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## The Native Voice

By Pat Massier

In 1945, Alfred Adams, a respected Haida elder and founding president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia (NBBC), was dying of cancer. After decades of fighting to increase the rights and recognition of First Nations people, he implored Maisie Hurley, a 58-year-old Welsh-born lay court advocate for First Nations, to help his people by telling others about their struggle. Hurley took his request to both heart and mind, and with \$150 of her own money, started a small newspaper that would become a powerful catalyst for change: The Native Voice.

*Native Voice* is Eric's third book. His approach to this book was very similar to *Tragedy at Second Narrows* - written shortly after he retired from BDC - where he did a lot of source-document research as well as conducted many interviews. *The Native Voice* even took him to London, Ontario to interview Daryl Stonefish, the librarian at the Munsee Delaware Nation, and the home of Big White Owl who features prominently in the book.

The Native Voice became the official newspaper of the NBBC, one of the largest democratic First Nations organizations in the country. At a time

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Eric Jamieson was looking for a subject in 2011 when *Entwined Histories: Gifts from the Maisie Hurley Collection* - a significant collection of Native artifacts - appeared as an exhibit at the North Vancouver Museum. The Executive Director thought that Maisie would make an interesting book. Eric had a long-time interest in First Nations issues so it seemed to be a good fit.

It took him about four years to research and write the book and about a year after that to find a publisher and see the book into print.

when telecommunication was expensive and often inaccessible in Aboriginal communities, The Native Voice reported relevant news and stories of everyday life to First Nations throughout the province, including hard-won rights such as the right to vote provincially (1949) and federally (1960). As the official publication of the NBBC, the Voice chronicled both the realities of Aboriginal life and a vision for the future, enabling and inspiring overdue change in Canada.

## Eric Jamieson



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Eric says, "I always wanted to be a writer ever since I was a young boy. Perhaps I should have worked in journalism rather than banking, but the Bank, believe it or not, was and is a great training ground for a journalist. Bankers learn discipline, how to organize themselves, how to write succinct reports, how to interview, how to do research, and so on. On second thought, maybe I didn't waste my time in banking. With respect to writing, I am very systematic. Every piece of paper I receive is catalogued, filed and a digital reference made of it so that I can find it in an instant. There is nothing more frustrating than spending hours hunting for something that you know you have but just don't know where it is."

Maisie Hurley's dedication to improving the lives of those she referred to as "my people" was honoured through several First Nations naming ceremonies by people of the Skeena, Squamish/North Vancouver and Comox areas. Her Indian name was Sim-Klux – Mother of the Fin-Back Whale.

The cover of the book is very intriguing. When asked about it, Eric said, "Book covers are designed by the marketing arm of publishing houses for maximum

effect. With this latest book I was asked for a few photos that I thought would represent the story best and the one on the cover is one of the few I selected. It depicts Maisie Hurley and her friend, Chief



August Jack Khatsahlano."

So what exactly does an author read when he or she is not writing? Eric's taste runs to non-fiction and 90% of that is history. He just finished *Intrepid's Last Case* by William Stevenson about Sir William Stephenson, one of Canada's unsung heroes who

was the model for Ian Fleming's James Bond. Ian Fleming was a spy and a colleague of Sir William Stephenson. Interestingly enough, Eric is currently reading *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King about how First Nations and Native Americans have been treated over the centuries.<sup>1</sup>

The story of the NBBC, The Native Voice, and Maisie Hurley offer an inspiring testament to the power of cooperation and vision to create powerful change.

The book is available through Caitlin Press Inc. (the publisher), amazon.ca, and on line or in stores at Chapters. Indigo.

*Eric Jamieson is the author of Tragedy at Second Narrows: The Story of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge (Harbour Publishing, 2008), co-author of South Pole: 900 Miles on Foot (Horsdal and Schubart, 1996), and has contributed articles on outdoor living and history to a variety of newspapers and magazines. In 2009, he was awarded the BC Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for History Writing*

## A Happy and Lucky Career – Alain Brunelle

Having worked as Director of the Pensioners' Association for many years, I am now at the end of my term and writing my last articles in LINK. I want to elaborate on the fact that working at the BDC provided me with years of happiness at work and in retirement. I want to say that in my professional and personal life, I was **Happy** and **Lucky**.

**Happy:** First of all because I contributed to the success of the organization, to its gains and to the development of the individuals who joined the ranks of the BDC. I had the privilege of working with financial groups, consulting, and training as well as many years in human resources.

<sup>1</sup> Buried in print.com - *The Native Voice* makes an excellent companion to Thomas King's *The Inconvenient Indian*

(2012), which covers hundreds of years and summarizes policies and trends succinctly.

I met some extraordinary and dedicated people who had a great deal of professionalism. Even in retirement, I had the pleasure of meeting wonderful people who haven't changed a bit except ... physically, at least a little!

**Lucky:** Many of you remember the years when the future of the Bank was in peril but the management team took the steps to get back on an even keel. Afterwards, we enjoyed many excellent years of growth. And it's continuing!

We also benefited from excellent working conditions, remuneration, insurance, etc. Let's pay tribute to those who implemented a complete salary package which is favorably comparable to others. Let's not forget to mention our retirement fund which allows us to enjoy our remaining years with guaranteed revenues, fully indexed to the cost of living.

What can we say about the tools that were at our disposal to progress with equipment and technology. We always received adequate training and permanent support whenever necessary. The Bank has always been a champion in developing talent.

Many of us have held posts that led us to travel with all expenses paid, be it for training or meetings of all kinds.



My years with the Pensioners' Association allowed me to remain in contact with ex-colleagues and friends.

Some people have known less fulfilling periods during their time with the organization. In general, we can sincerely claim loud and clear that we have been privileged to work for the Bank and are proud to have been part of the **builders of the BDC**. We need only to compare ourselves with retirees from other organizations to convince ourselves of this fact! Happy retirement to all!

## Milestone – 70 Years



On July 9th, 2016, Guy and Lorette Bourbonnière celebrated 70 years of wedded bliss with the Residents of Maplewood, their home.

