



The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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The September 2019 CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON NEWSLETTER

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**Please note – lunch this month is Sep 4, not the normal 3rd Wednesday.
Reminder – to use your coupons for free guest lunches & reduced meal cost.**

1. Speaker - for Sep 4, 2019

SENATOR PAULA SIMONS



Topic

"Declarations of Independents and the Future of Canada’s Senate"

The Honourable Paula Simons was appointed to the Senate of Canada last October as an Independent Senator representing Alberta. Senator Simons was born and raised in Edmonton, and attended the University of Alberta, Stanford University and the Poynter Institute for Media Studies. Before joining the Senate, she spent 30 years working as a journalist –including 23 years with the Edmonton Journal, where she was an award-winning political columnist and investigative reporter. She’s also been a playwright, a podcaster, a CBC documentary producer, and a passionate amateur historian. She’s also a very proud mother. She spends a lot of time on Twitter, @Paulatics.

2. Speakers for future meetings:

Oct 16, 2019 – Laura Kilcrease, President & CEO, Alberta Innovates – title TBA

Nov 20, 2019 – Capt. Richard Dumas – Title: "Canadians at Sicily: The Second World War"

Dec 18, 2019 – Dr. Rod MacLeod, Author: Sam Steele, A Biography – title TBA

3. CCE Group Summer Excursion 2020

In view of the popularity of past summer excursions, the most recent being to the University of Alberta Botanical Gardens (with Aga Khan garden addition), we are seeking ideas for a group trip to another Alberta site (historical, educational, fun, etc.) in the summer of 2020. Please submit your suggestions to a Board member.

4. Lunch Confirmation

The next meeting of the Canadian Club of Edmonton is on **Wednesday, Sep 4, 2019** at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. Please arrive early - about 11:30 am – to register, enjoy a coffee and meet with friends. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon.

Please let Allan know if you will (or not) be attending the luncheon meeting ASAP (to reduce reminder notice mailings) at aa0@ece.ualberta.ca or phone at 780-483-1740.

The cost for the three-course meal is \$35 for members & member's guests and \$25 for a sandwich plate (includes salad or soup and dessert). Also please advise if you have a food allergy or food preference (3 course - sandwich or regular plate).

5. Meal Cancellation

If you have confirmed your attendance for the luncheon meeting and have to cancel please let Allan aa0@ece.ualberta.ca know by **Sep 1**. No shows may be billed for the cost of the meal.

6. Parking - Chateau Lacombe Parkade

If using the Hotel Parkade, do not take a ticket from the vending machine but proceed to the Salon area where you can register your license plate number and pay a **\$5** fee to the Hotel Clerk. This fee includes parking for 3 hours and is subsidized by CCE.

7. Women's Canadian Club of Edmonton.

The Women's Canadian Club of Edmonton is holding their final luncheon on September 3 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel and officially closing after 108 years. As fellow Canadian Club members, we are sorry this has come to pass. An invitation has been extended to WCCE members to continue their association with CCE and we hope many will take up the offer.

In a parting note, the Women's Canadian Club has sent a thank you to CCE for many decades of friendship.

8. Membership Renewal

We would appreciate your promptly renewing CCE membership for 2020 at one of the fall lunches (reception desk or by mail) – see form below. The membership dues remain at \$60 per person, \$75 per couple & \$150 corporate.

9. Lunch Speakers

Canadian Club of Edmonton members are invited to suggest speakers or topics for next year's program. Please send your ideas to Allan, <ao@ece.ualberta.ca> or phone at 780-483-1740.

10. CCE Website

The CCE website is fully functional and we encourage members to consult it regularly for general information and announcements. <https://www.canadianclubofedmonton.com/>

WHAT IS A CANADIAN CLUB?

The Canadian Club is an organization of patriotic Canadians who are interested in the activities of their country and its future. They foster interest in Canada's institutions, encourage Canadian unity, and support celebrations and anniversaries relating to its history and heritage.

The first Club was founded in 1893 in Hamilton by a group of leading Canadian citizens who worried about the lack of patriotism in the country at that time. Canada seemed to have a lack of direction of its own. Sir John A. Macdonald had passed away and the young country struggled with four Prime Ministers in five years. Railway expansion had slowed, the economy was in the doldrums and there was little agreement on Canada's future. The needed injection of patriotism came from Charles McCullough and his group of friends who formed the first Canadian Club. Since the concept seemed national, Canadian Clubs were soon organized from coast to coast.

The Association of Canadian Clubs was chartered by an Act of Parliament in 1939.

The Canadian Club of Edmonton was founded in 1906 and celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2006. We meet to hear outstanding speakers addressing Canadian topics. During lunch we participate in stimulating conversation with our table companions, and we are joined by students who are visiting our club as our guests. The issues they present may be of local, national or international importance, but always there will be a Canadian flavour or relevance. Our members are men and women of all political, religious, cultural and economic backgrounds. Anyone who wants to meet others who have an interest in Canadian affairs is encouraged to join.

The Canadian Club of Edmonton supports nation-building endeavours and participates in Remembrance Day services. Its Board of Directors is responsible for the administration of the club. Interested members may serve on the Board to set policy and help organize the club's meetings, activities, and occasional social activities. Members belong because they care about Canada, are interested in its future, and wish to be better informed about issues that concern our country.

The Canadian Club of Edmonton meets at the Chateau Lacombe at noon, usually the third Wednesday of each month except May, July and August.

Current Executive

President	Dr. Allan Offenberger
Past President	Dr. Walter W. Yakimets
Vice President	Paul Conway
Treasurer	Eve Wong
Secretary	Rev. Gordon Oaks

Committee Chairs

Communications Committee	Blair Harwood
Membership Committee	Victoria Grabb
Programs	Allan Offenberger
Sponsorship	Chuck Gehart

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Keith Duggan	Chuck Gehart
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Nancy Chan	Dr. Richard Plain

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Blair Harwood

Music Director ♪

Honorary Life Members

Alan Bell
 Kathryn Buchanan
 Norman Groll
 Jim Lockhart
 Jim Newby
 Mike & Nance Smith

MEMBERSHIP FEES may be paid at a meeting or mailed with a completed Membership Application Form to the Club President:

Dr. Allan Offenberger
 Canadian Club of Edmonton
 412 Lessard Drive
 Edmonton, AB T6M 1A7

Membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

For more information contact the President at:
ao@ece.ualberta.ca

Phone: 780-483-1740

APPLICATION FORM

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWING
- RENEWING (*with update*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____

P/Code: _____ Ph: _____

Email: _____

OCCUPATION

Former/Current: _____

Introduced by: _____

ANNUAL DUES

Individual: \$60 _____

Family (*two from same family*): \$75 _____

Corporate: \$150 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

LUNCH COSTS

Sandwich plate \$25

Member and Member's guest hot lunch \$35

If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list please contact Allan at <ao@ece.ualberta.ca>