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**June Meeting – Monday 17 June, 2024
Annual General Meeting 10:00-10:10 am
Followed by**

Speaker: Dr. Paul Evans, Professor Emeritus, UBC: China Revisited

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**Annual General Meeting and Speaker – Dr. Paul Evans, Professor Emeritus, UBC:
China Revisited**

Paul Evans recently retired from UBC. Paul is the Director Emeritus of the Institute of Asian Research. He is a specialist of Asian and trans-Pacific international relations. His most recent book is entitled [*Engaging China: Myth, Aspiration and Strategy in Canadian Policy from Trudeau to Harper*](#). Earlier, he directed research centres and programs at the University of Toronto and York

University, Harvard, and UBC as well as served as Co-CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. A frequent visitor to Hong Kong, he also taught courses in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong in 2012 and 2013.

His recent writings and media commentaries have focused on Canada-China relations, Asian security dynamics, and the emergence of techn-nationalism as a defining force in regional affairs.



May Speaker – Leslie Howard – Tuesday May 21st, 2024 10:00 am WVYC

Leslie Howard explained the fascinating process that she used to write her two historical fiction novels - The Brideship Wife and her latest book -The Celestial Wife.

She feels that writing improves with age...a lifetime of using words becomes muscle memory. Leslie had written non-fiction articles published in newspapers, websites and trade journals as part of her career in finance. She wrote her historical fiction novels after retiring.

The key to writing historical fiction, non-fiction or a memoir, begins with research. Museums, field trips, online searches and interviewing locals are resources that she used to add details to support the story. For example in her latest novel she interviewed locals in the Okanagan, visited Bountiful and read accounts of polygamy.

Leslie read a Greek Fable to illustrate the structure of the novel. She walked us through a comparison of Pygmalion and My Fair Lady following her outline.

This is the handout from Leslie about structuring her writing.

The structure of the novel

1. At the start of the novel, the hero (or main character) is fine where he/she is in life and does not want to make any changes. Here, the writer creates a scene that demonstrates the status quo.
2. An event happens to upset the hero's world and there is a call to action which she resists.
3. An incident occurs (the Inciting Incident) that the hero cannot ignore, and she is launched on her journey and is often egged on by another character.
4. Events follow that are referred to as rising action and they culminate in a major event often called Plot Point One. At this juncture, there is no turning back for the hero.
5. At the middle of the novel, the hero begins to see herself differently as a result of the transformation she has experienced to that point in the novel.
6. Plot Point Two involves an incident or development that marks the beginning of the resolution of the novel.
7. The climax is the point in the novel where the action and stakes are at their peak.
8. The final resolution allows the writer to show the reader how much the hero has been transformed and to describe how the hero will move forward for the rest of her life.

2024/2025 Scheduled Events

2024	Speaker	Topic
Monday, September 16, 2024	Dr. Veronica Dahl, Professor Emeritus, SFU	Artificial Intelligence
Tuesday, October 22, 2024	Dr. Kyle Wellband, BC Fisheries and Oceans	Status of Oceans Today
Monday, November 18, 2024	Dr. Arielle Beauchesne, SPH Pharmacist - Opioid Stewardship	Oxycontin and the Opioid Crisis
Monday, December 2, 2024 Christmas Luncheon	Linda Buchanan, Mayor City of North Vancouver	North Shore Issues Today
2025	Speaker	Topic
Monday, January 20, 2025	Behzad Saffari, Public Educ. Director North Vancouver Search and Rescue	
Monday, February 17, 2025	Dr. Elaine Lum, VGH Pharmacist - Cardiology	Women's Healthy Heart
Monday, March 17, 2025	TBD	
Tuesday, April 22, 2025	Cathy Peters	Child Sex Trafficking in Canada
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	Dr. Vera Frinton and Dr Elisabet Joa, Gynecologists	Menopause and Beyond
Monday, June 16, 2025	TBD	