They shared the good wishes of their family, of Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, Prime minister Justin Trudeau and their Member of Parliament, David McGuinty.

Guy and Lorette enjoy good health and their joie de vivre.

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## My Canadian Open Golf Experience

By Brian Massier

I often wondered what it would be like to be a marshall at a major golf tournament. So when Wei Chin, Assistant Hole Captain, asked if I was interested to work on the ninth hole at the 2016 RBC Canadian Open, it did not take long to say "Yes".

The next requirement was to register on the RBC Canadian Open website as a volunteer, pay the \$75. Volunteer fee (that's correct, you cannot volunteer for free), provide basic personal information, indicate my preference for volunteer position on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole and confirm that I could provide a minimum of 24 hours of service. Soon I received a confirmation e-mail of acceptance and a wealth of information about the Canadian Open and its volunteers. I was surprised to learn there were 550 marshalls out of a total of 1,500 volunteers for the week-long tournament. I was even more surprised when I saw the eleven-page manual of instructions and that I had to attend a half day training session about three weeks before the tournament.

The training session explained our responsibilities to the spectators, the golfers, and the overall security and enjoyment for both at the tournament. At the training session, volunteers were provided with a backpack containing an official RBC Canadian Open golf cap and golf shirt, a parking pass for the volunteer's parking lot, volunteer credentials to be worn when going through security and while on the grounds at Glen Abbey Golf Course, a water bottle and a volunteer guest pass valid for the full week for a total value of \$300. This justified the \$75 registration fee. I was now ready for the RBC Canadian Open.

Starting Monday morning my schedule for the week went something like this: Leave the house between 5:30 and 6:30 AM for the 45-minute drive to the volunteer parking lot. Board the shuttle bus for a 20-minute ride to the volunteer entrance to the course. Walk through the security entrance, emptying pockets of wallet, keys, coin and cell phone similar to the procedure at airports. No liquids please! Walk to the green on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole for our pre-day meeting.

Monday and Tuesday were relatively easy days as there were fewer fans in attendance. The Canadian Golfers played in a Pro-Am with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM on Monday. Tuesday was a practice day for all tournament entrants who played various holes in no particular order or time frame. This gave me the opportunity to attend the introduction of the Canadian Golf Team that was to compete in the Rio 2016 Olympics. The players were Graham Delaet, David Hearn, Alena Sharp and Brooke Henderson. *O Canada* was sung. A military bomber performed a fly-by. Many people attended this event and many photos were taken.

Wednesday was a very busy and very long day as it was the Championship Pro-Am where the pros were teamed with four amateurs who each paid considerable dollars that went to a charity for the privilege of playing a round of golf with a pro. The first tee times were at 7:00 AM on both the first and tenth tees. Afternoon tee times started at 12:30 PM. The day was extremely hot (34C), humid and windy. The afternoon round lasted over 5 hours. The pros really need to be congratulated for doing this each week on the PGA tour as some of the amateurs that I witnessed were there only because they were able to pay the dollars. They certainly were not very good golfers. I watched Matt Kutchar who finished the round with his group on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. He was congenial as ever, thanking them for playing with him and autographing a ball for each amateur. But the amateurs with him all looked exhausted because they had to walk the course with the pro. No carts are allowed.

Thursday and Friday is when the tournament begins in earnest. Starting tee time is 7:10 AM on the first and tenth tees and afternoon start time is 12:25 on split tees. Players compete to beat the cut line for the right to play on the weekend. Again playing conditions were difficult due to high temperatures, humidity and wind. Each round took in excess of 4.5 hours.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I did not get home until around 9:00 PM because of the slow play and because I had volunteered for extra hours since we were short of volunteer marshalls. Saturday and Sunday were shorter hours because of the players eliminated by the cutline on Friday. However, the crowds were larger especially for those following the more popular players and created some interesting challenges for controlling movement and noise from spectators.



Wei Chin and Brian Massier

But I enjoyed some good experiences. Marshals are not supposed to talk to caddies or players unless they start the conversation. I managed to have some interaction with a few players while holding up my "Quiet Please Eh" sign around the ninth green. And when I was at the spectator crossing on the ninth fairway, Chez Reavie, former Canadian Open champion, had to make a difficult 145 yard shot from wet longish rough near the spectator ropes. Instead of moving the ropes to facilitate his shot, he asked me to just lean on the rope to keep the spectators away from him so he could swing. I stood directly behind him and could feel the wind from his swing as he launched his approach shot that landed about 3 feet from the pin. I said "Great shot, Chez." He reacted with a smile and a thank-you.

The most exciting time of the week occurred on Sunday. The last group had played the 9<sup>th</sup> hole which meant our marshalling duties for the week were done. Or so I thought. The hole captain asked for volunteers to act as roving marshals for the final groups starting on hole 16 because of the large crowds following those groups. So I went to hole 16 about midway down the fairway. I was very fortunate to be asked to follow Dustin Johnson and Scott Wheatcroft through 16, 17 and 18.

What a feeling! Both players were in the hunt for a win. As a marshal had to make certain the spectators remained still and quiet when these players were on the tee box or green. But as an inside the ropes spectator I made sure I could see the action. On the 18<sup>th</sup> tee I was positioned just off the front edge of the tee box. When Dustin Johnson hit his drive the contact with the ball was like a rifle shot and as it left the tee box for the fairway it whistled like a jet. Walking down the fairway with this twosome, the excitement was so high it felt like I was playing.

Unfortunately, neither of these players was the winner. I felt for DJ as his approach shot went slightly over the green into the rough. And I really felt for Scott Wheatcroft when his shot from the sand trap beside the 18<sup>th</sup> green flew across the green into the water. His sand wedge bounced off the hard pan where sand should have been. I still remember his look of disbelief and the tears running down his face, standing in front of a huge crowd surrounding the 18<sup>th</sup> green.

I have already signed up for next year's RBC Canadian Open.

