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The ASM BC Chapter invites you to:

The Socio-Political Future of Engineers

Presented by:

Ralph Sultan, P.Eng., MLA

Please come and hear **Ralph Sultan** present his perspective on the socio-political future of Engineers.

Wednesday, March 17th, 2010

Where: Best Western Abercorn Inn
9260 Bridgeport Road
Richmond, British Columbia
Phone: 604-270-7576

When: No Host Bar: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Presentation: 7:30 p.m.

Cost (dinner): \$35 ASM Members & Non Members, \$25 for Students

Please RSVP by Monday Morning, March 15th 2010

RSVP to Wayne Brox wbrox@telus.net (those wishing vegetarian meal request, please advise)



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Biography:

Excerpt from Ralph's web page.

I came to politics later in life. I was born to a family of ten in East Vancouver; we painted houses for a living. After graduating from engineering at UBC, I married a young nurse from my neighbourhood. We saved our money for a couple of years before moving to Massachusetts where I attended Harvard University.

Fifteen years, three Harvard degrees, a professorship and four children later, we returned to Canada. The Royal Bank of Canada appointed me their Chief Economist, and I held a series other senior management positions with them, in asset-liability management, marketing, energy and mining.

I left the bank to become an entrepreneur and principal in mining and other ventures stretching from the Yukon to Toronto to France. In 1990 we returned home to Vancouver. I was engaged in mining and a fiberboard mill project. Our kids graduated from university and commenced their own careers. Life was good.

All of this came crashing down one day when my wife passed away. Our health care system tried its best but could not save her. After our 45-year relationship, it was a difficult reality to accept.

I was approached by representatives of the BC Liberal Party, and agreed to run in the riding of West Vancouver-Capilano. At that time I was infuriated by the "dismal decade" which the NDP had managed to create. I knew there had to be a better way of running the province... and there still is.