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North Shore Vancouver**

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**NOVEMBER SPEAKER – Captain Kevin Obermeyer - See registration details below
Monday November 15, 2021 at 10:00 am at Kay Meek Arts Centre**

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Or Phone Kay Meek Box Office at 604-981-6335 – Monday to Thursday 1-4pm

Kevin Obermeyer, President and CEO, Pacific Pilotage Authority.

Title: Navigational safety on the west coast of Canada.

Kevin Obermeyer is a Master Mariner who hails from South Africa and has been intimately associated with the sea since early childhood. He served in the South African Navy and Merchant Navy and has held positions in various ports including Prince Rupert and Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Capt. Obermeyer joined the Pacific Pilotage Authority in 1999 as Director of Marine Operations and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2006. The Pacific Pilotage Authority is a federal crown corporation responsible for ensuring the safe reliable and efficient movement of large vessels in B.C. Coastal waters.

Capt. Obermeyer's many years of deep sea shipping experience and marine management have given him a vast amount of practical experience in the marine and administrative fields, especially where vessel safety and operations are concerned.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a beautiful fall day for our second Club Speaker meeting with 152 members attending at the Kay Meek Arts Centre. Box Office registrations went much smoother this second time around and members challenged with the on-line booking can phone the Kay Meek Box Office Monday through Thursday 1–4 pm. Big thanks to Fran Hodgkins and Joanne Pugh and their volunteers for checking members vaccination cards and ID and scanning seat bookings.

Despite the recent Provincial Health announcement last week, allowing concert and theatre venues to go to 100% capacity, Kay Meek will remain at the 50% seating capacity until January 2022. This allows for safe distancing in the theatre. Also the Kay Meek Box Office seating selection plan will now show only single seating selections, to maximize attendance for future events. More than one seat can still be booked but will have a seat in between.

In order to keep members as safe as possible in attending our events, along with Kay Meek, we decided serving refreshments and mingling in the Lobby prior to the meeting, where masks would be removed, was a potential health risk, even for the fully vaccinated. Health safety of our members is our utmost concern at this time in the COVID pandemic. We all miss the social refreshment times of our meetings and hope we can get back to them in the near future.

Questions for the speaker are welcome. If you have questions, please feel free to send them in advance by email to me or Alison Watt (emails at the end of this newsletter) as well as using the pencil and paper at the Kay Meek to write your questions. We are trying to adapt to the Covid restrictions and the in-house processes for our question period.

There have been a few requests from members regarding HYBRID Speaker meetings. This is where the in-person event is held and the speaker is live streamed and/or recorded for members who cannot attend to log on and see the event on their computer at home. While this is a nice feature to offer, it comes with a significant expense that the Club is unable to afford. ZOOM was a great tool during COVID lockdown, but would not work in the Kay Meek theatre, and live streaming is expensive and highly technical to operate. As a social club, we welcome members to attend the in-person meetings in a safe manner at the beautiful Kay Meek Arts Centre.

You will notice a new look to this November Newsletter. We have brought the production and mail-out functions in-house, with Alison Watt preparing the newsletter (from the UK this edition) and Alison Parkinson handling the mail-outs. This should alleviate some of the problems we have experienced in the past with members not receiving their newsletters. As a result of changing our newsletter handling, the previous Management Committee contact emails have changed. Please note the new Gmail addresses in this newsletter. A reminder that you can access newsletters and contact information on the website under Members Information.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Armstrong, President

SPEAKER'S EVENT - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to current Covid protocols for events, and to ensure the safety of attendees, Kay Meek Arts Centre and our Probus Club have the following **MANDATORY** requirements for attendees:

- **All attendees must provide a Proof of Vaccination and photo ID at entry to the Centre, if an attendee does not have the Proof of Vaccination, they will be denied entry.**
- **All attendees must wear a mask on entering and exiting the Centre and remain wearing the mask during the event.**
- **All attendees must have pre-registered for the event and received a pre-assigned seat, unregistered drop ins will not be allowed in, nor are any non-member guests allowed.**

If you are not feeling well or have any COVID symptoms, we ask for the safety of other members, and the staff and volunteers at the Kay Meek Theatre that you do not attend.

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to the registration button on the Newsletter front page "RESERVE YOUR SEAT" which will take you to the Kay Meek Arts Centre box office site for our event. You will be assigned a seat, which has every other seat empty for safety spacing. You have 2 choices in how to get your ticket – you can have the ticket sent to you to either print at home or have electronically on your smart phone **OR** choose to pick the ticket up at **WILL CALL** at the Kay Meek box office in the lobby level the day of the event. This process is the same as if you were buying a concert ticket, though as a PROBUS member there is no charge for the event. Ticket/Seat reservation booking will CLOSE on Sunday 14 November at 8:00 pm. Please book your seat right away.