## Growing Up in Rural Canada

### A story of Ben Weaver's School Days



In 1945, Ben Weaver's British parents sent him, wearing short pants, for his first day at Lochiel School in Langley Prairie British Columbia. That's him, third from the right, front row. His family moved from Vancouver to the dairy farm, located on 40 acres near the American border, in the summer of 1945. There was no electricity to the area until 1948. The family farm was located about two miles from the school which was a fair hike for a young lad until a school bus service was started in December of 1945.

Lochiel was a one-room school for grades one through 6 which was built in 1924 as a replacement for the original school, built in 1889 as Biggar Prairie School. It was one of many one-room schoolhouses in the Langley area.

The Village of Langley Prairie - the City of Langley since 1955 - in 1945, according to the City Directory, had a population of about 5,000 with about 90% living on farms. One doesn't think of southern BC as sparsely populated or being prairie but this area of the Fraser Valley was both. The school sat on a dedicated acre of land surrounded by dairy, poultry, and hog farms.

Despite having four sisters - he was the oldest - Ben remembers elementary school as being a bit daunting when he had to learn to get along with girls. "I never really talked to girls that much. I didn't know what to talk to the girls about. I could talk to the guys about mufflers and pipes and steering wheels and about the new Fords that were out. But I didn't know what to talk to girls about - How's your mufflers?"

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Lochiel School was relocated to Campbell Valley Regional Park in 1987 and restored. It is in the Registry of Canada's Historic Places. Today it is available, for a fee, to teachers to bring a class for a 90-minute session to learn how it was in yesteryear when children were expected to behave in school. "The teachers ... they were authority figures and you respected them," Ben said - 'Benny, don't you talk so much', - you listened." Teachers inspected the kids each day for clean hands and faces.



Photo by Heather Colpitts

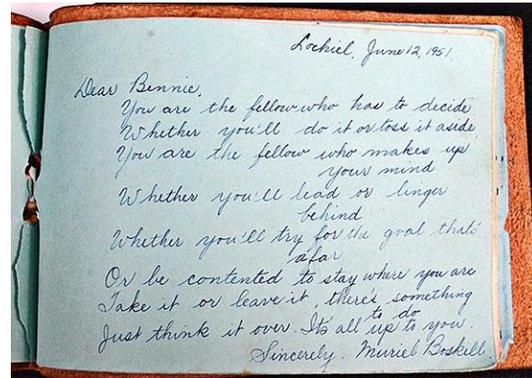
Here is Ben in September 2015 in front of the school with his friend from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Bill Merrell. Bill is also in the photo at the top of the story – front row, second from the left. Many of their fellow students were displaced after WWII and could not speak

English. Bill remembers – A kid from some place in Europe would be paired with someone on day one and by day three, he was swearing with all of us at recess. With 6 grades in one room, Ben was always curious about what the other students were learning. He credits this with his life-long thirst for knowledge.

As in many families in the 60s and 70s, parents wanted their sons to take over the farm someday. Neither man did. Ben told his parents, "I am not a farmer", and banking called his name. He spent his entire working career in banking and financial services. He is currently retired in Nanaimo, British Columbia, and on a quarterly basis travels by ferry from the Island to meet with old school chums for lunch at the restaurant at the Poppy Golf Course in the City of Langley, now a city with a population of over 26,000.

His mother saved all of his school photos and report cards – *Benny does not always put in enough effort* - and other memorabilia. Perhaps this is where Ben gets his penchant for collecting. You may remember the story of his Bing Crosby collection in the Fall and Winter 2005 LINK - "Swinging on a Star".

He still enjoys flipping through his old autograph books. Here is a poem written by Muriel Boskill, Ben's Grade 6 teacher in 1951.



Milking the cows and then walking or riding a horse or hitching with the neighbour children in their

father's wagon two miles to get to one-room school houses every morning and reversing the exercise in the evening is long in the past in Canada. Yet many of the members of our Association did just that. Many, like Ben, did not experience running water or electricity in the home until the late 40s or early 50s while other Association members in this same time frame took electric stoves and television for granted.

These circumstances built character, as they say, but also paved the way for appreciation of the comforts in life that we all now enjoy in our retirement.

***This piece was written by Pat Massier based upon information provided by Ben Weaver and a story that ran in the Langley Advance on September 30 2015 written by Heather Colpitts.***

## BDC's Unsung Heroes!

By Suzanne Lalonde

I have thought long and hard before writing this story because my heroes are all such humble and reserved people, but after all these years I have decided to honour them by my testimony to their exceptional kindness, courage, and friendship.

My name is Suzanne Lalonde. I worked for almost 20 years for the FBDB/BDC. I retired July 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 and enjoy a great life with my husband of 26 years. We enjoy the simple things in life with family and friends and we love to travel, recently discovering Europe together. I am very blessed.

It was not always the case. There were extremely difficult times in my life and I wish to share with you today the names of amazing people who helped me and literally saved my daughter's and my life. They are all unsung heroes and I am forever grateful to them. When these situations arise, that is then you find out who your true friends are, and heroes shine! The unsung heroes who were there for me during the worst nightmare of my life are Yvette Gallant, Tami Harvey, Les Elliott, Modesto D'Onofrio, Angie Bruno and Jean Fioramore and this is the story.

I started working for the FBDB in 1979 in the Payroll Section. That is when I met Yvette Gallant and Tami Harvey - exceptional ladies. We became lifelong friends. I also developed lasting friendships with Jean Fioramore in IT and Modesto D'Onofrio in the Mailroom. I actually worked with Modesto the last ten years of my career in Office Services. Around 1982, I worked with Les Elliott, Director of Personnel, and the perfect gentleman with so much integrity. I also worked with Angie Bruno in Human Resources, another exceptional lady who also was there for me during those difficult times.

I had a secret that no one suspected - my husband at the time (first husband) was a violent alcoholic. I lived in fear every day but was too ashamed and scared to tell anyone. I had tried to leave him for years but was unable to get help.

