

UBC Association of Professors Emeriti

Please note new location

GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, April 22 St. John's College

Agenda

1:00 pm Coffee, tea, sandwiches, cookies and conversation

1:30 pm Annual General Meeting

2:00 pm Guest Performance: **EnChor Choir**



EnChor is an auditioned SATB choir based in Vancouver directed by **Carrie Tennant**. The choir is the creation of the late Dr. Diane Loomer, CM. She felt there was a largely untapped well of experienced singers who had reached their 55th birthday and were still interested in performing high quality music. **EnChor** has performed by invitation at *Podium* 2010 in Saskatoon, Festival 500 in Newfoundland (2011), BCCF Chorfest (2014) and Bard on the Beach (2014). EnChor gives at least two public concerts a year, forms the Concert Choir for the Vancouver Symphony's Tradi-

tional Christmas Concerts (together with the UBC Opera Ensemble) and performs by special arrangement at private functions, assisted living facilities and hospices.



During the 2014-15 Season, **Morna Edmundson** (daughter of Don Russell, Professor Emeritus of Physics) is EnChor's Interim Conductor. She is one of Canada's best-known choral conductors with a strong reputation for excellence. Passionate since childhood about choral singing, she obtained degrees and diplomas in vocal music in Vancouver, Bellingham, and Stockholm, Sweden. In 1987, she co-founded **Elektra Women's Choir** with Diane Loomer, a treasured partnership that lasted 22 years. In 2009, Morna became **Elektra's** sole Artistic Director. For 14 years Morna was Associate Artistic Director of Coastal Sound Music Academy, where she was Music Director of the mixed-voice Youth Chamber Choir. In June 2011 Morna received a Vancouver YWCA *Woman of Distinction* award in recogni-

tion of her work with **Elektra**. In June 2013 she began a three-year term as a Board member of Chorus America. Morna is honoured to be serving as EnChor's Interim Conductor this season.

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A Letter from our President

Last month we printed the following observation:

"Financially speaking, the Faculty of Arts can be viewed as two tons of canaries. These canaries are being carried in a closed truck that has a one-ton capacity. Every once in a while, you have to bang on the side of the truck to make sure at least half the canaries are in the air flying inside." —John Stager.

Retraction?



The **Economist** last month and **David Lentink** (Stanford) challenge the workability of John's ploy and demonstrate that the birds flapping would produce a downdraft on the floor of the truck. That force is the same as (or greater) than the combined weight of the flying canaries.

John wasn't serious. Lighten up!



Dear Colleagues,

The **Annual General Meeting** (April 22nd) marks the "beginning of the end" of another successful year. The location of the meeting is **St. John's College** (and our thanks to them for letting us have the space) to accommodate our need to have a piano for our annual musical event. **EnChor**, the very successful and entertaining choral group of "seniors" (including your newsletter editor) formed by the late **Dr. Diane Loomer** in 2007 (http://www.enchor.ca/) will sing for us following the business meeting.

As you will recall from the February General meeting, your current Association membership is good until July 1st. While we certainly will accept renewal (2015-16) cheques at any time, they aren't due until June/July and the online membership payment site on our web page won't be available for use until June 15th. You also have the option of purchasing a "Life Membership" for \$300. You certainly will receive email reminders about membership renewal. I urge you to both renew and take advantage of your Associations' many activities that will begin again in September.

As I mentioned at the last general meeting, the Continuing Scholarship Committee commissioned the Executive to create an "activities" survey of all emeritus professors to try to capture the extent of the scholarly work carried out by emeriti since they retired, of the continuing impact and recognition of work done by UBC faculty (currently active or not), and their involvement post retirement in discipline or community based organizations. Do try to fill it in. It shouldn't take more than five minutes. To complete the survey, please click on the link: http://emeriti.ubc.ca/survey.

I also mentioned that we have a UBC account (the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti Award Fund) that has been opened to support activities of the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti. Donations to the account qualify for tax receipts. It was started in December 2013 and now has more than \$3500 in donations. With your help we need to have a better idea about what the membership would like to raise money for. Ray Hall, John Stager, Judy Hall and I are the initial group directed by your executive to help look at ideas. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee or you simply want to make suggestions, get in touch with any of us or email Sandra.

Well, this is my last message as President. The new President's term begins after the Annual General Meeting on April 22. We are looking forward to another great year.

