Location: The Arbutus Club,
2001 Nanton Ave, Vancouver
Speaker: David Petrina, Kettle River
Timberworks

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER
November 12 : Scott McIntyre
Chairman, Scott & McIntyre
Publishers
Topic: Book Publishing

DAVID PETRINA



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Park in 1998. Shortly after, he quit his engineering job at a high technology company and started Kettle River Timberworks to pursue the dream. Dave wears several hats at Kettle River – CAD geek, project manager, sales guy and just about everything else. He most enjoys time spent in the field putting up frames. Dave graduated with Honours in Mechanical Engineering from Queen's University and moved on to a career in the sawmill industry in British Columbia. From there, Dave moved into the high tech industry developing fuel cell vehicles. When Dave isn't on some remote island putting up a timber frame, he enjoys skiing with his wife and two children at their timber frame cabin near Manning Park.

MEA CULPA
In the September Newsletter, your editor mistakenly credited the wrong person with the introduction of the new members.
In fact, it was Dave Smith who did that. Sorry, Dave!
Alan Whitchelo did the introductions in August.

Thanks to our September Member Services Team
Cashiers—Roger Dewar & Alain Boisset
Greeters—Ron Maas & Michael Wainwright

VISITING ANOTHER PROBUS CLUB

You can attend the meeting of another PROBUS Club as a guest. However, you should contact the club you wish to visit and advise them of your plans.

The meeting address of clubs in Canada can be found on the website "probus.org" under National Pages and Contacts.

Report of the September 10th Meeting

Attendance: 192 Members and Guests

President Peter Scott opened the meeting, welcomed the members and guests present, especially our speaker, George Garrett. Peter then called the 9th Annual General Meeting to order and gave his report for the year. The Minutes of the AGM are available for viewing on our website. Upon adjourning the AGM, Peter introduced our new president for the year 2019/2020, Hugh Chaun, who continued our tradition of starting with a short and amusing story. He then called on Jack Zaleski to introduce three new members (see page 3) following which, Jack continued to talk about the various activities which are planned for the remainder of this year. Peter Brock, standing in for Raymond, thanked the cashiers and greeters. Hugh then called on Peter Scott to introduce George Garrett. George Garret, with an internal age of 59 years, grew up on a farm in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan. Being an eager and incredibly curious boy, his mother often received complaints from the neighbours over his incessant inquisitiveness. George moved to BC and became a reporter for CKNW in 1956. He retired from his career nearly twenty years ago but continues to keep up his passion for journalism, among other things such as the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society and the Alzheimer's Society. Through his media contacts, he is able to champion these causes. George talked about his love for British Columbia and his life as a reporter here from the 50's through to the 90's at CKNW, which he refers to as the heyday of the station. Throughout his career, George interviewed and worked with many prominent politicians. W.A.C Bennett was a builder who was behind many of the infrastructure projects that shape the province's landscape today. As such, George spent a lot of his time covering the former premier and his initiatives such as rebuilding the dangerous Cariboo Highway, taking over the BC Electric, the W.A.C Bennett Dam, the formation of BC Ferries, the George Massey tunnel, the Oak Street Bridge, and Rogers Pass. George managed to recall some humorous memories surrounding some tragic events in BC's history. Phil Gaglardi, the former Highway Minister had given express orders that no media were to be allowed into the site of the Hope Slide, but George managed to talk his way in. While on site, he used a friend's car phone to interview Mr. Gaglardi, all the while never mentioning his location. He also recounts the story of how a photographer asked Mr. Gaglardi to pose for a photograph on the new rebuilt section of the Second Narrows bridge that had very recently collapsed. Despite the potential for further disaster, the Highway Minister couldn't pass up the opportunity to have his photo in the paper. He also followed the rise and fall of the Dave Barrett's campaign. Prior to being elected, Barrett was a stubborn and fiery opposition leader. He once had to be physically removed from the House, chair and all, for refusing to retract a comment. In 1972 Barrett ended Bennett's 20-year premier run, by getting his NDP government elected. W.A.C. Bennett had correctly predicted this and was quoted shortly prior the election, "the socialist hoards are at the

gate". In their 3^{1/2} years in government, the NDP created ICBC and the ALR Commission. George's reported on Barrett's many successes, but also on his eventually failure, after losing a lot of support through the early cancellation of wage restriction.