Then my worst nightmare happened! I found out that he had sexually abused my little girl who was 9 at the time. I found the courage for my child to immediately go to the police and child protection and made arrangements to leave him. After a call threatening our lives, I was unable to get help from the police so I called my friend Yvette Gallant who without hesitation came to my home to get us. She brought us to her home and kept us safe for many months. As we drove away I could see my ex husband running down my street with a big metal bar. He completely destroyed our apartment; I still shudder to think what would have happened to us if not for Yvette. She saved our lives!!!!

I was able to get everything resolved in court to remove his parental rights and to allow me to disappear. As soon as I explained the situation to Mr. Elliott, he was very supportive and offered to transfer me to Vancouver because my mom and brothers lived there. I chose not to go as my sister would have remained alone in Montreal. My friend Angie Bruno invited us to her home for lovely dinners with her whole family making us feel so welcomed! We still get together every year and share a special bond.

The Bank went through difficult times and many people lost their jobs, so one day I got the call that my position was abolished. I was devastated but in retrospect it was for the best because my ex husband knew where I worked; he could have attacked me after work, so I was able to disappear completely and keep us safe. I remained in contact with Yvette and Angie, and tried to visit Modesto and Tami every year but lost contact with the others. I never forgot their courage and kindness. A few years later I met my second husband Daniel and life has been very good.



Then one memorable day in 1999, Yvette invited me to celebrate our Manager in Payroll Section, who was retiring. I was honoured and amazed to see all the people that I knew from long ago. Then a colleague

proposed that I come back to work at reception which I accepted with pleasure. It was a dream come true. My adventure with the BDC was not over. I got to reconnect with old friends and work with many great people until I retired in 2014.

All through the years my heroes have been there in my life like shining lights and I appreciate every moment with all my heart!

I have not seen Mr. Elliott for many years but his kindness will always be remembered! So thank you Yvette, Angie and Tami and to the guys, Modesto, Jean and Mr. Elliott, because of men like you, I learned that men can be kind so I was able to trust, and love again.

I am eternally grateful to all of you!

**Editor's Note:** *Suzanne's story is very touching and is eloquently told. So many women have lived similar lives, myself included, but had no one to turn to. Sadly, many of these women and their children died at the hands of their tormentors. People, such as those mentioned in this story, are truly modern day heroes.*

## Safari in Kenya

By Micheline Gosselin



For my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, I wanted to go on safari. When I say safari, I mean all of it .... culture shock, animals in the wild, meeting people, photographs of all kinds, and something that doesn't hurt at all - eating well.

How do we do it? We outline our wish list, we contact a Tour Operator (TO) - I know one quite well - and we discuss the itinerary, the accommodations, the hours of the game drive, the photography equipment, and the price ... Let's say it now, a safari is expensive and that's why it needs to be well planned, which is what I did!

In a nutshell: fly to Paris, spend a few days there to recover from jet lag, then fly to Nairobi, safari and relaxation, and finally Nairobi-Paris-Montreal in one fell swoop, 26 hours in total!

In all, 14 days in Kenya. Come on, hop on the 4x4 and let's go because the routes are long and often hard on the back! Since you're here, I suggest the all-encompassing 'we'.

Our guide is waiting for us at the Jomo Kenyatta airport with a small sign: 'Mr. Mrs. Gosselin'. That's it, you're there, you're Mrs. Gosselin, first delight!

It's 9 at night and pitch black but the odours are different, the flowers also and the people are all smiling. We spend a night in a hotel in Nairobi. Wake at 6, and it will be like that every day!

The jacaranda is in bloom. We are definitely not home. After a lavish breakfast, we depart for the **Samburu National Reserve**. But panic in the 4x4 because there's no stopping at red lights or at stop signs, and in addition, trucks pass dangerously on hills ... We are really elsewhere! Then all becomes calm. We pass through small towns, villages, there are many merchants in the roads, people walk along the road, life is everywhere, we try to take it all in and smile stupidly .... We are happy!

After three and a half hours, we cross the gate and a few kilometers later, we see our first animals. Since we're amateur photographers, we let loose and our SD cards heat up. Soon we will calm down, don't worry!

We arrive at the Samburu Game Lodge and have lunch after our gin tonic and rest until 4:30. It's our first real game drive: elephants, dik-diks, reticulated giraffes, impalas, lions, leopards and it's like that for the next three days. It was our favorite park because the animals were close to us.

Afterwards, we spend a night at Michel's house - he's our guide and TO. We're in the sanctuary part where "Out of Africa" was filmed. There we can walk among the giraffes, impalas and other animals. I can reassure you, there are no predators!

Next day, we head for Nakuru. It's my least favorite park except for its rhinos. It's the only place where it rained and was cooler. The water level in the lakes had risen and many trails are under water.



Return to Naivasha. We spend two days there. We are spoiled by Joyce (Michel's wife), she concocts to-die-for salads and finger-licking good lamb chops!

We leave for the **Legendary Reserve**: Masai Mara. After several hours of driving which causes great discomfort on the glutes and on the back, we arrive at the Mara Serena Safari Lodge where we stay for one night. It's a lot like a tourist factory but it's well placed and as always, everyone is smiling and welcoming and the food is excellent.

The next day, the atmosphere changes completely since our next lodge is on the edge of the Talek river. The Il Keliani tented camp is managed by the Masais and is an ecological camp in the middle of nowhere, where we had meals worthy of a fine restaurant and we were never inconvenienced! And there, again, the festival of animals ...!

I would have liked to give you a detailed account but it would have been too long. If you want more photos and the complete travel journal it's at: [http://www.fou-de-voyage.com/voyage/00247\\_voyage-kenya-mimi48/](http://www.fou-de-voyage.com/voyage/00247_voyage-kenya-mimi48/)

### **Some explanations:**

I chose Michel because it's an all-inclusive deal: aperitifs, tips, wine with the meals. The only extra is for gifts. <http://fabuloussevensafaris.com/index.html>. In addition, Michel also takes photos and gives them to you at the end of the trip (remember to bring a USB key).

