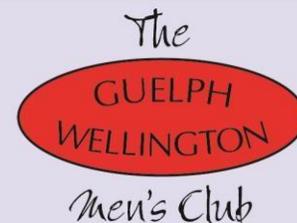


GUELPH-WELLINGTON MEN'S CLUB
BULLETIN

Opportunities for learning and fellowship through
 weekly meetings, social and sporting events



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Program: February speakers arranged by the Program Committee

<p><u>2 February</u> Speaker: Mary Lee Vensvold Primate Communication Specialist and Associate Director, Fauna Foundation, Carignan, Quebec</p> <p><i>“Fauna Foundation—Canada’s only Chimpanzee Sanctuary”</i></p>		<p>Anthem Steven Henrikson Keith Conrad</p> <p>Thought for the day: Cas Herold</p> <p>Introduction: John Prescott Thanks: Arthur Cutten</p>
<p><u>9 February</u> Speaker: Charles Mossop Leadership volunteer with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Canadian Council of the Blind, and the World Blind Union</p> <p><i>“The World Blind Union; Challenge and Change In International Development”</i></p>		<p>Anthem Steven Henrikson Keith Conrad</p> <p>Thought for the day: Bob Eccles</p> <p>Introduction: Gord Kuder Thanks: Ken Hills</p>
<p><u>16 February</u> Speaker: Ken Jeffrey, Club member, Professor Emeritus Department of Physics University of Guelph</p> <p><i>“Trekking on Kilimanjaro”</i></p>		<p>Anthem Steven Henrikson Keith Conrad</p> <p>Thought for the day: Don Enns</p> <p>Introduction: John Core Thanks: Keith Lymburner</p>
<p><u>23 February</u> Speaker: Madeline Weld president of Population Institute, Canada</p> <p><i>“A Politically Correct Lie”</i></p>		<p>Anthem Steven Henrikson Keith Conrad</p> <p>Thought for the day: Brian Magee</p> <p>Introduction: Ken Hills Thanks: Keith Devolin</p>

President's Message

On behalf of Dale Schenk and the Strategic Concepts Group along with Tom Watson, I wish to thank everyone who responded to the Club's survey. The results will provide not only information as we prepare to meeting in person once again but will assist in improving all functions of the Club from the type and variety of speakers, formal and informal social events, contents of the Bulletin and website and our Club Roster.

Although the majority of our speakers are from the Guelph area including many of our own members, we have already enjoyed presentations from other continents. Please continue to send your topic and speaker recommendations to Graham Ford who will bring it to the attention of the Committee and monthly Program Chairmen. Getting together socially formally and informally will continue to be a challenge for the foreseeable future. Many of you are able to participate in our Tuesday meetings, tuning in at 9:30 for an informal exchange of interesting facts and issues along with an abundance of humour.

Some of you have participated in pre-Zoom-meeting "Table Chats". Feedback is being evaluated with updates at upcoming meetings. "Calling All Members" group continues providing opportunities just to check in. A number of you have reported that you have moved socially-distanced patio discussions into the garage. David Wolk was telling me that he has an informal discussion group via email. Contact David if you wish to participate David Wolk davidwolk49@gmail.com. Until we are able to meet in person, we will need to continue to be creative to stay in touch with each other safely.

Finally, on your behalf, I would like to thank Gord Kuder for his years of sending us home with a laugh and lighter heart. Gord has decided to retire from this weekly offering. Gord hasn't said how he will make use of this extra time but he will continue to offer his smile at our weekly meeting.

Jim Sanders

From the Board

Membership Changes

At the beginning of January Membership Secretary Rob Lindsay, reported to the Board that Shirish Clerk, Chris Clark, Roy Lefneski, Jim Rankin, William Christian, Jim Stevens, Mike Trotter and Bruce Taylor have resigned from the Club. In addition Jim Miller, Les Bibby and Stu Ryan have moved from active to associate status.