After Barrett's short reign, Bill Bennett was elected as premier. George reported on many developments under the Bennett administration including Expo '86, the Skytrain, the Convention Centre, and the Coquihalla Highway. Barrett eventually retired and George continued to cover the elections of many other party leaders and premiers in the succeeding years. He even successfully announced Bill Vander Zalm's surprising win over Grace McCarthy as the new leader of the Social Credit Party.

Through his work with politicians, George gained a huge respect for anyone willing to enter public life, seeing first hand how the role can create such a massive burden for one's personal life and that of their families.

Eventually George was promoted to an investigative journalist. He was taken off the assignment list, so that he could have the freedom to report on any story that interested him. He once went as far as going undercover as an unemployed tow truck driver. He had heard a rumour that a Rory's Tow Truck company was towing cars off a private lot illegally. He didn't shave and lied about his tow truck driving abilities to get a job at another tow truck company in order to get the experience to go work at Rory's and investigate the story. He was almost immediately recognized, but luckily the manager was willing to play along and give him the experience he needed. After a few clumsy towing jobs, he landed the position at Rory's. During his investigation, he almost had his cover blown by a pimp he had met through his work on Hastings and Main Street. Feeling badly, Wayne the pimp repaid George with a much juicier story. The cops would go to the Main Hotel after midnight and spend their shifts drinking all night amongst sex workers. Wayne also admitted to being a fence for police officers. The VPD didn't love these stories, but they got over it pretty quickly. They called in George all the way into the station to show off their new t-shirts that read "I drank at the Main Hotel".

Deeper into his career, George would be featured on the radio two to three times a week. While his boss did not approve of reporter's expressing their opinions on the radio, George managed to get away with it. Through his radio appearances and investigative reports, he got the title of Intrepid Reporter. Being a high school dropout, George had to look up the meaning of the word "intrepid". He proudly took on the title and even used it as the title of his memoir. Just a few weeks ago, the New Westminster City Council announced that August 26th would be George Garrett Intrepid Reporter Day. George also quite recently joined the PROBUS Club of White Rock.

To read a more complete version and the Questions & Answers, please go to our PROBUS website at www.probusvancouver.com, click on "Speakers" and then on "George Garrett"

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY



For those members who were unable to attend our regular monthly meeting on September 10th, I would like to repeat my few words when Peter Scott graciously handed me "the gavel" to start my one-year term as your new president. It is a

tremendous honour and privilege for me to have this opportunity. I commented then that the energy of our club lies not in the position of an individual president but in the 400-plus members of Probus Vancouver; my special thanks particularly to those who have volunteered their time as members of the Governing Board and the various associated club committees. It is reassuring that Peter will not be disappearing from the scene. Apart from his position on the board as past president for the next twelve months, he will continue to be busy as editor of our outstanding monthly newsletter, much respected by other clubs in BC and across the country. I have been most fortunate to have had him as a mentor in anticipation of my new role. A big "thank you" to him as well as to Hugh Lindsay, president two years ago, who has as well been an invaluable help. Jack Zaleski, chair of the Activities Committee, has updated me that we have 30 (members and a few guests) who have registered for the Presidents' lunch at the Arbutus Club on Tuesday, October 8th, and I am delighted that 12 past presidents will be joining us there as our honoured guests, as well as three of their guests. We will be welcoming David Petrina, owner of Kettle River Timberworks Ltd., as our guest speaker, who will tell us about "Timber Frame Home Construction" of which he has had a wealth of expertise and success.

At the last meeting on September 10th, we welcomed 3 new members, Mark Dwor, Doug Eakins and Tony Wilson. We hope they will find their membership fulfilling in every way. George Garrett was our guest speaker and treated us to a fascinating review of his many enriching years as an awards winning news reporter, nicknamed "The Intrepid Reporter" which is also the title of his biographic book. He remarked in a brief email later, "I felt warmth from your members throughout, very enjoyable."

For our Bridge Club participants to remember, two quotes, sometimes too realistic -

- ♣ "Understanding is the bridge between two minds";
- ♣ "Miscommunication is the number one cause of all problems."

I had the pleasure of playing as a substitute in two sessions recently. It was clear that there is much enthusiasm embracing Probus Bridge, in contrast to the general apprehension that the interest in bridge is waning in the younger generations.

A non-Probus observation, the US investigation into the numerous life-threatening respiratory complications related to vaping has discovered that in many affected victims, there were deposits of oil injuring immune cells in the lungs. In mice exposed to aerosols of propylene glycol and vegetable glycerin - common solvents used in vaping devices - similar fat-clogged immune cells developed. The Economist headlined that the issue remains "vaped and confused."