Cheers,

Richard

Association News



Dr. Evan Wood Talk

At the Association's March General Meeting, UBC's Dr. Evan Wood presented a fascinating overview of his work in the area of addiction research and treatment, as well as the search for new drugs to combat disease. The title of his talk "If Addiction is a Disease, Why Does Society Not Treat it Like One," provides a good illustration of the problems encountered by scientists working in these areas, including an imbalance in the allocation of resources between punishment for, versus treatment of, drug abuse.

UBC Parking Announces Important Technological Improvements



What Will Change

- The gates at the entrances and exits of UBC parkades will be removed. This will make it significantly faster to enter and exit. Emeriti will be able to use any of the entrance and exit lanes.
- Starting Monday, March 30, optical scanners will read the license plates of cars in the parkades and at UBC surface lots.
- Emeritus parking pucks will no longer be needed. They should be returned to UBC Parking. Staff will be available at the parkades to receive the pucks March 30 April 3, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Pucks can also be

returned by campus mail or in person.

What Will Not Change

- You will still need to renew your emeritus parking privileges every May by contacting UBC Parking. You will be receiving an email reminder in mid-May.
- It is crucial that UBC Parking have a record of the license plate of any of your cars that will be used for emeritus parking. You many register more than one car and plate, but only one car is eligible for emeriti parking at any given moment. (e.g., one car can be used on Monday and a different car on Tuesday, but only one car at a specific time.)
- If UBC Parking does not have a record of a car and license plate, you will need to pay when parking that car on campus. Without payment, this car will be ticketed.
- Emeriti will continue to enjoy free parking during special events at the Chan Centre. If there is a parking attendant at the entrance lane, inform them you have a parking pass. If there is not an attendant on duty, enter and exit without paying for parking.
- UBC does not consider emeritus parking a taxable benefit and has no plans to issue emeriti a tax slip pertaining to their parking privileges.

UBCAPE Special Interest Groups

One way in which the Association serves members is by providing the possibility of forming groups that allow members to come together around common interests. At this point we have



two established groups: a photography group, led by Derek Applegarth, and a China group, led by Diana Lary. Each of these has a format and frequency of meeting suitable for its purposes.

We are exploring the possibility of establishing additional groups. Each group needs a "champion," someone who will take responsibility for setting meetings and making sure an appropriate space is available and booked. Already identified potential groups centre on personal finance, travel, and reading. In the fall we will announce meetings for each of these, at which attendees will determine the level of interest in establishing the

group, what format the meetings should take, and whether there is a champion. Watch for information in the September newsletter. If you have an idea for a type of group or would like to be the champion for a particular group, please contact Carolyn Gilbert (carolyn.gilbert@ubc.ca). Spouses are welcome to participate.

Nominations Committee Report

Your Nominations Committee¹ has prepared the following slate for elections to the Executive Committee² at the AGM on Wednesday, April 23.

Past President: Richard Tees

President: Paul Marantz

Vice-President: Richard Spencer

Treasurer: Richard Spencer

Secretary: Diana Lary

At large: Derek Applegarth

At large: Elaine Carty
At Large: Donald Blake
At Large: Bill McCutcheon
At Large: Steve Tredwell

The Constitution specifies that there shall be at least three but no more than five members-at-large. Nominations from members other than the Nominations Committee will be accepted provided that they are submitted by five members entitled to vote and agreed to by the nominee, and received by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

Please send nominations to Carolyn Gilbert (Chair, Nominations Committee) carolyn.gilbert@ubc.ca or to the Association Office at the address shown on page 2 of the newsletter before April 15.

¹ Carolyn Gilbert (Chair), Donald Blake, and Olav Slaymaker.

² No elected member of the Executive may serve in any of the offices of Secretary, Treasurer or Mermber-at-Large for more than four consecutive years.

Scholarships Available: Announcement from Johnson, Incorporated



Fifty undergraduate scholarships valued at \$1,000 each will be awarded by Johnson, Inc. for 2015-2016.

Children and grandchildren of members of the **UBC Association of Professors Emeriti** are eligible, as long as they are Canadian residents who completed high school in 2015 and are beginning post-secondary education in Canada in the fall of 2015.

Applications will be available April 1, 2015 at www.johnson.ca by clicking "About Us". Completed applications are due by August 31, 2015.

Note: Johnson is the insurance agency that handles Medoc Travel Insurance and the new Extended Health and Medical Travel Insurance for UBCAPE.

