

GUELPH-WELLINGTON MEN'S CLUB
BULLETIN

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



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January 2021

Program: January speakers arranged by Jonathan Webb

5 January

Speaker: Valerie Blackmore
 President and Forensic Biologist
 Wyndham Forensic Group

“Forensic DNA Analysis in Support Of Justice Systems”



Anthem: Ron Dolynchuk
Thought for the day: Bruce Donaldson
Introduction: Grant Maxie
Thanks: Gary Thomson

12 January

Speaker: Norm O'Reilly
 Professor, Director, International
 Institute for Sport Business and
 Leadership, University of Guelph

“The Covid Pandemic and Sport in Canada: Current Status and Future Trends”



Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Bruce Donaldson
Introduction: John Core
Thanks: Thom Herrmann

19 January

Speaker: Dave Bidini
 Author, Musician, Publisher of the
 West End Phoenix

“The Flight of the Phoenix: A Print Newspaper in a Digital Age”



Anthem: Tom Watson
Thought for the day: Bruce Donaldson
Introduction: Jonathan Webb
Thanks: Phil Allt

26 January

Speaker: Christine Bold
 Professor and Killam Research
 Fellow, English and Theatre Studies,
 University of Guelph

“Not only Will Rogers: Indigenous Performers in Vaudeville”



Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Bruce Donaldson
Introduction: James Mottin
Thanks: Kenneth MacKay

President's Message

Since this is the last Bulletin for 2020, I would like to recognize and thank on your behalf everyone involved in depositing it in our In-Box each month. These include all those who have contributed articles particularly our "regulars": Ken Jeffrey, our Bulletin Editor and Randy Cook, our Web Master who do the heavy lifting. I find it a challenge to write a letter and then send it off in to cyber-space which is why I'm in awe with the time, skill and logistics in providing over 300 of us each month with this professional and informative newsletter.

To those of you who have returned your survey, thank you. If you wish assistance in its completion, please give me a call or send me a note. We will arrange for someone to complete it over the telephone.

Dale Schenk and the Strategic Concepts Group are offering to assist in setting up "Table Discussions" in the half hour before our Tuesday meetings similar to our coffee and cookie time at the ICC. A group of six have been meeting since early December. Based on their early experience, they suggest no more than six or seven join the Table. Contact Dale directly if you would like to get a Table going or join one In Progress.

In a separate article, Garry Ransom, one of our meeting "Zoom Masters" provides step by step details of how to set up your own "free" Zoom account. You not only will be able to experiment with various options such as muting and unmuting, send a question to Chat but find out how easy it is to invite family and friends to a Zoom chat and all at no cost.

It would appear that the vaccine rollout will be more robust than anticipated. The Board with assistance from Dale Schenk's Group will begin detailed planning for the day we will return to the ICC. Timing will depend on Government regulations, access to the vaccine and our own comfort level. We will continue to have video access to our meetings even after all of us are comfortable in joining a large gathering. So, the transition will be gradual. No one will be left out.

There is every reason to be optimistic that during 2021 Covid will release its stranglehold on our lives. We will not return to normal but to a society that is much more aware of what is really important.

Jim Sanders

Zoom with Family and Friends

The ideal way to become comfortable with Zoom and make use of the various available options available is to download the free version. You not only can learn and try the functions that you would use during the Men's Club meeting such as moving between Gallery View and Speaker View, sending a question to our speaker through Chat, muting and unmuting and turning your video on and off but some of the more sophisticated options. You will be able to arrange a get together with family and friends in no time or set up a "Table" for an informal chat with five or six other members before our regular Tuesday meeting.

Here's how:

Go to zoom.us

Click Plans and Pricing

Click Sign up, its free

Enter your birth date

It will ask for your work email but you can enter your personal email

Go to your email and open the email from Zoom and click activate

Enter your name and create a password

You are next given the option to invite a friend or skip

Close the window

Go to the app and start a meeting and experiment on your own. Your login will be the email you used and the password you created

There are 100s of youtube videos that you can watch to learn how to use zoom.

Garry Ransom

From the Board

Passings

The Club notes with regrets the recent passing of Jean, wife of former club member Dick Julian.

