



## 2018-2019 President's Report - Rod Day

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We mourn the death of **Michael Barnes**, our vice-president and board member. He was devoted to his family and to the community and was a distinguished architect, involved in numerous projects in West Vancouver, notably the Library.

We have had a busy and productive year. We are very pleased with the success of our book, *Dreamers & Designers*, by **Francis Mansbridge** and **John Moir**, published by Harbour Press. It is selling well in local shops, and several are close to being sold out. The book has very good reviews. The book is the third in a series of excellent books put out by the society: *Cottages to Community*, *Arrivals and Departures*, *Dreamers & Designers*.

**Dave Barker** is retiring from the Board, of which he has been a member for 21 years. He is a past president and has published our excellent newsletter "Memories", for the past nine years. He has also been closely involved in the publication of all of our books. He comes from a pioneering West Vancouver family and has a long record of public service as a teacher and citizen of West Vancouver. We will miss him on the Board, but we are happy that he will continue to be a member of our society and, as always, a valued contributor.

**Laura Anderson** continues to organize Local Voices and brings in excellent speakers for the sessions, held very few months.

In 2018, we awarded grants to the WV Art Museum for the Fulker/Pullan Archival Project (\$2500), and the WV Library and Archives for the digitization of WV Newspaper, 1926-1933 (\$3800).

We wish to call your attention to our new website. **Gail McBride** and **Laura Anderson** have worked very hard to set it up, and Gail maintains and updates the site. Gail also led the development of a new logo for WVHS and we look forward to the launch of that. Gail has also been instrumental in the formulation of a new 3-year Strategic Plan for our society. It is posted on the website, and we encourage you to visit the site and read the Plan. We welcome any suggestions or additions you might have.

We publish four newsletters a year and have four general member meetings with speakers. **Mayor Mary Ann Booth** will be speaking to our annual meeting May 15. She follows several distinguished speakers: **Michael Kluckner** in March 2019, and **Isaac Vanderhorst** in November 2018.

We continue to search for new Board members to replace Michael Barnes and Dave Barker, and also to help with membership. We welcome any volunteers interested in joining our Board.

Our society continues to do well. We have close to 200 members and have good attendance at our general meetings and a great turnout for our barbeque in September. We thank you for your support and your contributions to our society.

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