UBCAPE Initiative: Nominating Emeriti for Major Awards

The UBCAPE Committee on Continuing Scholarly Activities is undertaking a pilot project aimed at nominating emeriti deserving of major national and international awards. The Association is willing to facilitate nominations for such individuals, including providing professional help with preparation of a nomination recommendation.

Submission of an application to UBCAPE to be nominated should include:

- 1. a current CV
- 2. a statement about the individual elaborating career highlights and documentation to justify the nomination
- 3. information appropriate to the specific award
- 4. the names of potential supporting individuals who could serve as referees for the nominee Applications for this nomination will be accepted between **September 1 and October 31**, **2015**. Please send completed applications to the Association Office.

The Committee members welcome questions.

Dr. Judith Hall (jhall@cw.bc.ca)

Dr. Ken Craig (kcraig@psych.ubc.ca)

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Dr. Dianne Newell (dianne.newell@ubc.ca)

News from AROHE



UBCAPE is a member of AROHE, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. AROHE's March 2015 contains an interesting opinion piece on the role of an Emeritus College written by the recently retired Director of the Emeriti College at Clemson University.

Higher education is not a business. Students are not customers. If higher education operated the way businesses operate, we would not have programs in music and the arts because they are not cost effective. We would not have laboratories in engineering and science because the

equipment is cost prohibitive. Higher education is a culture where learning takes place and growth and development occur. It's where youth transition to adulthood. So what does this revelation have to do with the Emeritus College? Everything. As a non-degree granting, academic unit on Clemson's campus, the Emeritus College has a responsibility to help shape the educational experience of Clemson's students. We believe, we KNOW, the importance of one-onone relationships in the college experience. With today's demands on young faculty to generate dollars, utilize the latest technology, and stay abreast in their field when the half-life of knowledge is thought to be as little as three-five years in some disciplines, little time or energy is available for building relationships with students. But you can. The Emeritus College has a readily available cadre of retired faculty who can meet the needs and make a difference in the educational experience of our students. Yes, to sustain the traditional college experience we had as students and we gave to our students, where learning takes place in a nurturing environment... is costly in terms of human resources, but if we (as an institution) fail, it will cost much, much more in the long run. Education is a public good and Clemson is educating for the greater good. Thus, you as emeriti have been, and can continue to be, a vital force. I challenge you not to just come to emeritus events, but to reengage (albeit on your schedule) with the academic life of the university. There is almost 5000 years of teaching and research experience in this room today......don't let it waste. And I challenge the President and Provost to recognize the value of the Emeritus College (you have inherited a treasure) and to support it, not only with resources, but with guidance and wisdom.

Committee Profiles: UBCAPE Benefits Committee



The Benefits Committee monitors the benefits that retired faculty receive from the University. It draws upon the concerns and priorities of our members to identify possible improvements to benefit programs and makes recommendations for the Association to pursue.

During 2014-2015, the Committee oversaw the introduction of a new insurance option for UBC emeriti. This insurance, offered by Johnson, Inc., provides both Extended Health Insurance and Travel Medical Insurance. More than 180 members and spouses have purchased this insurance. At present, more than 300 members and spouses have MEDOC Travel Medical Insurance which Johnson, Inc. also offers with the support of our Association.

In the past year, members of the Committee met repeatedly with UBC Parking and Finance over the proposal that emeriti parking might be con-

sidered a taxable benefit. Following extensive consultations, the University decided that there was no need for the University to issue tax slips for emeritus parking.

Members of the Committee are **David Breen** (History), **Gordon Munro** (Economics), **Mark Thompson** (Sauder), and **Paul Marantz** (Political Science), Chair.



Looking forward to our next century

On September 30th, 1915, 379 students became the first class of the University of British Columbia. Of those 379 students, 41 had already completed three years at the preceding institution, McGill University College of BC, and so graduated as UBC's first alumni on May 4, 1916. Fully one third of this first class were women. UBC will mark the Centennial of these historic events from September 2015 to May 2016,

launching on September 30, 2015, and coinciding with the official opening of the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre. The Centennial will close officially at Alumni Weekend on May 28th 2016.

The primary objectives of the Centennial are:

- To engage with the community on issues that are important to that community
- To celebrate and grow awareness of UBC's impact on the world
- To highlight the contribution of UBC its alumni, students, faculty and staff both past and present.
- To look forward to UBC's second century

There will a be a host of public events and initiatives planned for the Centennial year. Stay tuned for further updates!