Membership Profile

At the beginning of January Membership Secretary Rob Lindsay, reported to the Board that the membership profile at that time was:

Active Members	272
Associate Members	28
Pending	0
Life Members	3

New Members

The club welcomes Dan Cremasco as a new members.

February Birthdays

MOORE	AB	90
HOLMAN	JOHN	80
GREEN	ORLAND	80
BRAUN	ROMAN	92
KUDER	GORDON	86
MACKAY	KEN	89
MOORE	PETER	86
BAUMGARTNER	DICK	83
PHILLIPS	JIM	91
TSUJITA	JIM	86
HULL	DAVE	81

February Anniversaries

ANDERSON	JIM and DELVIA	Feb 1	63 years
ELLIOTT	DAVE and MARTHA	Feb 1	52 years
HILLS	KEN and LOUISE	Feb 6	61 years
JOFRIET	JAN and MARLENE	Feb 9	64 years
ADSETT	BILL and TRUDY	Feb 12	55 years
McMILLAN	ROY and VERA	Feb 13	61 years

Revving Up with the Rev

On November 24, our speaker was Men's Club member Grant Maxie, speaking on "50 years of veterinary pathology."

Grant's speech reminded Wynne Wright of the following story from his younger days of growing up on a farm.

In the early 1950s, my family lived on a farm south of Guelph—the present Laird Road East was our half-mile-long lane. We had a mixed farm and, as one of the ways to earn a living, my Dad would buy a litter of young pigs (weaners) and raise them to the point they were ready to ship to market.

In one litter, there was a mysterious dying-off. I think that 4 died out of 12, and Dad had never had anything like that before. So he took a couple of the bodies to the Ontario Veterinary College to have autopsies done.

He waited quite some time for results, and finally called to see what might have been the problem. They brought the pathologist to the phone, and he explained that they had a hard time diagnosing the problem and finally concluded that "they were perfectly healthy pigs, only they were dead."

I guess that veterinary pathology has come a long ways since then!

Wynne's story reminded me of the veterinarians I knew during my own growing-up years on our southwestern Ontario farm. For quite a few years there was one veterinarian: John Warren. Then, in the early 1950s, a second vet came to Wheatley: Lloyd McKibbin.

Lloyd McKibbin (deceased in 2000), a very popular man most commonly known as Doc, was born in Ingersoll, Ontario, lived through the Great Depression, served in the Canadian Forces in World War II, went to the Ontario Veterinary college when the war ended, and took up practice in Wheatley upon graduation.

Doc was always on the cutting edge of veterinary medicine. He had a keen interest in thoroughbred racehorses and became renowned for his work with them. He was an early advocate of using a whirlpool bath for therapeutic purposes, and also the use of acupuncture and laser surgery. He was much sought after because of his knowledge with horses, so travelled all over the world, lecturing in leading universities and holding seminars dealing with his treatment methods.

But there's a different story I want to tell. It took place at a New Year's Eve house party which Doc and his wife attended. By the wee hours of the morning, one man had indulged in a little too much cheer and fell sound asleep. The rest of the guests laid him on a bed and persuaded Doc to put a cast on his leg. In the morning, the man asked what had happened. They told him he had fallen on the stairs, broke his leg and, fortunately for him, Doc had been able to fix him up with a cast.

On the third day, they fessed up and removed the cast. Thinking about the pathological report given to Wynne Wright's dad about his pigs, I suppose that had Doc provided a pathological report on the man on New Year's Day it would have read, "Except for a broken leg, this is a perfectly healthy and able man!"

I appreciate Wynne giving me the story prompted by Grant Maxie's talk on veterinary pathology. In line with that, I have often thought that we have an immense treasure trove of collective wisdom, borne from years of life and career experience, in the Guelph-Wellington Men's Club. It's a privilege to be part of such a group. I'm sure you know other men who could both benefit from hearing the stories of some of our members, and also add their wisdom and experience so that we all are enriched. Reach out to them. Invite them to come to a Zoom meeting or two and see what we're all about.

And in the meantime, keep smilin'!

Tom Watson

Health and Celebrations of Members

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2021

Items for the March 2021 Bulletin

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