

GUELPH-WELLINGTON MEN'S CLUB
BULLETIN

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



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**November
 2020**

27 October

Speaker: Adrienne McBride
 Executive Director
 Guelph Humane Society



“Why Animals Matter...A case for a Modern Humane Society”

Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Bruce Stone
Introduction: David Smith
Thanks: Keith Lymburner

3 November

Speaker: Jonathan Webb
 GWMC Member



“The Flag and Keyes Beech: A War Story”

Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Cas Herold
Introduction: Peter Krell
Thanks: Steve Jacobs

10 November

Speaker: David Thompson
 GWMC Member



“One Soldier's Story 1940-1945”

Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Freeman McEwen
Introduction: Terry Few
Thanks: Ray Middleton

17 November

Speaker: Tom Bird
 GWMC Member



“40 years of investment advising: What I learned”

Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Steven Henrikson
Introduction: Ken Woodside
Thanks: John Prescott

24 November

Speaker: Grant Maxie
 GWMC Member



“50 years of veterinary pathology”

Anthem: Steven Henrikson
 Keith Conrad
Thought for the day: Bruce Cameron
Introduction: Gary Thomson
Thanks: Craig Cornell

President's Greeting

On your behalf, I would like to thank David Smith for arranging our outstanding speakers this past month. The lineup for November organized by John Prescott as you will note in the Bulletin is equally impressive. I have to regularly remind myself not to take for granted the variety of topics and depth of information provided by the speakers week after week.

To a great extent, our Club is one of the best kept secrets. Please invite friends to share in the value and pleasure to which we look forward and enjoy each week.

Many of you will remember the moving presentation by Tauni Sheldon two years ago describing her "journey" as a Sixties Scoop Baby. Last month, Chatelaine published an interview with Tauni which you can read through the following link: <https://www.chatelaine.com/living/inuit-sixties-scoop/>

Spearheaded by Past President, Jim Howse and developed by Thom Herrmann, the Board approved a new initiative, "No One Alone At Christmas". Due to Covid, this initiative will be launched in 2021. Invitations to enjoy a family dinner will be extended to members who may find themselves alone on Christmas Day. We will be looking for members to host and members to join this traditional family celebration.

Meetings throughout November will begin at the normal time of 10 AM. Please pass on your views of the additional five minutes added to the beginning of the October meetings.

Based on the participation to date, the additional fifteen minutes following the 11 AM adjournment will continue at least to the end of December. Your ongoing comments and suggestions assist in making our Club relevant.

Jim Sanders

Revving Up with the Rev

Good fall morning, fellow Men's Clubbers!

Recent correspondence with an Edmonton contact sent my mind wandering into the great issues of life again. To be specific, this time I was asking myself a real biggie: What is the ultimate meaning of life itself?

An associated question: Was I really put here to have to deal with this Covid thing?

In any event, while I was revved up thinking about this I remembered the old comedy sketch by the late Jackie Vernon. He would have told it on either the Johnny Carson show or the Ed Sullivan show.

Vernon said that once upon a time there was a man who was seeking the meaning of life. He asked this question from all the brilliant thinkers throughout the land but didn't come up with a totally satisfying answer.

Finally, he hears that there is a very wise guru who lives high in the mountains of Tibet. So he decides to ask that guru. He goes to Tibet, manages to swim across a crocodile-infested river, slowly climbs a very steep mountain, and finally, totally exhausted, arrives at the place where the guru sits deep in thought.

He asks the guru what the meaning of life is. The guru replies, "A wet bird never flies at night." The guy goes, "Huh?"

It's not hard to understand why the guy said, "Huh?" What would you or I have said? I decided to probe the issue a bit further and discovered there are other ways of saying the same thing. Here are some of those ways:

- It's best not to take unnecessary risks when you are in a temporary state of misfortune.
- Act when fate favors you; until then hunker down.
- Don't double your trouble by making two bad choices in a row.
- Don't spin your wheels; this too shall pass.
- Look before you leap.
- For everything there is a time and season.
- Patience is a virtue.