In Memoriam				
Norbert MacDonald	1925-2015	Associate Professor Emeritus of History University Service 1961-1990		
Peter Rastall	1931-2015	Professor Emeritus of Physics University Service 1957-1997		

Professors Emeriti of UBC School of Nursing Hold Discussions with Director



Jan. 21, 2015 saw twelve professors emeriti from the UBC School of Nursing meet with its director, Suzanne Campbell. Joining us from Applied Science were the Dean, Marc Parlange and the Associate Director of Development & Alumni Relations, Darya Sawyky.

Besides enjoying a delicious lunch, the emeriti learned about the changes and priorities in the School, brainstormed ideas related to solving challenges faced by the School and nursing education in BC, and explored how emeriti might provide support to the School and

vice versa. A number of emeriti have engaged in scholarly and academic pursuits since "retirement" such as research, clinical practice, managing health care programs, mentoring graduate students and nursing colleagues as well as serving on School committees. These activities have contributed to the reputation of the School and UBC plus enriched health care. We plan future meetings with the Director in which we predict that our "corporate" memory and vast professional experience will be of benefit to the Director and the School!



—Submitted by Linda G. Leonard, UBC School of Nursing Representative to UBC Association of Professors Emeriti.

A UBC Connection with the Treaty of Waitangi



When **Ray Hall** (Theatre & Film Emeritus) heard that we were going to the Bay of Islands in New Zealand's Northland, he asked if we were going to Russell. He then told us about his great, great grandfather, Tamati Waka Nene, a Maori chief who signed the Declaration of Independence of New Zealand in 1835 and the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. When we visited the Waitangi Grounds north of Pahia, we enjoyed a Maori performance and a tour of the small museum, where we found a panel devoted to Tamati Waka Nene.

A warrior in his young years, he later had extensive trade and business interests and understood that the Europeans had come to stay, and thus it was in the Maori best interest to work with the incomers. He also stood up for the preservation of Maori customs and land. He was influential in convincing other chiefs to sign the Treaty and became the 'go-to' leader for the Europeans. He is honoured with a large tomb stone in the small graveyard of New Zealand's first church in Russell. Learning about Tamati Waka Nene gave us a feeling of personal connection with Pahia and Russell.

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—Carolyn and John Gilbert

Faculty of Science Emeriti Reunion Luncheon

2015 UBC Science Emeriti Luncheon



All UBC Science Emeriti are invited to a special luncheon. The Faculty of Science is pleased to invite its Emeriti to the third annual UBC Science Emeriti Luncheon. Several professors will visit old friends over lunch and listen to Dean Simon Peacock's update on our recent accomplishments.

For more information, or if you would like to attend, please register here: https:// event-wizard.com/2015emeritilunch/. Payment may be made on-line, or by mailing or dropping off a cheque to UBC Science,

Office of the Dean, 2178-2207 Main Mall.

If you have any questions about the event or any acceccessibility needs, please contact Valerie Titford at 604.822-3404 or email events@science.ubc.ca

> Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Time: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM Lunch will be served at noon

Where: St. John's College, 2111 Lower Mall, Vancouver

Cost: \$25



A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below and he shouted to her, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am." The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be a university professor," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is, technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information,

and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help. If anything, you've delayed my trip. "

The woman below responded, "You must be a University Administrator." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow it is my fault."

Association Speakers' Series

Emeritus Research Day

The UBC Association of Professors Emeriti/Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies **Research Day** has been set for **Tuesday**, **April 14**, **10-12:30**, PWIAS Conference Room (Rm 207).



Herb Rosengarten, Professor Emeritus of English, "Charlotte Bronte and the Critics"

Featured speakers will be:



Martha Foschi, Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Sociology, "Equivalent Performances, Different Conclusions: Overview and New Directions in Double-Standards Research"



Pat McGeer, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, "Discovery and Properties of Diaspirin"

Please share this message widely with your faculty colleagues, students and emeriti. Research Day provides an unique opportunity for dialogue amongst our senior colleagues, faculty, and students from across the campus community.

China Study Group





The China Study Group met four times over the 2014-5 year. Four of UBC's stellar experts on China and Asia spoke: Henry Yu on *Chinese in Canada*, Pitman Potter on *Law and Human Rights in China*, Jing Zhichun on *Jade*, and Paul Evans on *Canada-China Relations*.