If you are having difficulty registering, complete instructions and booking options can be found on our website www.wprobusnsvan.com under Members Information/Kay Meek Box Office Registration Info. On-line booking for seating is preferred so as not to overload the Kay Meek Box Office. However, if you are unable to book on-line, you can phone **Kay Meek Box Office at 604-981-6335, Monday to Thursday 1-4pm.**

PARKING - Kay Meek Arts Centre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver (west of 15th Street)

There are 3 handicap parking spots on Mathers Ave in front of the Centre and a drop off area. Mathers Ave Kay Meek entry has elevator access to the theatre lobby level. There is no other parking along Mathers near the Centre. **PLEASE DO NOT** park in the West Vancouver Secondary School parking west of the school, this is reserved for the teachers and students during school hours.

There is lots of parking at the back of the Kay Meek Centre, south side. There will be as PROBUS Club Volunteer to direct parking in the south lots. To access to this parking, turn west off 15th Street, onto Inglewood Avenue and turn north at a lane behind the Centre. There is a large flat parking area, marked for Kay Meek parking on the left, below the running track, that has plenty of room for parking. There are several handicap parking spots closer to the theatre at the back and regular parking spots as well. We ask members to preserve the upper parking spots for more mobility challenged members. From this south parking area, there are stairs up to the Kay Meek Arts Centre entering through the side entrance into the theatre lobby level.



KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE – ENTRY

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE – New members can pick up their name badge at the front entrance PROBUS Club desk

There are two entrances to the Centre, one from Mathers Avenue which has elevator access to the theatre lobby level, and a side entrance at the theatre lobby level. WILL CALL members can pick up their tickets at the Box Office on the lobby theatre level. Members should have their electronic or printed tickets with pre-selected seating ready for scanning as well as their **Proof of Vaccination and photo ID**. Upon entry, please proceed directly to your reserved seats to avoid congestion in the lobby area. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no refreshments served. Volunteers are available to assist with seating. No drinks (other than water) or food are allowed in the theatre.

Speaker Event starts promptly at 10:00 AM (and we hope all attendees will be seated by 9:55 am)

A new process for asking speaker questions involves writing the question for the speaker on the card picked up when you enter the theatre. Write the question on the card, hold the card high and volunteers circulating in the theatre will pick up your card and deliver it to the moderator, who will pose the question to the Speaker. No need to be shy in asking your questions this way.

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## **SUMMARY of October Speaker – Eric Solomon**

Mr. Eric Solomon, Director of Artic Programs at Ocean Wise, was both entertaining and knowledgeable. He discussed how scientists are now adapting their approach to the many changes taking place in the Arctic. Climate change is not only affecting the animals but the local Indigenous communities. Traditionally, the local elders would teach their youth about the ways of life and survival in the Arctic and how to preserve it. But due to rapid changes over the last 25 years, these teachings are no longer relevant.

Currently, decisions on climate change are being made on the best available scientific knowledge, usually by southern scientists visiting the Arctic. However, there is only a limited amount of scientific knowledge to date on the Arctic. To augment this, the Ikaarvik project brings together local communities of youths to share knowledge on how best to serve their community and environment, and then teach others - providing the best local knowledge. This local knowledge along with the scientific data combines to give a greater insight into what is happening in the Arctic. These Northern Indigenous youth are helping to bring the north and south together in the understanding of the rapidly changing Arctic and what steps can be taken to preserve it.

Allison Shand, Program Chair

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Upcoming CHRISTMAS EVENT – MONDAY December 20, 2021.

The HOT MAMMAS will be bringing us a wonderful seasonal musical feast for the eyes and ears. The three singers bring a spirit of gratitude, positivity and deep love for music to everything they do. There will also be a special Christmas treat for members attending. Watch for more information in the December Newsletter.

VOLUNTEER SECTION - Volunteers needed:

We are an all-volunteer Club and your involvement is critical to keep the Club going.

Management Committee (please contact Carolyn Armstrong at presidentwprobusnsvan@gmail.com)

- Vice-President – assisting the President in Management Committee duties
- Member at Large – Communications/Newsletters

We’re in a New Venue and We Need Your Help!

At each Probus meeting four Greeters and several Volunteers are required to help with simple but necessary tasks. If you are willing to help, please contact Fran Hodgkins at (604) 980-9887 or Joanne Pugh at (604) 926-6341.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Women’s Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver is delighted to welcome the following new members:

Beverly Morrison Claire Thompson Jane Johnson Carole McAllister

We do hope that you will enjoy being part of our club, become more informed with our great speakers, and get to make new friends as we are able to meet in person again. New members are invited to pick up their name tags at the front desk.

All members are asked to keep your name tag in a convenient location and bring it to every meeting. Name tags are required for members to attend Speaker meetings. In order to replace a lost name tag, members must contact Fran Hodgkins or Joanne Pugh and pay \$15 to have it replaced.



How to connect with the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play, and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (skwxwú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selílwitulh), and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) peoples.