

Subject: Nov 11 - 13 Update (partial) :-)
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lack of time but no lack of computer problems. Still.
WVM22 ought to have come out a week ago; still hope for this weekend.
Catch up: Nov 9 a great day with an overflow crowd for the ACM at the Srs' Ctr -- most in attendance to date. Then that evening a really interesting, amusing, and enjoyable evening send-off for Pam.
Remembrance suitably honoured Nov 11 at the Library and at the Legion.

Herewith, a couple of updates re candidates and candidate info; WVYB thoughts on Remembrance/Europe; Qtns/Puns

Saturday Nov 12 -- MEET & GREET -- all the candidates at Park Royal North from noon to 2:30pm

Recently I sent out when to watch Shaw to see candidates' speeches. And then it didn't happen! Well, I wrote to Shaw and here's the updated info:

Due to a technical issue on our part, your platform speech did not air on Sunday, November 6 at 7:15pm in which we had previously scheduled on Shaw TV. To help rectify this situation and get your message out to the public, we have uploaded your speech to you tube at: <http://www.youtube.com/whistlershaw#p/u/2/tITYfW6mBa4>

Please feel free to share the link.

In addition to your next scheduled airing on **Sunday, November 13th at 9:30pm**, we will be re airing your platform speech on **November 17th at 7:00pm**.

We apologize greatly for any disruption this may have caused you and we wish you the best of luck in your campaign.

Still hope to get WVM22 out soon.

Id invited all the candidates to give me 100 words for WVM for readers to get a peek. Here's what I have so far; WVM 22 will have more information if received.

==== ELECTIONWATCH -- Municipal ====

Congratulations and best wishes to Cclr Smith elected MAYOR by acclamation:

Information on Candidates for Councillor

Mary-Ann BOOTH -- 926-2257 * ma@maryannbooth.co * www.maryannbooth.com

Mary-Ann spent much of her professional career as a business lawyer. Six years ago, she made the decision to seek election as a school trustee. Following re-election in 2008, she became Board Chair.

Today public education is thriving under Mary-Ann's leadership. Mary-Ann is a long time resident and proud of our history and optimistic about our future. She envisions a more livable and more vibrant community, yet remains confident that improvements can be achieved in a way that is fiscally responsible. People who know Mary-Ann describe her as a collaborative, thoughtful leader who will

work tirelessly to improve our community.

Craig CAMERON --

After spending my childhood here, my wife and I chose to return to raise our family. We will live here for years to come. I take the long view. I'm running for Council to ensure the community remains healthy, vibrant, and livable for my children's children.

I am a practising lawyer skilled in mediation and negotiation, with experience in business, government, and non-profits. I bring a distinct and valuable perspective to Council.

I am active in the community, understand the challenges, and will work constructively on Council with Mayor Smith in the interests of all West Vancouver residents.

Michael EVISON --

Michael and his wife Gillian have lived in West Vancouver for over forty years. His professional background is finance, more recently landscape consulting. Michael has been a councillor since 2008, is co-chair of the Finance Committee, and represents Council on many boards including the NSH Family Court/Youth Justice Committee and the NSH Emergency Management Office. Michael is committed to a revitalised Ambleside through development of the 1300 block, ways to achieve more affordable housing for seniors and young families, a passion for enhanced arts, and a strong will to maintain our unique quality of life while preserving our natural landscape.

Nora GAMBOLI -- 913 8823 * info@noragamboli.com * www.noragamboli.com

I am a fourth-generation West Vancouverite, and served on different WV committees/working groups for 25 years. I offer experience and skills as a teacher, lawyer, and executive director; and spent many years managing budgets and public funds for non-profit organisations. I will work to: maximize value and services for our tax dollar; ensure thoughtful development of land and infrastructure; protect, restore, and defend our natural environment; encourage a strong sense of "community" for all residents. I'm an open-minded listener, and an enthusiastic professional who will effectively work with the community and staff to find creative, and frugal, solutions.

Gregg HENDERSON -- Website: <http://www.gregghenderson.ca/>

David JONES -- Website: <http://www.electdavidjones.ca/agenda.htm>

Michael LEWIS -- 604 315 4485 * michael.lewis@telus.net * www.electlewis.wordpress.com

Three years ago I was honoured to be first elected to serve the citizens of West Vancouver.

If re-elected I will continue to advocate to: Restore fiscal and operational discipline to District government; Maintain or enhance municipal services while respecting residents' finite ability to pay; Preserve the character and integrity of our unique neighbourhoods; Ensure West Vancouver's interests, especially in land-use planning and transportation, are protected by all levels of government and; Be vigilant to abuses of our political process.

