



The 4th Dimension

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You are cordially invited to a special party to honor Robbie Burns. Join us for a special Scottish celebration at the **The Arbutus Queens Room in the Cadboro Commons on Thursday, January 27, 2005!** This evening will be filled with four exciting events: our traditional annual **Robbie Burns** celebration, and a visit from **Dennis McJunkin, P.Eng**, APEGBC President and **Anne Garrett, P.Eng.**, APEGBC Executive Director.

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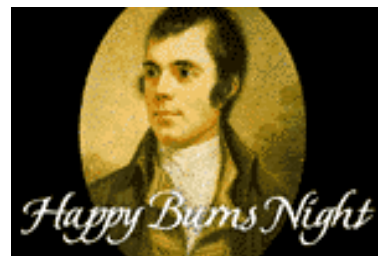
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Dress up for Robbie Burns Night!

Come to the celebration in style — Kilts, plaid shirts, bagpipes are welcome — to honor the celebrated Scottish poet and songwriter, Robbie Burns. This evening is a special occasion, complete with the piping in of steaming haggis (a pudding of sheep organs, oatmeal and savory spices), addressing it with the reading of the poet's brash Ode to a Haggis, and additional poetry reading with audience participation.



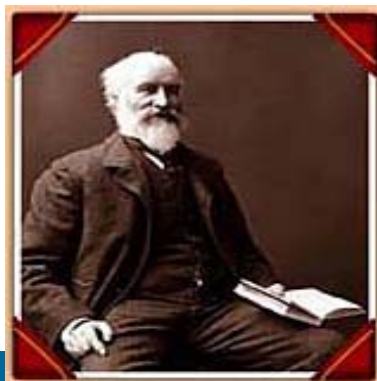
Meet Dennis McJunkin, P.Eng, APEGBC President



Dennis McJunkin, P.Eng was inducted as APEGBC President for 2004/2005 last Fall during the Annual Conference in Whistler. Join Mr. McJunkin for dinner and learn of APEGBC's focus for 2005.

Link to <http://www.apeg.bc.ca/news/viewpoint.html> to learn more about Mr. McJunkin's viewpoint. [Photo and Text Source: <http://www.apeg.bc.ca/news/prez-profile.html>]

This Month's Speaker Bio: Sir Sanford Fleming



[Photo from: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/2/6/h6-212-e.html>]

We are very pleased on the occasion of Robbie Burns' Night to present a very special guest speaker, **Sir Sanford Fleming**. Sir Sanford, one of Scottish Canada's finest sons, and a man considered "The Engineers' Engineer", will be making his first public appearance in over 90 years.

As background, it is worthwhile to note that the 19th Century was the Age of Steam, an era when technical innovators like Sandford Fleming transformed the face of the industrial world and took on the stature of national heroes. Please join us, as we capture the energy and spirit of the dynamic Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who surveyed the first rail route across Canada, designed our first postage stamp, and successfully championed the Trans-Pacific telegraph cable. Fleming also achieved lasting international fame as the "Father of Standard Time."

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The Richard Talbot Memorial Fund by Tom McLean PEng CFP



Richard (Dick) Talbot believed strongly in the professionalism of Engineering, and was a strong supporter of the Victoria chapters of the EIC and the CSCE. He was also a mentor to many of our present members.

In recognition of his lifetime dedication to our association and other technical and community societies, in 1995 the APEGBC planned to present him with the Professional Service Award. Sadly, Dick died of cancer at the relatively young age of 64 that summer, just prior to the awards ceremony. The award was presented posthumously to his wife Chrissie.

The Victoria Branch has a [mandate](#) to honour Dick's contribution in perpetuity, by making an award available yearly to an appropriate University of Victoria Engineering student. We plan to make our third annual award of \$500 at our **February 24, 2005** dinner meeting.

On January 4th 2005 the Victoria Branch Executive discussed the need for the fund to be actively managed. The mandate was ratified with a list of potential issues as follows:

- Continuity of administration, including signatories, reporting, investment management, awarding;
- Fiduciary responsibility of future Executives to maintain long-term sustainability;
- Taxes – yearly and at possible dissolution;
- Costs to administer; and
- Benefits to administrator – no personal financial gain (just a lot of work)

The evolution to an actively-managed fund is ongoing, and will be reported to the Executive and summarized in **The 4th Dimension**.

Dinner Meeting Details

WHEN: **Thursday, January 27, 2005;** Social at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm; Presentations starts at 7:45 pm

WHERE: **Arbutus Queens room, Cadboro Commons**, University of Victoria
For directions and maps to the University of Victoria, link to <http://www.uvic.ca/maps/index.html>.
To find out where Cadboro Commons is on campus, link to <http://www.uvic.ca/buildings/ucl.html>
Parking is free of charge after 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day on Saturday.
Parking permits may be purchased during the day from vending machines located at most Campus entrances; also there are a limited number of metered spaces available in Lot 9, which is located adjacent to the Club.

COST: **General Admission \$25.00**, Students \$12.50, Presentation Only \$5.00

RVSP: Please register in advance via the telephone answering service at **721-8896 by TUESDAY, January 25**. Provide the names of those whom you are registering and your telephone number. If you cannot attend after registering, please call 884-7744 by NOON the day before the meeting and give notice of cancellation on the answering service. The branch pays for dinners for those who do not cancel. Friends, associates and partners are always welcome!

Math Challengers Competition

Mathcounts has changed it's name! Now known as Math Challengers, the Vancouver Island regional Tournament is scheduled for February 4, 2005 at Lambrick Park Secondary School. You can find more information at: <http://www.apeg.bc.ca/mathchallengers/index.htm> and http://www.apeg.bc.ca/mathchallengers/math_reg_info.htm. Jan Buermans is the math competitions representative for the APEG BC Victoria Branch. Dr. Sandra Taylor and Joshua Hayes will be helping out at Victoria events.

Meetings Around Town

ASHRAE, Vancouver Island Chapter

Please check the ASHRAE, Vancouver Island Chapter for upcoming meetings [www.ashrae.bc.ca/vi.htm]

Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS)

Meetings are normally held the third Friday of each month from September to May, excluding December. Please see the website for details: <http://www.cgs.ca/english/reg-div/vic-loc.html#news>

Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC), Vancouver Island Branch

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday February 4, at the Travelers Inn, 1961 Douglas. For more information, please link to: <http://civil.camusun.bc.ca/vib-eic/>

Institute of Transportation Engineers (CITE), Vancouver Island Section

The February meeting is in Victoria at Travelers Inn (Between Douglas and Blanshard on Discovery St), www.citebc.ca.

Upcoming Events

MathChallengers — Feb. 4, 2005
 MLA Hosting Night — Feb. 24, 2005
 National Engineering Week — Feb. 26-March 6, 2005

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