Rotarians' Investment Club

Our next Meeting is on Thursday October 24th at the RVYC on Point Grey Road, commencing at 6.30 pm sharp, with a no-host bar at 6.00 pm.

Our Speaker for October will be a representative from a **Vancouver Cyber Tech Company** with many major local contracts to develop a cyber security operations strategy to significantly reduce the risk of financial & reputational damages resulting from cyber attacks.

Requests to attend are welcome from Probus Members who are open to the prospect of joining our Club, by contacting our President, Richard Higgins, by email at bravo@shaw.ca (but please – not by texting) by Tuesday, October 22nd, as we must give RVYC the exact head count as we get charged for "no-shows". Please bring a cheque for \$75.00 for the excellent 3 course dinner with dinner wine, gratuities and taxes included.

An Agenda is available upon request to President Richard Higgins or Monica Vanderzalm by email at mvanderzalm@eurocanindustries.com..

An "Information" sheet is available about our Club which started in 1998 by contacting me, John Sullivan, Membership Chair, RIC.
Email: johnws@telus.net



PROBUS FRED COTTON BOOK CLUB



The Book Club meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday each month (except July and August) at the White Spot, Georgia & Cardero.
Upcoming books we will discuss:

- October 2—*Twelve Rules for Life* by Jordan Peterson
- November 6—*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

A list of books read since the Club began in 2008 may be found on the Club website by clicking the "Book Club" link. For further information contact Ken Yule at kjqc@shaw.ca or 604-266-4563.

Welcome New Members



Tony Wilson
Family Medicine

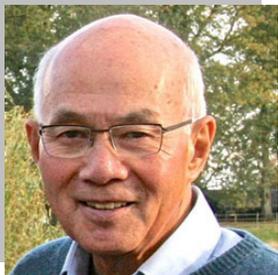


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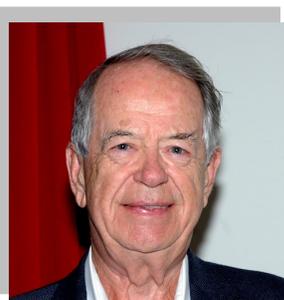
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THE PRESIDENTS' LUNCH **WITH DAVID PETRINA**

Tuesday October 8th, 2019 – open to members and 1 guest



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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.

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

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Go to www.probusvancouver.com, click on Activities and use our PayPal option
(no registration form required)

Mail Registration form and payment (\$35 per person) to: Jack Zaleski, 1741 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver, BC, V6P 6B1.

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

YES, I plan to attend

Name _____ Guest _____

Phone number _____

Vancouver Artgallery

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Your Activities Committee has arranged for a special tour. We will not be touring any of the showings. Rather we will learn about the present building, how the gallery is run, how it is financed, how the collection is stored and what are future plans as well as any other topics of interest to participants. Alain and Annick Boisset have been instrumental in helping to get this tour organised. A maximum of 20 members can be accommodated so no guests until members have had a chance to participate.

Cost will be \$20 per person, which includes coffee and a muffin at Café Artigiano, 763 Hornby St. across from the Art Gallery entrance

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- 9:00 MEET AT THE CAFÉ ARTIGIANO, 763 HORNBY STREET FOR COFFEE AND A PASTRY
- 10:00 THE TOUR WILL START, FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION
- 12:00 APPROXIMATELY, THE TOUR WILL END

GETTING THERE:

WE SUGGEST TAKING TRANSIT, USING ANY OF THE BUSES THAT GO DOWN GRANVILLE. GET OFF AT ROBSON AND WALK 2 BLOCKS TO HORNBY
OR TAKE THE #2 BUS WHICH GOES DOWN BURRARD (ONLY ONE BLOCK WALK!)

REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE WITH PAYPAL (PREFERRED)—OR

Mail this registration form to Chris Finch, 105-5760 Hampton Pl, Vancouver, BC. V6T 2G1 enclosing your cheque
Additional information: Chris Finch at cafb@shaw.ca.

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Last chance to register is October 8 at the Presidents' Lunch

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E-mail: _____

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May 26	Skagway	7:00am	9:00pm
May 27	Glacier Bay	7:00am	4:00pm
May 28	Ketchikan	11:00am	7:00pm
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