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March Breakfast Meeting



JIM SHERB

It is good to know we have a Canadian national organization looking out for those of us who travel and partially reside in the USA. We all now have a very clear picture of the mandate of the 'Canadian Snowbird Association' - they truly monitor all aspects that are in our interest.

The organization was formed in 1992 - and it is described as a 'national not-for-profit advocacy organization dedicated to actively defending and improving the rights and privileges of Canadian Travelers'. They accomplish this by lobbying governments on matters such as health insurance and border crossing.

Jim, a Vice President of the organization, encouraged questions from those attending covering many facets of concern. An example is the often discussed IRS

Form 8840 - Closer Connection - and the very complicated way your presence in the USA is calculated - don't use 183 days!

He wasn't too pleased with the 'Nexus Card' - but there are many Canadians that think that it is a great help. He also explained what is meant by primary screening and secondary screening when crossing the border. Make sure that your airline ticket uses the same name as your passport, i. e. no nick-names.

The border guards share information, know a lot more about you than you want, and even do background checks; so no "white lies", but never say you're coming to work on your vacation home (your Work Permit please?).

As with all our speakers, a lot more good information than can be reported here. A very worthwhile session - we will have Jim back sometime in the future.

Events & Breakfast Speakers

Who would you like to see as a breakfast speaker? Please take a few minutes to let us know. Would you like us to bring back a person that was a previous speaker? Is there a special activity or club tour that should be considered, for example, the San Andre

as Fault or another Polo Tailgate Party! Express your thoughts by mail, telephone or email or when you see any of us (the directors).

Calendar of Events

Friday, January 13, 2012
BREAKFAST MEETING,
Speaker: TBA

January, 2012 - Tentative Event
Joint Dinner Meeting
World Affairs Council

Friday, February 10, 2012
BREAKFAST MEETING,
Speaker: TBA

Monday, February 20, 2012
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Palm Valley Country Club

Friday, March 9, 2012
BREAKFAST MEETING,
Speaker: TBA

Third week, March 21, 2012
WIND-UP DINNER

Breakfast Meetings are held at 7:45 am, at Desert Falls Country Club, Country Club near Cook St., Palm Desert.

Breakfast Reservations: 341-3367 or 322-9207 Members \$15 US, Non-Members \$20 US Cash or Cheque drawn on a U.S. account only.

Palm Springs Air Museum RCAF Day



It was an exciting day for those that attended RCAF day at the Museum - it was the encouragement of George O'Leary, a high profile Vancouver executive who acts as a 'volunteer' for the Museum that brought the special day to the attention of our members.

For certain, anyone that goes to the museum comes away quite excited about the exhibits - just imagine seeing 63 vintage aircraft from the early 1940's - all of which still fly!

It was certainly unfortunate that the flight exhibition of three 'Spitfires' could not be held because of weather conditions.

The evening reception was enjoyed by all that attended - Lieutenant Colonel Steve Sarty of the Canadian Forces gave a remarkable outline of how the Canadian and the USA air forces unified in the early 1940's - one of the more notable achievements was the building of the Alaska Highway.

Consul General of Canada, David Fransen read the report of Lieutenant-General J. M Duval, Deputy Commander of North American

Aerospace Defense Command who unfortunately could not be present .

The evening concluded with the showing of a 1941 award winning movie entitled 'Churchill's Island' - a remarkable movie of 1939 - 1943 - a memorable summary of the early years of the war. A great day!

Planning For Next Year



David Anderson

It is surprising how quickly each year passes - your Board of directors have already prepared a template for the 2012 season - you will find the dates of most of the functions elsewhere in this bulletin.

The Calendar in this Newsletter mentions a special evening World Affairs Council dinner next January - we now know that the topic will be 'Energy and Arctic Sovereignty' - and the speaker is planned to be David Fransen - Consul General of Canada.

Also in this bulletin you will find the names of two new directors. Each year sees some changes and it is always with a degree of regret that some must leave the Board.

We do want to thank Jay Sanderson for his contribution in several of the previous years as well as Doug Baldwin, Stan Davison and Ed Moul, who will not continue as directors as they are planning on being away for the next winter season, for their efforts over a number of years.

Reagan Library



Berlin Wall



Air Force One

Ask anyone that went on the tour to see the Reagan Library, located north of Los Angeles, and they will strongly commend the attraction - very worthwhile even if it did take two hours each way.

It is called a library, but maybe it should be classified as a museum.

Where else can you go and see sections of the Berlin Wall - and also one can actually go on board Air Force One --really it was a travelling Whitehouse. What a great item to preserve forever, a truly incredible legacy.

As for the library by itself - one day doesn't allow a person to see everything that is of interest - an impressive facility - a must see in the near future.

Windup Dinner



Another great season has come to an end. Tuesday, March 22, 2011 was a brilliant sun shining day – but a day that the temperatures did not cooperate – it was a little chilly on the patio of Desert Willow. The view of the two golf courses was magnificent.



After cocktails, dinner and desert we were entertained by two young, very capable artists, Angeline singing extracts from opera and Kevin concentrating on the blues.



Angeline Petronijevic and Kevin Francis

What an excellent way of concluding the season!

New Directors

We have been advised that certain directors will not be continuing as such for the next winter season. For that reason we have added two well qualified persons to the Board now rather than later.



Bill Clarke

Although born in Toronto - Bill really regards himself as from Vancouver, successfully becoming a Chartered Accountant with the firm of Price Waterhouse. Very shortly thereafter he and his

brother managed a number of what they called small businesses.

For nearly twelve years he was the Progressive-Conservative Member of Parliament representing Vancouver Quadra. He was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Bill has had his home in The Lakes Country Club for the past thirteen years and was on the Board of Directors of the Club for three of those years.



'CJ' Morris

Carmen Morris - more commonly known as 'CJ' - is a four year resident of Palm Desert, having lived the previous 50 years in Calgary, while there actively serving as the Chief Financial Officer of a number of private, public and not-for-profit organizations.

In Palm Desert he is a real estate agent and his wife is a school teacher. Two of their children are married and live in Calgary and one of them is in his final year at UC- San Diego. He is a very active person that enjoys golf, tennis, running and hiking - his contribution is to bring more Canadians into the Canadian Club of the Desert and to help organize next year's golf tournament.

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