We hope to continue the series in the next academic year, with new topics. If anyone has a particular interest, we can try and meet it.

Please contact Diana Lary at lary@mail.ubc.ca.

Green College Senior Scholars' Series

Building Happier Lives Professor John Helliwell, March 17



In keeping with the spirit of the Green College Senior Scholar's Series, Professor Emeritus of Economics, John Helliwell, presented an overview of a successful academic career punctuated by the pursuit of unexpected opportunities that led him in new directions. Forced to retire at 65, he returned to Oxford, where he became "Aristotle's research assistant", reading widely in political philosophy. He enjoyed another fellowship as "Durkheim's research assistant". Ultimately, his inquiry into the social and political aspects of well-being led him well beyond the field of orthodox economics. Most recently, as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, he has devoted his attention to "Building Happier Lives", the title of his Green College talk. In an extended Q&A session, he deftly handled a wide variety of questions dealing with international differences of levels of interpersonal trust, perceptions of trustworthiness and happiness. An example: "How can one reconcile Sweden's high

scores on "happiness" with its above average suicide rates?

This highly successful series, co-sponsored by UBCAPE and Green College, will resume in the Fall.

Philosophers' Café



On **March 20** a good turn-out of Emeriti and Tapestry residents had a lively discussion of free speech versus hate speech, led by Nichola Hall. There seems to be a clear line between the two—but where that line is located is subject to cultural and individual differences.

The next café

Friday, April 17
Paying for Transit and Transportation
Borrowing Successful Ideas from Elsewhere



10:30 Tapestry Classroom, 3338 Wesbrook Mall

Discussion leader: Michael Goldberg, Professor Emeritus, Strategy and Business Economics Division, Sauder School of Business

There has been a virtual global explosion in rapid transit and highway development in the past few decades. Paying for these investments is not nearly as difficult as the current debate in Metro Vancouver would suggest. The discussion will review several successful approaches to financing transit and transportation and suggest ways in which we in Metro Vancouver can finance our needed transit and transportation infrastructure without the drama and dysfunction of our current referendum.

(You may reserve to have lunch at Tapestry after the Café by calling (604) 225–5000 or by checking in with the front desk before the Café.)

Emeritus Awards

Dr. Trevor Heaver, Professor Emeritus of Commerce and Business Administration, is a co-recipient of the 2015 Onassis Prize, awarded to the world's foremost academics in the fields of finance, international trade and shipping. Awards were announced by the Lord Mayor of London at Mansion House in London, on 20 March. The prestigious prizes, each worth \$200,000, are sponsored by the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation and awarded every three years by Cass Business School, jointly with the Onassis Foundation. The white-tie awards banquet will be held in September in Guildhall, London.

Since retiring in 1997 Trevor has maintained a steady participation in research and writing related to international shipping. Being a senior member among international maritime economists, he has also been called upon from time-to-time to write on the evolution of his field of studies.





Dr. William Bruneau, Professor Emeritus of Educational Studies, will receive the Distinguished Member Award from the *Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education* during their annual conference in Ottawa as part of the *Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences* in early June.

Emeriti in the News



Professor Emerita Elaine Carty of Nursing Elaine introduces Dr. Downe Carty, who was the

On March 10, the UBC School of Nursing presented the first lecture in the Elaine Carty Visiting Scholar Lecture series. The lecture is named for Professor Emerita of Nursing Elaine

Carty, who was the first Director of the ded in 2001 Flaine's

UBC Midwifery Program, founded in 2001. Elaine's leadership in advancing the regulation of midwifery and developing the UBC Midwifery Program helped to change the face of obstetrical care in this province and ultimately improve the health of expectant mothers and children.



Dr. Soo Downe addreses capacity audience at Vancouver Women's Hospital

Dr. Soo Downe from the University of Central Lancashire delivered the inaugural address entitled *Normalizing Birth: is the way we do birth bankrupting future generations?* at the Vancouver Women's Hospital.

To support and enhance this initiative, please visit: http://www.startanevolution.ca/elainecarty-fund.

—photos by Robert Shaer

Where are they now?

Still in Good Voice



Nine current or retired UBC faculty members sing with EnChor, the ensemble that will entertain UBCAPE at the April 22 meeting. They are, from left to right, Ted Chiasson (Law), Pete Chamberlain (Political Science), Dick Loomer (Orthopedics), Don Blake (Political Science), Doug Graeb (Radiology), Leslie Balming (Nursing), Bob Keyes (Neurology), Larry Burr (Cardiology), and Tony Podlecki (Classics).