Concerning traffic: a yellow line? We pass anyway; a car is coming in the other direction, no problem, he'll slow down! We're not scared! Pedestrian crossings on an highway where everybody stops .... have you ever seen that in Canada?

A tented camp refers to large comfortable tents with double beds and bathroom. We are far from small Canadian tents.

A game drive consists of looking for animals who are hidden away or sleeping - like lions! We leave around 6:30 in the morning because it's cool and the animals are waking up. We return to the lodge around 11:30 to eat, then rest until 4:30 for the second game drive of the day until nightfall (6:30). It's mandatory to be back at the lodge (or the tented camp) before night otherwise the guide will pay a fine.

Photographic equipment: We love photography, so we had two APSC Nikon cameras, one a D5000, the other a D5100 with three lenses: 18x105mm, 70x30mm and 120x400mm. As a spare and to film, we had a Panasonic FZ200 Bridge. This bridge was a lifesaver when the D5000 broke down and we could still both continue to record our trip.



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## **Upcoming Events**

### **British Columbia**

**Metro BDC Pensioner's Christmas Luncheon for Current Retirees & future members; spouses / partners welcome**  
**Saturday, December 10th, 2016**

**Guildford Golf & Country Club 7929 - 152 Street, Surrey, BC**

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – No Host Reception

12:00 Noon – Luncheon

**RSVP – Jim Anhorn – 604-733-5262 jim-patti@shaw.ca or John Taggart – 604-542-9747 jtaggart1@telus.net**

**By December 5 2016**

### **Ontario**

**Fall and Winter 2016 2017**

**Christmas Luncheon Glen Abbey Golf Club Dorval Drive, Oakville, Ontario**

**Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee \$10 per person.

Because of budget limitations attendance is limited to 40. Beverages other than coffee and tea will be the responsibility of the individual member. Shuttle service is provided from Glen Abbey's parking lot to the front door.

Registrations must be received by November 21st 2016. Make \$10 per person cheques payable to Ed Wilk and mail to Ed Wilk, 1107 - 5070 Pinedale Ave, Burlington ON, L7L 5V6

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## Down Memory Lane



### Management Conference – Prairies Spring 1995

**Back Row:** Barry Grant, Charles Funk, John Lemoine, Ron Cymbalisky, Gary Martin, Cecelia Golich, Steve Gray. **Middle Row:** Kurt Carlson, Wayne Sitter, Neil McLaren, Dave Mowat, Peggy Johnson, June Vermeersch, **Front Row:** Brian Massier, Norm Oakley, Bruce Burton

## 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the BDC Pensioners' Association

In January 2016, the Association was informed of the cutting of our operating budget for the coming fiscal year ending March 31 2017. In order to receive the \$15,000 for activities, we had to submit a budget for the year, which we did. In it, we budgeted for the Executive to attend an AGM held in the Mississauga Branch along with 20 members.

Unfortunately, only 15 members decided to attend and Ching Jung, our Treasurer, became a Grandmother shortly before the event so was unable to be there in person.



John Taggart, Ed Wilk, Pat Massier, Réal Leahey, Wendy McCulloch; Madeleine Chin, Rob Whyte, Des McCrindell, Lorne Hutton, Jim Wilson, Peter Charles; Ned Nedungadi, Hugh Sheldon, Pat Ghany, Madhuri Ramakrishnan, Joan Chin, Deborah Steele.

On Wednesday, September 14 2016 at the Mississauga Branch, before the meeting, the 20 of us had a great social interaction and enjoyed a lunch together, arranged by Lorraine Siu, Administrative Assistant at the Mississauga Branch. Immediately after the lunch, Sharon Connelly, Vice-President Toronto West, spoke to us – the members in the room plus some of the Directors who attended via conference call. Consulting Group is now known as advisory services. She described some of the initiatives the Bank is taking, especially for the businesses affected by the fall in oil prices, and also provided us with some financial results. The Bank earned

\$537.7 million in fiscal 2016 and returned a dividend of \$68.6 million to the shareholder. Her time with us was very informative.

**The President opened the formal part of the meeting with these remarks:**

There once was a group of retirees  
Who asked the Bank - could you please  
Fund for events  
Our ladies and gents  
And the Bank said - we'll cover the fees.

That was in 1983 when Eric Bell or Scott (we are not sure which, but it was one, perhaps both) made a start on improving the communication between the Bank and retirees and among retirees. The Pensioners' Association was then founded. It has been very successful and we have grown to about 1,400 including spouse and surviving spouse members.

Over the last 25 years many people have volunteered to lead the Association – Guy Bourbonnière, Dick Bingley, Gerry Bourque, Don Brown, and George Kirkwood. And many more have stepped up to be part of the Executive several of whom went on to become President and long standing volunteers like Denis Couture at 12 years, Réal Leahey with 19 years, Wendy McCulloch at 14 years, Norm Bourgoïn and Yves Milette to name a few. We have had many 10-year plus Directors in that time – Martin Clooney who recently resigned after 22 years, Hubert Montbriand, Hugh Sheldon, Ed Wilk who did double duty for several years serving as a representative of the Pension Committee, John Melymick who recently resigned, Mal Valentini who has been a director for 18 years, Bob Thompson and Len Holmstrom who has volunteered for 17 years. These people deserve a heartfelt thank you for adding to the enjoyment of our retirement years.

I have been editing the LINK for 15 years, was a Director for a year, and am entering my 6<sup>th</sup> year as

President. I was very disappointed, as I am sure you all were, to learn of the Bank's decision to cut our funding after this many years.

This year is to be a transition year for the Association and we are taking the cut in funding, not as a stop sign, but as a guide post. This is an opportunity to redefine ourselves as an organization and to continue to function in a different manner.

In this AGM, our 33<sup>rd</sup>, we will be discussing ways we can do just that.

**Elections** - There were three vacancies on the Board and two nominations were made from the floor – Pat Ghany for Ontario and Lynn Seritt for BC Interior. They were added to the list that appeared in the last edition of LINK / LIEN and the nominees were elected by acclamation. Their co-ordinates appear on the last page of this newsletter and under contacts on the web site. There is now only one vacancy - in Quebec.

