

UNTD – President’s Report 12 September 2017

1. Marie-Claire and I attended the excellent Dine the Wives and Partners Mess Dinner at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Another big BZ to Russ Cape for all the work he put into this very successful event; great conversation during the extended cocktail hour before supper and during the outstanding meal. The summer Newsletter already carried an interesting report and photos on the event. As noted the UNTDA did award a copy of *UNTiDy Tales* to the senior ROUPT in attendance Paul de Champlain (*TECUMSEH 70*). Another ROUPT, Dave Craig (*DISCOVERY 74*), former COMNAVRES was also in attendance and offered some remarks.

We then spent 4 more nights staying at the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom and visiting former haunts in and around Victoria, including Royal Roads – though there were no longer any rodents in attendance.

2. BZ also to Ross Connell who has led the way with migrating the UNTD Website to a new platform. By now all Board members have had a chance to peruse the alpha version. Under Ross’ leadership the ad hoc web committee (Ross, Bill Clearihue, Bill Thomas, Russ Cape and Roger) will continue to refine the site before it goes live to the universe – and beyond.

We owe a huge vote of thanks to Bill Thomas for his work over many years of initiating and maintaining the current site. It has been a positive factor in keeping UNTDs informed about the association.

3. Our UNTD network functions in many ways. D’Arcy McGee (*MALAHAT 61*) mentioned at one of our Vancouver area monthly lunches that he had not been able to find the 1st and 6th volumes of Churchill’s history of WW2. I found them at the White Rock Rotary club’s huge used book sale had both in excellent condition (hard cover) for \$2 each.
4. On 21 August, Brooke Campbell hosted a Vancouver wine and cheese, followed by dinner at a local Chinese restaurant, when Gwynne Dyer (*CABOT 59*) was in Vancouver for a visit. About 15 of us with our spouses made our way to the mountains of the West Vancouver – including Jim Boutilier (*SCOTIAN 56*) from Vancouver Island. So it was, like the UNTD, a coast-to-coast (and beyond) affair. Ken Affleck (*DISCOVERY 63*) of the Supreme Court of BC was also in attendance – in a social capacity.