The art of **Kit Grauer**, Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Pedagogy, is part of an amazing SSHRC funded research/creation project at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, 12138 Fourth Avenue, Richmond, BC. The exhibit will run for a year beginning April 11. The project is entitled *Trading Routes: Rivers*, *Fish and Oil.*

Professor Ruth Beer, Principal Investigator, along with co-applicants Glen Lowry and **Kit Grauer** of UBC, were awarded \$310,803 for a four-year *Insight* grant. The project, "Trading Routes: Grease Trails, Oil Pipelines", is a Research/Creation project focused on the intersecting geographies of aboriginal trade routes, the Coast Salish "grease trails," and the proposed Alberta-British Columbia oil pipeline. Sadira Rodrigues is a collaborator on the project.



About Town



EnChor Choir presents

The Lily & the Rose

A choral celebration of Spring

Carrie Tennant, Artistic Director Morna Edmundson, Interim Conductor

7:30 pm
Ryerson United Church
45th Avenue & Yew Street

Admission by donation



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Wednesday, April 15, 2:00pm -3:00pm:

Debunking Money Myths – A seminar designed to boost seniors' money sense.

Sunday, April 26, 12:00pm -3:00pm: Spring into Tapestry! A joint open house showcasing unique retirement living. This unique event will feature both Tapestry at Arbutus Walk in the heart of Kitsilano

and Tapestry at Wesbrook Village on the edge of Pacific Spirit Park at UBC. A shuttle service will provide quick and easy transportation between the two. RSVP to 604-225-5000.

Mozart School of Music Faculty Performances. Please come to enjoy the music from the Faculty of Mozart School of Music. The next performances held at Tapestry Wesbrook Village will be: Sunday, April 12th, Sunday May 24th and Sunday, June 14th all at 2:30pm in our Restaurant. No RSVP required.

Wednesday, July 1, 2:00pm-4:00pm: Canada Day Celebration! We are celebrating Canada Day with goods friends and music. Come enjoy the sunshine in our Courtyard while listening to the toetapping tunes of the Willy Blizzard Band.

UBC Opera Ensemble Next Opera!

Choir Practice - World Premiere

Comic Opera in One Act (Sung in English) Stephen Chatman, Composer Tara Wohlberg, Lyricist

May 8, 9 at 7:30 pm

Old Auditorium

Jonathan Girard Conductor

Nancy Hermiston Director

Members of the UBC Symphony Orchestra

An unlikely cast of misfits promises to take audiences on an entertaining ride through a choir rehearsal. From the onset, everything appears to go downhill: the choir is terrible; the philandering conductor has no conducting skills; and two competing soloists attempt to kill each other. A stuttering tenor, a blind woman, a diva, a belly dancer and a clown round out the hilarious cast.

Grand historical or political themes are absent—but a blind lady transforms the choir.

Tickets: \$22/\$17/\$15 from UBC Opera Box Office (ubcopera.universitytickets.com) or telephone 604-822-6725.



This long-running series is ideally suited to those who prefer day time concerts (and a seniors' discount).

Except where noted, performances take place at the Vancouver Academy of Music, 1270 Chestnut Street (Kits' Point). Concerts begin at 10:30 am but are preceded by coffee, tea and refreshments beginning at 10:00 am.

The same organization also offers a program called "Tuning In", where well-known CBC host Eric Friesen interviews musical celebrities as well as musicians on their way up. Your editor was privileged to watch an interview with renowned Canadian tenor, Ben Heppner, in early November. What a treat! "Tuning In" is finished for the season, but watch our Fall newsletter for information about next season.

April 22-24: Weiss Kaplan Newman Trio (at Vancouver Academy of Music)

May 10: Mother's Day Season Finale, Quartetto Gelato Note: this concert is at the Kay Meek Centre at 3:00 pm.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.musicinthemorning.org or telephone 604-873-4612.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting—April 22, 2015, 1:30-2:00

- 1. Agenda Approval
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM, April 23, 2014
- **3. Report from the President** (Richard Tees)
- **4. Treasurer's Report** (Richard Spencer)
- 5. Election of new members of the Executive

President Paul Marantz
Vice-President Richard Spencer
Past President Richard Tees
Treasurer Richard Spencer

Secretary Diana Lary

Member at Large Derek Applegarth (re-election)

Member at Large Donald Blake (re-election)