The **financial statements** were presented by the Treasurer via telephone. Here are the highlights:

As at March 31 2016 / Au 31 Mars 2016 (unaudited / Non vérifié)	
Net Assets / Actif net – Operating Funds/ Fonds d'opération	\$ 14,520
Revenues / Produits –	
Contribution by/ de BDC	\$ 40,701
Expenses / Charges AGM / AGA	\$ 9,100
Social Events / Activités Social	\$ 25,887
Administration / Secrétariat	\$ 2,061
Excess of revenues over expenses / Excédent des produits sur les charges	\$ 3,653

The Association's books, the documentation supporting its expenses, the detailed bank records and Association's relationship with BDC, its funds contributor, were reviewed by a third party. We thank Richard Morris for the years he voluntarily provided this review. In his letter for 2016, he confirms that he is satisfied with the Association's bookkeeping procedures and that the expenses reflect its normal activities.

Our old **by-laws** had to be amended in order for us to accommodate fiscal cuts as so much of our administrative workings hinged on the AGM. The process to change by-laws was cumbersome as they had to be circulated to the general membership and

then ratified at the next AGM. There also was no provision for full electronic voting or an electronic AGM.

The amended by-laws were first drafted by John Taggart and then electronically voted on (there was provision for this) and approved by the full Board of Directors. They were then posted on our web site – [bdcpa.org](http://bdcpa.org) – with notification of the change sent to all members. There were no questions raised or any comments to let us know that they were in any way negatively received. Then, in accordance with the by-laws, they were put on the agenda for the AGM and voted upon with a unanimous acceptance.

The new by-laws will be formally posted on the web site in the section "About Us". They introduce the notion of a membership fee and clarify our election procedures. We now have flexibility in when we hold an AGM and to hold it electronically with electronic voting. Members will still be advised of any proposed changes and will still have input if they desire.

A lively discussion was held about the **future direction of the Association** and among other recommendations made, there were suggestions that fewer activities be held with costs set lower than previously so that the participants would pay the full cost of the outing, much the way most retiree associations are managed.

**Note to Readers:** *Please send your suggestions for our future to the Executive or the Director for your area.*

The meeting lasted approximately 1 ½ hours and participants were pleased with the electronic forum. The next AGM date and place will be set in the coming months by the Board.

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### Averages 1982 vs. Today

Interesting figures from various sources – Average family income in Canada in 1982 was about \$53,000. Today it is about \$63,000 (18.9% increase). The average house price in Canada was about \$72,500 and today it is about 500% higher. Mortgage rates are less than 4% vs. nearly 20% in 1982.

Senior families (over 65), on the other hand, have seen income rise from about \$21,000 in 1982 to \$52,300 today.

## Cross Canada Activities

For more pictures of these activities and others, go to [bdcpa.org](http://bdcpa.org).



### Prairies:

The Winnipeg Pensioners held their annual spring luncheon at the Winnipeg Squash and Racquet Club on May 18 2016. It was determined at the meeting that this tradition will continue at the Pensioners' expense. Unfortunately, the annual Christmas dinner will likely be held at a different venue than usual, if it is held at all – perhaps changed to a breakfast.

Richard Laverne, Bob McGregor, Harold Ramsey, Wendy Lamont, Gary Franzmann, Leigh Morton



Claude Bru, Al Brockmeyer, Mike Rudkin, Norm Oakley, Harold Swartz, Joan Kiroac, John Melymick

## Ontario:

On May 28, the Ontario Members attended Woodbine Raceway for a luncheon and some betting. Looks like Rob Whyte and Ed and Diane Oakley are getting betting tips from Wrenell Whyte in the photo below.

Carolyn Mason and Janet Douris. Bottom row – Armand and Enid Rodrigues, Tony Lopez, Rob Whyte, Madeleine Chin and Jim Lane.



## British Columbia Region:



Lucky 7 BDC pensioners enjoying lunch at the BC Legislature dining room in **Victoria** .... Premier Christie not available to join us. June 21 2016 - Joan Horwood, Bev Darnel, Bob Darnel, Nadine Dashevsky, Harold Dashevsky, Marilyn Bayer, Sol Bayer. Regrets from Don Watkins, Bettyann Thomson, Casey Vandenbrink, John Auld

**Vancouver** - Jim Anhorn said he doesn't know if he was having so much fun or if it was old age, but he forgot to take his camera on June 26.

The sun was shining, the horses were ready and 21 BDC retiree's and spouses came out for some fine food and a little fun picking horses at Metro Vancouver's "Day at the Races" event. If 4 was your lucky number, you would have left with a few dollars in your purse as the number 4 horse won 6 of 8 races !!!

Ray Thomas, who once had a horse racing at Hastings Park provided betting lessons for several novices. Rumour has it that Linda Reiter picked a few winners and Steve Sapers and Debra Jackson also left with some extra change.

As for the rest, we notched for 3 hours on a wonderful buffet and vowed to come back next year with a greater knowledge of how to pick the winners.

**Nanaimo** – July 18 2016 – Pictured: Ben and Sue Weaver and Ed and Arlie Burnett; Bertha and John Davis and Bob and Judy Van Schubert; Jim and Rhonda Hercus and Nadine and Harold Dashevsky; Bill Stuart, Jenny Viel, Sherri Seib, and Phil Viel.



## Meet the New Directors

### Pat Ghany – Eastern Ontario

I joined the Bank in London, Ontario in 1974, when it was still called the Industrial Development Bank, to become the sixth female Credit Officer in all of Canada. In fact, so new was the Bank to the female Credit Officer role that its procedure manuals were still addressed to the male gender only.

Shortly after joining the Bank and learning of its very supportive programs, I enrolled with the Canadian General Accountants Association of Ontario (CGA now CPA) to continue my studies in accounting. I completed the program in 1981, and by then had given birth to my third child.

