



The Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver

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Meeting at West Vancouver Yacht Club

Monday, 18th March, 2024, at 10:00 with refreshments at 9:15 am

Max Wyman and Ken McQueen in conversation:

“Can Art Build us a Better World?”

As we mentioned in earlier newsletter, due to major construction underway at the West Vancouver High School for the new track and field facilities until the winter of 2025, the parking lots are now closed during the daytime for the foreseeable future. The Spring speakers sessions of our Probus Club have therefore been relocated to the West Vancouver Yacht Club.

The monthly meeting dates will remain the same except for the May meeting which will be held on Tuesday 21st May. The meeting costs including room rental and refreshments are similar to those at Kay Meek, so there should be no change to our budgets. We will continue meetings at WVYC through to June and reconsider venue options going into next year, and with the potential of returning to Kay Meek when parking is available again.

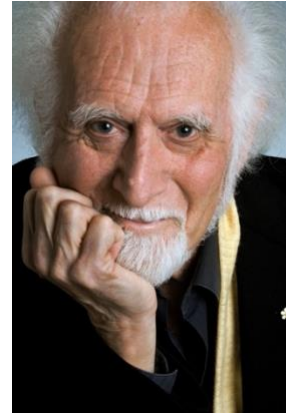
Parking is available at the WVYC. There is parking in front of the club house and just to the west of the sailing school smaller building. There is also lots of parking at Thunderbird Marina, east of the Yacht club, but it is a bit of a walk along Marine Drive and no sidewalk. There is also a smaller parking lot at the marina just west of the yacht club, shorter walk along Marine Drive, again no sidewalks. We encourage members to carpool. Another alternative is the West Vancouver Blue 250 bus which stops right outside the WVYC. Travelling by car on the Upper Levels Highway, take Exit 2, Eagleridge Drive down to Marine Drive, turn left on Marine Drive to the Yacht Club.

Monday March 18th Speakers

Max Wyman and Ken MacQueen in conversation

MAX WYMAN is a Vancouver writer and cultural commentator. Born and educated in England, he spent several years as a journalist in London before emigrating to Canada in 1967. He was dance, music and drama critic for *The Vancouver Sun* and CBC Radio for over 30 years.

He was for six years a member of the board of the Canada Council for the Arts, he served as Mayor of the Village of Lions Bay from 2005 to 2008, and was founding chair of the Metro Vancouver Regional Cultural Committee.



Max has consulted on arts policy for the federal government and the governments of Alberta and British Columbia, and has lectured on arts policy across North America.



KEN MACQUEEN, as an Ottawa-based journalist, covered elections, leaderships, scandals and the 1995 Quebec referendum. After his move to Vancouver, he worked first with the Vancouver Sun/Southam News, and later as Vancouver Bureau Chief for Maclean's, indulging his wildly unfocused range of interests.

With the fun, and funds, draining out of journalism, Ken left Maclean's after 15 years and turned to writing fiction. He has two unpublished Canadian-based thrillers ripening on his hard drive. *Hero Haters*, his debut thriller based in the U.S. Pacific Northwest, was published in October 2022.

As Max so eloquently argued in a recent essay: "it's hard to show the value of art and culture on a cost-benefit graph." MacQueen's personal graph certainly shows he writes for love, not for money.

Guests are welcome at our Speaker Events!

Guests can join us at our meetings for a fee of \$10; check in at the front desk to register and get a name tag. Bringing guests is an excellent way of introducing potential new members to Probus group.

Membership fee for the balance of the program year to June 2024

for new members is \$50 + \$15 for the name badge.

Upcoming Club Speaker Events

	Speaker	Topic
April 15, 2024	Carolyn Canfield	The Mysteries of Music and Emotion
<i>Tuesday May 21, 2024</i> <i>New date</i>	Leslie Howard, author	Turning Fact into Fiction: Using True Stories and Events
June 17, 2024 - AGM	Dr. Paul Evans	

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- Updated Speaker Schedules
- Photo Gallery
- Special Events and Outings
- NEW Probus Group Discount Home Insurance Policy

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