Member at Large Elaine Carty

Member at Large Bill McCutcheon (re-election)

Member at Large Steve Tredwell (re-election)

6. Other Business

Change to By-Law and Constitution: item 2 Eligibility membership (Stephen Tredwell) Change of membership year to July 1 (Richard Spencer)

Nominating Emeriti for Major Awards (Richard Tees for Judy Hall)

7. Adjournment

Draft Minutes to be Approved at the April 2015 AGM

UBC Association of Professors Emeriti
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2014
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
1:30 pm at the Earth and Ocean Sciences Building

The President, Carolyn Gilbert, opened the meeting with a welcome to the members and thanks to the Musqueum People.

1. Moment of Silence to honour members who have died - we remember them.

Ivan Avakumovic, Michael Batts, Elizabeth Bongie, Sheldon Cherry, Robert Deakins, Suzanne Cates Dodson, K. Ann Dusing, Margaret Fukuyama, Sanford Hirshen, L. Gordon Jahnke, Romuald Lakowski, Peter Lusztig, James Macdonald, Cortland Mackenzie, Anthony Marcus, Barry Morrison, John Peck, Glen Peterson, Reva Potashin, Willem Powrie, Edward (Ted) Pulleyblank, John D. E. Price, Klaus Strasmann, Christopher Turner, Eric Vogt and Doreen Walker.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved with one addition under item 6) Other business: Budget.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2013

The minutes were approved.

4. Report from the President (Carolyn Gilbert)

Carolyn reported that the Executive was able to accomplish a huge amount this year due to hard work by a dedicated Executive, highly effective and energized committees, and the support of Sandra van Ark and the office. Members are invited to think about what they would like to do within the Association; participation moves the Association forward, gives a sense of accomplishment, and is fun because of wonderful colleagues.

To save time, she presented reports about the committees and thanked Executive and committee members.

The **Programs Committee**, under the leadership of Derek Applegarth, organized five superb general meetings with the following speakers:

Dr. Max Cynader – Enhancing the Plasticity of the Brain

Dr. Ken Craig - Knowing the Pain

Jane Coop - Piano Recital

Dr. Carol Mayer – A museum collection, a murdered missionary, and the raising of a curse

Dr. Allen G. Sens - Can Terrorists Win? The Future of the Age of Terrorism

The Committee also initiated a successful new series of Philosophers' Cafés, which take place at Tapestry and will continue next year. Still scheduled for the year are Cafés on April 28 and May 26. The Photography Interest Group is continuing with Derek Applegarth championing the group and a China Interest Group is in the making with Diana Lary.

The main accomplishment of the **Communications Committee**, chaired by Richard Tees, was the creation of the new website, with a lot of work done by Sandra van Ark, which was inaugurated in September and will continue to be a work in progress.

The **Benefits Committee**, chaired by Paul Marantz, negotiated a new extended health/travel insurance policy with Johnson, to be in effect as of July 1. Information meetings about the new plan will take place on April 30 and May 28.

The *Membership Committee*, under the leadership of Olav Slaymaker and Steve Tredwell, met with a number of Deans and expanded the network of Departmental Representatives, held a very successful Representatives meeting, and are getting a new level of input from the Representatives, departments, and Deans.

The *Continuing Scholarly Activities Committee*, led by Joan Anderson, organized the Green College Senior Scholars Series and two Emeritus Research Days in collaboration with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. It has three highly productive working groups and is working on a database of emeritus accomplishments (in conjunction with the Membership Committee). One working group has created guidelines for funding for emeritus research, as is done by SFU and is being initiated at UVic. Another working group is moving toward writing a proposal for a workshop at the Peter Wall Institute. Still another is defining a data base of member activities, to be coordinated with the Association's new data base, which will be created over the summer.

Mark Thompson worked on permission to use the UBC Logo for obituaries in newspapers, receiving the go-ahead after several years of persistence. Information about this is available on the website.

Richard Tees and **Mark Thompson** did a great job on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alumni Association and the MOU with the VP Academic. The last document was signed yesterday and provides for an office, 60% administrator and an account for funding. The document also pledges ongoing support for all the benefits (such as parking, internet, tuition waivers) available to UBC Emeriti approved by the Senate. Both documents will be available on the website.