Over the years I worked in various positions in several branches in Ontario, learning both the financial and consulting sides of the business. I also spent some time in as Regional Manager Administration.

The Bank was always an exciting place to work as there was a constant evolution of approaches and ideas to meet the changing needs of the marketplace. Every day brought a new opportunity for learning as I met various clients and learned about their businesses. I also had the opportunity to participate on many task forces and committees as we found new ways to provide solutions.

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I particularly enjoyed the work we did with female entrepreneurs, helping them to become more effective at competing in the business world.

After 32 years I finished my career as Vice President and Area Manager in Mississauga. Over these years I was privileged to work with many wonderful people at all levels, who in one way or another helped to shape my career and enrich my experience.



After my retirement, my husband Greg and I decided to move close to a small community just north of Peterborough, Ontario called Buckhorn. Our aim was twofold – to move away from the big city and to position ourselves within reasonable travelling distance from our children who live in communities stretching from Ottawa to Toronto and Orangeville.

In addition to enjoying our family life with our six children and twelve grandchildren, we love to travel, garden, play golf, volunteer and spend our winters in the sunny Caribbean. This is a photo of Pat and Greg on the south coast of Tobago (Atlantic side) – both were born in Trinidad and Tobago.

As the position of Director, Eastern Ontario has been vacant for some time, we may have lost the opportunity to connect with some of our former colleagues in this area. With the help of my fellow pensioners and Board members, I am looking forward to reconnecting with some of those that we have lost touch with over the years.

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#### **Jacquelyn “Lynn” Seritt, Director BC Interior**

Following an interesting career with IDB/FBDB/BDC, I began a second career as General Manager of a rather large RV Resort and Manufactured Housing Community in Arizona.

Commencing employment in 1969 at the Regional Office in downtown Vancouver, I rose through the ranks from temporary receptionist, to clerk-typist, to Branch Secretary at the New Westminster Branch, which at the time was considered a training branch, so I interacted with many of the new hires who eventually went on to other branches. I transferred to Kelowna Branch where I became involved with Management Services, being Assistant to John Whelan. Following a stint as Credit Officer, I ended up back with Management Services in various capacities at various branches - Prince George, Cranbrook and Kamloops ending up as Manager of Business Development and Training. Hard to capsulize almost 30 years' experience in this manner. I feel that I grew up with the Bank (and so did my family ... my boys accompanied me on many out of town trade fairs, erecting the booth and hauling in boxes of supplies ... couldn't have done it without them). I gained a wealth of knowledge along the way which well prepared me for the next stage of my working life.



While enjoying life as a retiree, we became interested in the Resort where we were staying and ultimately ended up as General Managers (my husband, Jerry and I) looking after over 300 acres, 75 plus staff, two restaurants, a championship golf course and a multimillion dollar development encompassing a new front entry, huge ballroom, a complete renovation of the pool area which included a fitness center and major landscape additions/changes. And then there was the addition of a new elite manufactured housing component of the community. Of course, there were lots of administrative factors to introduce and revamp .... all in all, a very complex and interesting assignment.

After 15 years in this capacity, we finally retired for good and are now enjoying retirement once again.

We sold our home in Arizona, moved back to BC and began renovations on our summer place to accommodate the combination of both households .... hopefully we will have a chance to slow down and smell the roses when this is all done. Currently we are preparing for our annual hunting trip.

As a volunteer for BDC Pensioners Association as a Director for the Interior, I am looking forward to rekindling old friendships and meeting others whom I have not worked with in the past.

**Editor's Note:** Lynn and Jerry managed the Pueblo El Mirage RV & Golf Resort just west of Phoenix, between Sun City and Surprise. Brian and I stayed there for a month in 2005 and returned in 2006. We were among many members of the BDC Pensioners' Association who stayed there over the years when Lynn and Jerry managed this delightful place. Don and Wendy McCulloch, Ted Murray, Sonja Walker, Sharon and Bruce Coventry, and Herb Thiessen, among others all stayed at El Mirage.

### **Gary Franzmann – Director Prairies – Manitoba**

Gary joined FBDB in 1977 as a Credit Officer in Winnipeg. Interestingly enough, John Melymick, from whom he has taken over as Director, did the hiring.

In 1979 he was transferred to Regina as Senior Credit Officer and then appointed Assistant Manager there in 1980. In 1984 he became the Project Development Manager in Regina Branch and in 1988 was transferred to Winnipeg as District Manager, Management Services. In 1990 he returned to financial services in Winnipeg as Senior Manager, Loans, where he remained until his retirement from BDC in 2001.

After 4 years as a loans auditor for the Manitoba Credit Unions Gary returned to BDC Winnipeg in 2005 on a contract basis as a Loans Manager. He enjoyed another 4 ½ great years with the Bank and retired for the final time in 2010.

He said, "I felt that the Bank was a very rewarding and interesting place to work. I especially enjoyed the

staff spirit and learning the business operations of so many clients."



In retirement Gary has found many enjoyable activities. Naturally, this includes much time with his son's family (3 grandchildren), birding – you may recall his article about this in a previous issue of LINK - volunteering at the Fort Whyte Centre (a 650-acre nature preserve)

and at Lower Fort Garry (a National Heritage Site near Winnipeg). Sporting activities include golf, curling and slo-pitch. The winter months, January through March, are spent in Arizona.

Gary is looking forward to making a contribution to the Pensioners Association as the Manitoba Director.

## New FAQs

From time to time we have addressed certain questions that our members have asked. Some continue to be raised and so we revisit them from time to time.

Here are some that have been asked since the last edition of LINK.

### **Vested Funds**

A Director was contacted by a former employee of the Bank about his vested funds. He retired in 1988 and withdrew all of his pension funds except the portion that was vested by virtue of government regulations. He attempted to contact HR and Mercer (*Morneau Shepell Inc. acquired the Canadian pension administration practice of Mercer Canada in 2012*) by telephone and left messages concerning the issue to no avail, and no one returned his call.

When placing the calls, he was requested to give his PIN number and unfortunately he has no record of his number. He was about to turn 65 and wanted to access his pension. He had moved several times and the Bank did not have his current address.