All of which is to say that old guru gave some pretty sound and practical advice. So...wet birds unite! Wait 'er out until mornin'.

In the meantime, you don't need to hie off on a journey to Tibet. Just join the Guelph-Wellington Men's Club; you'll learn a whole lot of important stuff there!

Keep smilin', guys!

Tom Watson

From the Board

Passings

The Club notes with regrets the recent passing of former members Bernie Kiely and Fred Neufeld.

Membership Changes

At the October 6th meeting of the Board the Membership Secretary Rob Lindsay reported that Jim McQueen and Fred Howlett have resigned from the Club and Desmond Mark and Paul Smith have switched their status from active to associate.

Membership Profile

Membership Secretary Rob Lindsay, at the October 6th Board Meeting, indicated the membership profile as:

Active Members	287
Associate Members	24
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 you cheque to the following address:

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November Birthdays

ORR HENRY	Nov 8	101
HUBERT JOHN	Nov 9	80
JAMES AL	Nov 10	86
McEWEN FREEMAN	Nov 11	94
HOLT JOHN	Nov 13	80
LYON DON	Nov 14	88
JOHNS DON	Nov 14	85
STONEHOUSE PETER	Nov 15	81
HUMPHREY LARRY	Nov 15	86
BIBBY LES	Nov 16	83
MARTIN TONY	Nov 23	85
BARENDREGT DANIEL	Nov 28	84

November Anniversaries

SANDERS JIM and ANNE	Nov 1	51 years
MATHESON MURRAY and ANNE	Nov 5	54 years
SYKES RALPH and BARBARA	Nov 11	59 years
BREITMAN KEN and PAULINE	Nov 12	54 years
WOLOWICH JACK and MARSHA	Nov 14	51 years
RANSOM GARRY and NANCY	Nov 14	50 years
PATRICK GARNER and BONNIE	Nov 18	53 years
BRUBACHER JOHN and JEAN	Nov 21	69 years
HUME DAVE and JEAN	Nov 27	56 years
IRELAND DAVE and JOAN	Nov 28	61 years

Health and Celebrations of Members

Contact Stu McCannell at **519-766-0825**
or **smccannall@rogers.com**
to report on the health of members for
November 2020

Items for the December 2020 Bulletin

Contact Ken Jeffrey at **519-820-0798**
or **krjeffre@uoguelph.ca**
by November 17 2020.

Winter Clothing Drive

November 4th

from 10am – 10:30am

in the parking lot at ICC.

Membership Committee Update

Each year, we lose a number of members. This past year, it's was in the area of 50...which means that we have to keep recruiting 50 each year...just to stay even.

But here's the truth: We're not doing that just now!

In our Club year, September 2019 through August 2020, we had 22 join.

Seven of those were in March. None from April through August.

Of course, Covid had a huge effect. And, sure, it's more difficult now than it was when we were meeting in person.

More difficult but not impossible! There are still ways. So consider these tips.

1. Recognize that there are people who, because of Covid, are more isolated than usual, and may just find the Club a source of needed stimulation.
2. Invite a friend or neighbour to sit in as a guest on a Zoom meeting and supply him with the link to connect.
3. Don't ask him to join. Just invite him to attend a meeting or two and get a feel for the Club.

One last tip. Ask your partner if, through her contacts, she knows of someone who could benefit from being in a group such as ours.

We had one new member join in October, and one pending, so we're on our start to 50...but we need all of us to make it happen.

So, here's a challenge: When we meet in person, there are 25 tables at the Italian Canadian Club; that means YOUR table needs to recruit 2 new members this year.

Put in those terms, I think it's doable.

On behalf of Allan Dyer and I on the Membership Committee...it's over to you. Thanks for doing all you can.

Tom Watson