Membership Changes

At the December 1st meeting of the Board the Membership Secretary Rob Lindsay reported that Jack Upsdell, Bill Johnson, Ted Monkhouse, Gary Christie and Ken Naylor have resigned from the Club.

Membership Profile

Membership Secretary Rob Lindsay, at the December 1st meeting Board Meeting, indicated the membership profile as:

Active Members	279
Associate Members	27
Pending	0
Life Members	3
Wait List	0

Member Fees for 2020-2021

Active Member \$80.00

Associate Member \$30.00

Dues are payable September 1, 2020

Please mail your cheque to the following address:

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January Birthdays

DAFOE PAUL
HUNTER BRUCE
BLADON MICHAEL
BUTLER DANNY
GRAHAM GORDON
EWART GARY
CURL GORD
CORNELL CRAIG
SPICER EVAN

RUDMAN DON and PAT

53 Years

January Anniversaries

Health and Celebrations of Members

Contact Brian Magee at **519-821-3575**
or **bkmagee@rogers.com**
to report on the health of members for January 2021

Items for the February 2021 Bulletin

Contact **Ken Jeffrey** at **519-820-0798**
or **krjeffre@uoguelph.ca**
by January 19 2021.

Revving Up with the Rev

(Tables and Membership)

By the time you read this, the Christmas season will be waning and everybody will be getting geared up for 2021.

In late November, Men's Club member Wynne Wright offered to buy me a calculator for Christmas. It got me thinking about calculators.

In 1973, at the age of 35, I began an Arts Course at Western University in London. One of the courses I took in first year was Business Administration. Hand calculators had only come into use in 1967, so they were still pretty new when I began university and we were not allowed to use a calculator in that Business Administration class. What did we use? A slide rule!

Within a year or two, it was mandatory that my daughters have a calculator for their math classes.

In the present era, of course, we don't need a hand calculator as we can do everything we need to do on our ever-present cell phone.

Anyway, back to my saying that Wynne Wright had offered to buy me a calculator for Christmas. That's not exactly what he said, more like the fact that I needed one. Ummm, that's not quite right either. Using other words, he did say that I, obviously, couldn't count! But I mean, that's really laying down the gauntlet, ain't it now?

Okay, here's his exact wording:

"You have made various announcements during meetings on behalf of the Membership Committee. At least twice, you have said that we have 25 tables that need to be filled up for each in-person meeting. That is incorrect! There are 20 tables."

So I'm gettin' all defensive and thinking, "Wynne's an accountant and I'm not, but I've generally been able to count to 25. On a good day, I can get clean to 30. So how does he know that I'm wrong?"

Wynne went on to explain why he knew there were only 20 tables:

"I know that number very well, because of an incident in 2012 or 2013. One Tuesday morning, Bruce McIntosh, Don Webb and I did the coffee setup at the Italian Canadian Club, without paying much attention to the tables. When the members started coming in about 9 am it was obvious that something was wrong. There was mass confusion as members tried to find their tables, and we discovered that we were one table short.

I have never seen such chaos, and even a few arguments, as people finally settled themselves into familiar or unfamiliar spots. It was quite a sight!

From that day on, the first thing we did when we went into the ICC was to count the tables. Over the years, there has been the odd occasion when the count was wrong, and we had to set up an additional table or two."

So I begin to think that, obviously, given his experience, Wynne should know what he's talking about. Then it hit me, and I replied, "Don't blame it on me if it's wrong! I got that number 25 from Allan Dyer."

Then I thought further and I realized the problem. Last January, Allan asked me to put numbers on the tables for a couple of weeks running—it had to do with new members sitting at different tables for a few weeks and recording the table number for each week. How did we get a table count of 25?

Some members sit along the left side of the room at the ICC. There are five panels, so each of those panel areas is equivalent to one table and...voila, there's yer 25 tables!

Now...here's the point of the 25 tables to begin with. Due to deaths of members, and resignations for whatever reasons, we need to continually recruit new members. Currently, it means recruiting about 50 this year. The math is simple—each table group is responsible for recruiting two new members over the next year.

So, talk with the other members of your table group. Collectively, I'm convinced we can do it. But it takes all of us.

Remember...we build strong today so that we're stronger tomorrow!

(P.S. By the way Wynne, I'm sure I still have that slide rule around here somewhere...if you ever want to borrow it!)

Tom Watson