Carolyn Gilbert presented the **President's Report** of the Association's activities and accomplishments over the year, with reference to the goals established at the Executive retreat in May, 2013:

1. Finalize the Mission Statement: The Mission Statement was revised to its final form by Carolyn Gilbert, Paul Marantz, Richard Spencer, Paul Marantz, and John Stager, and passed by the membership at the October General Meeting.

- 2. Revise the Constitution and By-Laws: Revised by the same group as that working on the Mission Statement, the Constitution was amended by the Association membership at the December General Meeting, and the By-Laws were amended by the membership at the February General Meeting.
- 3. Decide where we want to be administratively: Discussions of the Association's place within UBC by a working group (Carolyn Gilbert, Richard Spencer, Richard Tees, Mark Thompson) led to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Vice President Academic. The Association remains an independent organization but with close ties with the Provost and Vice-President Academic and the Alumni Association.
- 4. Gain representation on Senate: John Gilbert and Richard Tees have been nominated as Convocation representatives to Senate. The election will take place in May. Members will be informed of how and when to vote.
- 5. Increase the number of special interest groups: Plans are underway to establish a China interest group, which is likely to involve others in the UBC community. The Programs Committee is looking for volunteer 'champions' to establish other interest groups, which may include finance and travel.
- 6. Clarify the Privacy Policy: Olav Slaymaker and Sandra van Ark wrote a Privacy Policy for the Association, with some help from Carolyn Gilbert and Richard Spencer. The Policy is posted on the website.
- 7. Increase participation by members in Association activities: New members were added to the Standing Committees. The Programs Committee established a new ongoing activity: a series of Philosophers' Cafés. Members are encouraged to become more involved in the Association by participating in activities and joining committees.

Other accomplishments were summarized in the committee reports, and include the establishment of an Account to support Association projects, to which members can donate and receive a tax receipt.

Information is available on the website.

5. Election of new members of the Executive

The following were nominated by the Nominations Committee (Olav Slaymaker, Chair; Judith Hall and David Measday):

Past President Carolyn Gilbert
President Richard Tees
Vice President Paul Marantz
Treasurer Richard Spencer

Secretary Diana Lary

Members-at-Large Derek Applegarth

Donald Blake
Bill McCutcheon
Steve Tredwell

A motion was approved declaring the above-mentioned individuals to be elected by acclamation.

6. Other Business

a) Budget (Paul Marantz)

Motion to approve the budget was passed.

b) New Health/Travel Insurance Plan from Johnson (Paul Marantz)

The Benefits Committee worked with Johnson, Inc. to offer a new insurance option to all UBC Emeriti. Two information meetings will take on April 30th and May 28th. Members are invited to come to these meetings to inform themselves on the choices.

c) UBC Senate Elections (Richard Tees)

The UBC Senate Elections will take place from May 12 to May 30. Members are encouraged to vote.

- d) Thank you
- -Carolyn Gilbert thanked Joan Anderson and presented her with an Association umbrella as a gesture of appreciation.
- -Richard Tees thanked Carolyn, and Olav Slaymaker presented her a corporate umbrella as a gesture of appreciation.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Treasurer's Report

UBC Association of Professors Emeriti Treasurer's Report, April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016
	Projected	Actual	Projected
	(Preliminary)		
Revenue			
Membership Dues	\$12,000	\$11,010*	\$11,000
Insurance Rebate	\$5,500	\$7,542	\$9,000
AGM Refund		\$160	
Total Revenue	\$17,500	\$18,712	\$20,000
*370 paid memberships of which 9 were paid twice	ce: 361 members	paid	
Expenditures			
Newsletter	\$2,900	\$1,700	\$2,125
General Meetings	\$3,300	\$2,500	\$2,500
Activities for Members	\$1,500	\$350	\$1,500
Office Expenses	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$2,500
CURAC Travel	\$2,500	\$700	\$3,000
Conference Expenses	\$2,000	\$0	\$500
Fees	\$2,600	\$2,573	\$2,500
Meetings of the Executive	\$500	\$90	\$100
New Activities & Contingency	\$400	\$600	\$1,400
Membership system development		\$1,600	\$4,000
Total Expenditures	\$17,500	\$13,113	\$20,125
Annual operating balance			
Revenue	\$17,500	\$18,712	\$20,000
Expenditures	\$17,500	\$13,113	\$20,000
Net	\$0	\$5,599	-\$125
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Opening Bank Balance	\$40,782	\$40,782	\$46,381 \$46,356
Closing Bank Balance	\$40,782	\$46,381	\$46,256