*Answer: He would need to contact Morneau Shepell at [1-877-232-4774](tel:1-877-232-4774) (HR information line) and follow the instructions in regards to his pension if he did leave the money in the Pension Plan.*

*They will ask him for his former employee number but they should be able to ask for other information that could properly identify him.*

*If he sends an email to Gina English at HO HR, she can search for his employee number in the HR database.*

### **I retired in 2013 and have no insurance benefits. Why is that?**

2013 was well after the Bank started to offer employees choices in benefits. Up until the 2000s, there were no choices and people had to have life insurance, medical and dental insurance, and so on without having a choice.

Always the “rule” was you continued with the benefits you retired with. In other words, whatever benefits were in place for you personally at the date of your retirement, those were the benefits you kept throughout retirement unless you took deferred

retirement, in which case you had no benefits, or dropped all benefits at retirement.

People who retired in say 1980 had different benefits than those who retired in 2000. This is very true for those who retired after there was a choice in selecting benefits such as yourself. If you did not have these benefits while you were an employee, you could not have them when retired.

### **I retired in the mid 1980s and moved outside Canada. I don't know if my benefits have changed. Why am I not covered for travel insurance?**

What you have to rely on is the annual statement of benefits that you receive in about December of each year. Those are your personal coverages.

The "travel insurance" you refer to is a **health benefits while outside your Province** card and in order to qualify you must have valid Provincial Health Insurance. For example – if I lived in Ontario and I went to Quebec and got ill, my Health Insurance is not valid there so this picks up the slack. If I went to Hawaii, the cost of a hospital visit is greater than the cost in Ontario and my Provincial Health care only pays Ontario rates, so the benefits pick up the difference. Of course it is good anywhere in the world but only if I have provincial coverage which the insurance can claim against for the relevant fees.

*If you have questions or first-hand experiences that may be of general interest to our members, please provide them to Pat Massier or your Regional Director.*

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### **Paying for Health Care Costs**

The Centre for Health Economics & Policy Analysis completed a study of private health insurance in Canada in 2007 and found that 70% of costs of health care were covered by Provincial Plans and 30% from other sources. These sources were out of pocket 48.2%, insurance 41.3%, and other (donations, etc.) 10.5%.

They also found that only 26% of Canadians over the age of 65 had coverage from an employer's benefit plan.

## Passings

We provide details on the passing of our members when information has been given to us. Our Secretary sends out an email advising of passings in a more timely manner. If you wish to receive notification, provide your email address to Réal Leahey at [real.leahey@sympatico.ca](mailto:real.leahey@sympatico.ca). Blind c.c. is used so your email address will not appear to other recipients. With the new format of the web site, passings will be uploaded on a regular basis and so you may check there from time-to-time.

**Yolande Taupier** passed away April 5 2016 in Magog, (Quebec)

**Ken Thomas** passed away April 22 2016 in Woody Point (Newfoundland)

**Anne Elizabeth Crawford** - After a courageous battle, Anne passed away peacefully with family by her side on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Joseph's Hospice at the age of 63. Survived by her loving husband John F. Parnell, her children Jay (Kate), Mara (Hugh), and Eryn (Ernie). She was the proud grandma to Violet, Zepherin, Bonnie, and Declan. She is survived by her father Maurice Crawford (Ann Crawford), her siblings Margaret (Michael), Mary (Stan), David (Kathy), Cathy (Jerome), John (Lorene) and Andrew (Cindy), as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Anne was predeceased by her mother Dorothy Jean Crawford in 1970. She will be sadly missed by her many friends, colleagues and family, including the ladies of LLFH. Anne was a graduate of the University of Toronto (BA) and UWO Law School (LL.B.). She began her practice in Hamilton ON, moving to London ON in 1990.

**Beverly Lasuita** After a long and bravely fought battle with cancer, Beverly passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 7, 2016. Bev was born in 1957 in Saskatoon, SK. She is survived by her husband Len of 33 years, her two loving children, Mark (Karen) and Nicole, her parents Joe and Emily Shuya and her brother Terry. She is also survived by several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, 9 nieces and nephews and 14 great-nieces and nephews.

**Robert Ritchie** passed away in Pierrefonds, Québec May 8 2016

**Margaret Ann Baker**, a surviving Spouse Member passed away on May 11 2016. She was from North Vancouver

**Pierrette Leduc**, a surviving spouse (René Leduc) passed away on May 29 2016. She was living in Ville Lasalle, Quebec

**Charles F. Blancher** passed away on June 1 2016. Charles, a pensioner, was living in London, Ontario

**Kurt P. Carlsen** a retiree member passed away on June 11 2016. Kurt was from Nanaimo, British Columbia

**David Howard Faloon**, 68, of Kentville, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Valley Regional Hospital. Born in Saint John, NB, he was the son of Harold and Marie Faloon. He is survived by his wife, Jane Lessel; his children, Kim, Rob and Deborah; his seven grandchildren and one great grandchild; his brother, R. Gary Faloon. He graduated from St. Mary's University. Over the years, Dave enjoyed travelling, sailing and curling. Following his retirement from the FBDB, Dave and Jane enjoyed their time at their cottage near Digby, especially exploring with the grandchildren. Dave always took great pleasure in their many bird feeders at both the cottage and their home in Kentville. He always enjoyed a walk at Miner's Marsh. He was a Valley enthusiast and an avid supporter of local produce, meats and cheese.

**Isabella "Isla" Mackie** - Peacefully at Victoria Hospital on Friday, July 1st, 2016, Isabella "Isla" Mackie, of London, at the age of 82. Beloved wife of Alec Mackie for 60 years. Loving mother of George (Pam) and Jim (Ann). Cherished by her grandchildren Carly (Jeff) and Greta.

**Johann Hotter** passed away on July 19 2016. Johann, a Surviving Spouse was from Richmond, BC

**Glen Murray** passed away on August 15 2016. Glen was a pensioner living in Calgary, Alberta

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