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VIDEO – THIS COP’S “GUN”

Sergeant Toby Hinton – beat cop, producer/director, judo instructor, lecturer and co-founder of Odd Squad Productions (OSP) will be speaker at the first meeting of the new year on Tuesday 2 January.

His work on the Vancouver Police Department’s (VPD) Drug Education and Enforcement Team as well as leadership in “The Odd Squad Productions”, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to drug education for youth, have earned him numerous awards and kudos.

These include: the *Order of Merit for Policing in Canada* (only 44 awarded across the country), three *Lieutenant Governor Awards*, the BC Attorney General’s *Community Crime*

Prevention Award, as well as a number of *Commendations* from senior officers within the VPD.

In 2011, Toby was nominated for *Policeman of the Year Award* at the International Association of Chiefs of Police an-

nual conference in Chicago. Receiving an Honorable Mention, he was the first nominee from outside the USA.

Toby often uses his off-duty time to deliver presentations to schools and communities around BC, the Yukon and, recently, in the NWT in cooperation with the RCMP. These presentations use the reality videos produced by OSP (more overleaf), to deliver the message.

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Toby speak about the Odd Squad drug education and policing in Vancouver’s Down Town East Side (DTES)

Wednesday Jan. 2nd
9:30-am



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Probus Christmas Dinner & Dance, was most definitely the social event of the year!

Delicious foods for us to savour, lovely decorations to delight our eyes, appropriate music to get us moving, and most importantly good people to share in the Christmas spirit.

A very sincere and heartfelt thank you to Bernie and his lovely ladies for providing their skills and talents and time that made this party such a success.

Now the new year approaches and we have our meeting on the earliest date possible - January 2nd.

It is so close to New Year's Day that you may forget so mark it on your calendar: so use a post-it note on your mirror; or tie string to your toothbrush; but do whatever it takes to be part of the first meeting of 2013.

Happy New Year to all the North West Bay Probus Members.



Sharon Seibt
President, 2012-2013

ODD SQUAD DON'T MISS A BEAT REALITY IN DRUG EDUCATION



There's a relatively quiet group of men and women on the Vancouver Police Force who, not only walk their beat but spend time behind and in front of the camera. The Odd Squad Productions (OSP) make award winning videos that help kids, parents and professionals across North America understand the way of the streets - in particular those of Vancouver



ver Down Town East Side. These videos wrench at your heart and leave you with a greater understanding of the widespread effect of drug abuse. The stark and often disturbing images and interviews with those who live (and often die) in the back streets and alleys that most of us try to avoid makes it clear that they are people—just like us. They have, simply put, at some point in their young lives made the wrong decision and followed a downward path.

These are the messages that Toby and his colleagues give to teens about drug abuse and addiction—using the words of the addicts and dealers themselves. Not only does video bring home the message more meaningfully than any talking head at a podium could—it also provides a platform for addicts to talk directly to the kids. Toby has stated that the squad easily finds willing

participants for the videos in the streets of the East Side. Most who are there want to warn their contemporaries away from their own life of misery.

Go to the OSP website to see such videos as Tears for April, the story of a 17 year old whose short life on the street is told by a beat cop who first warned her of the dangers of the street and, ultimately, found her dead on Christmas Day.

Come on Wednesday to meet Toby and learn much more about the Odd Squad.



RestArt—a program that gives new meaning to the term **graffiti**. The Odd Squad's restorative justice art program provides young street artists with an alternative outlet for their talents. In doing so, this new program has already seen youths deterred from re-entering illegal graffiti subculture.



Student participants in OSP's **On Track** workshop program talk to people on the street.

F.R.O.G.S. SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER



much appreciated work over the past two years (a new team takes over in 2013).



Mr. and Mrs. Claus welcomed members at the door, a Christmas tree walked around on two legs, and wonderfully harmonious FROGS sang cheerfully inside.

Just another NW Bay Probus meeting? No—it was the annual Christmas party on December 5th which excelled in great hospitality and good cheer thanks to all of those involved in its planning.

The ladies of the Hospitality Committee could not have given us more inviting-looking and delicious goodies. A fitting finale for all of their



Bob Popples Introduction to The F.R.O.G.S.

When these **Four Rather Outstanding Gentlemen Songsters** decided to get together to croak out some tunes, they knew they were no longer Tadpoles...

So they tried to **Find Rational Old Gems to Sing.**

They **Fussed Ridiculously Over Great Songs**

They finally **Found Relatively Obscure Good Shanties**

They even looked for **Funky Red & Orange Golf Shirts** with matching **Fashionable Rust and Ochre Garish Socks** complimented by **Fabulously Rose-coloured Ordinary Green Shoes**, but.... to no avail.

So they came to the conclusion that Lead Ray Bertram, Bass Ron Dodd, Baritone Mike Gibbs and Tenor Mac Dallman were simply:-

Four Really Old Guys Singing!!



CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE—2012



From the minute you walked into the Fairwinds Golf Club and were welcomed by Social Chair, Bernie Podlubny and his wife, Claudette Biron (above); until you walked down the stairs after a delicious supper and enjoyable entertainment—good cheer followed you throughout.

The social committee elves worked their magic and the evening was a great success.

Dubbed Bernie's "harem", the

retiring committee will be a hard act to follow.

This year's party, the largest turnout yet, gave attendees the perfect balance of delicious food, warm ambience, great music (from Bill Cave and his band) and even a quiz to ensure humorous

interaction at the tables.

Door prizes were won by the following attendees:

St. Jean's Gift boxes:
Don Dempson & Harry Reed

Fairwinds Dinner Certificate:
Ron Macluskie

Mahle House Dinner Certificate:
Ernie Tesluck

Crown Isle Certificate:
Maria Sanson

Many thanks to sponsors for their generosity as well as to Bernie and his "harem" for a wonderful evening.



"There is an old song: *'You Light Up My Life'*".

Well folks, you DO light up my life. We light up each other's lives with gentle warmth.

Yes, Probus is a social club, but it is in the manner of the true meaning of being social, through fellowship and caring.

Yes, every year there is darkness and even evil in the world.

But whether we light a tree in our yard, a menorah in our home, or a candle in our church, we bring light and love to each other's lives.

So Happy Christmas to us all!"

*Sharon Seibt
Xmas Dinner, 2012*

2013 MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to bring your *Renewal Form* (and cheque) to the *January 2nd* Meeting

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* How did Don Dempson do it all by himself? He's amazing!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 6, 9:30am
DODGING THE 3 Ds—UNDERSTANDING DELIRIUM
Lori Adam, Vancouver Island Health Authority

MARCH 6, 9:30am
InvestRight—BE FRAUD AWARE
David Salzano, BC Securities Commission

TBD - St. Patrick's Day Event (watch for more info)

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE 14 DECEMBER 2012



Yummy Food



Quiz Time



Great Danc'n Music