I encourage residents of West Vancouver to visit www.electlewis.wordpress.com or contact me directly at 604 315 4485 if any questions.

Max NIKPAY -- <http://members.shaw.ca/maxnikpay/>

Trish PANZ -- <http://www.trishpanz.com/about>

Carolanne REYNOLDS -- 922 4400 * cr@carolanne.ca * www.carolanne.org

Carolanne has devoted her time since 1988 to WV. As the first heritage councillor she moved designation for the Gertrude Lawson House, alas now threatened.

She advocated zero-based budgeting (still waiting!). Carolanne lobbied for nine months to get the Correspondence returned to agendas, and 20 years to get a policy for residents to share in the value of upzoning. She helped establish Working Groups: never closed and citizens can attend and speak. The OCP must be reviewed wrt housing.

As WVM editor, Carolanne reports on DWV, urging openness, resident involvement, and accountability. Please help her make these a reality. +1 With your help these can be a reality

Bill SOPROVICH -- 925 6881 -- Please call me!

Vivian VAUGHAN -- 922 2614 * vvaughan@telus.net

This election is very important. We have one, very last chance to get it right and avoid making a 100-year mistake! That's how long the effects of major building decisions last. The Ambleside

revitalisation program should serve public purposes, by improving village parking and shopping while keeping a sense of heritage. When revitalisation is misused, to bail out failed municipal finances, through big deals with big developers for massive highrise buildings, out of scale with the village and blocking sea views, the 100-year mistake will happen. And there will be no going back.

WHAT IT MEANS TO US

by Carsten Chalk, member, West Vancouver Youth Band

“In Flanders Fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row”, and where we, the West Vancouver Youth Band, stood; John McRae’s famous poem was true. Standing not five feet from where In Flanders Fields was written, the musicians of the WVYB saw not even a fraction of the thousands of white crosses that dot the countryside of France, Belgium, and the Netherlands where a portion of the Allied Forces lie buried.

The 2011 Europe Tour took student musicians who are enrolled in the WVYB from across the Lower Mainland to Europe on an historical journey last July. Standing on the Canadian war memorial of Vimy Ridge we read the thousands of names inscribed around it; some of us looked for the names of our forefathers and those who found none or had none still felt the impact of the thousands of names – names that were everyday and common, names that were just like ours – and we felt the sacrifice and meaning of Vimy Ridge. “I found forty-plus Robertsons,” Ben Robertson said as we left Vimy Ridge.

We stood on the steps of that monument and performed; we performed where we will most likely never get a chance to perform again, never again to play O Canada at Vimy Ridge. We looked across the war-torn battlefield of Vimy Ridge where Canadian blood was spilled and victory was achieved. We stood on Canadian soil, gifted to us by the French for our forefathers’ courage and sacrifice, and we remembered.

We marched at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium where we were part of an evening ceremony that has taken place every day since the unveiling of the gate in 1927. We stood with over a thousand people beneath that monument, surrounded by the names of 56,000 soldiers whose bodies were never found or identified. We came together with the townspeople in their remembrance as we laid a wreath for the past and heard the Last Post played. We perform the Last Post and remember the sacrifice of the World Wars on Remembrance Day each year but at the Menin Gate they remember every night and we were part of their remembering.

Performing at these monuments uplifted our spirits but at Passchendaele standing amidst thousands of white crosses, row on row, we were hit by the stark truth of the carnage of the World Wars. “Standing there, looking out across those thousands of crosses impacted us, especially when we went to Passchendaele. We’d been taught the numbers in school and what happened there but now we’ve seen it and it really put it into perspective,” Taro Margolis, a bassist in the WV Symphonic Band, said while reflecting back on the tour. Sitting throughout the crosses we heard some of their stories of anguish and pain. In school we’d heard recounts of the battle but sitting at Passchendaele, surrounded by the dead gave us newfound meaning and when we left we took back a deeper comprehension of Remembrance Day.

Walking, marching, and performing through towns, graveyards and monuments our eyes were opened by our once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The townspeople thanked us for acts we weren’t even part of – they thanked us for the sacrifice of our forefathers, they thanked us for representing Canada, they thanked us for the past, and we will remember what this means to us.

{thanks to Gene Ramsbottom who forwarded this to me for WVM}

QUOTATION and PUNS

Why is it that the most important stuff to listen to is almost always the stuff we don't want to hear?
-- Mardy Grothe

The older one gets, the more one feels that the present moment must be enjoyed, comparable to a state of grace.

-- Marie Curie

You are my friend when you can guard my failure, challenge my thought and celebrate my success.
-- Unknown

I'm just off to see my shrink - hope to be back shortly!

Mathematicians are sum worshippers.

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