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# The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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## THE January 2018 CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON NEWSLETTER

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### 1. Speaker- for January 17, 2018



## Dr. JONATHAN SCHAEFFER DEAN - FACULTY OF SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA & CANADA REASEARCH CHAIR IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### Topic

### THE GAMES COMPUTERS (and HUMANS) PLAY

DR. SCHAEFFER was born in Toronto. He received his B.Sc. and M. Math. in Computer Science from the University of Toronto and Ph.D. in Computer Science from University of Waterloo in 1986.

In 2005, Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer became the Chair in Computing Science at the University of Alberta and in 2008 became Vice Provost and Associate V.P. Information Technology. He became the Dean of the Faculty of Science in 2012.

Dr. Schaeffer's research is in the area of artificial intelligence, with much of his research being demonstrated using games. His checkers-playing program Chinook was the first computer to win a human world championship (1994), a feat recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records. He has helped develop superhuman programs at poker (two-player limit Texas Hold'em - also in the Guinness Book of World Records). He is co-founder of the University of Alberta not-for-profit spin-off company Onlea ([onlea.org](http://onlea.org)) that creates engaging online learning experiences.

## **2. Speaker for future 2018 meetings:**

**a. February 21, 2018 - TBA**

**b. March 28, 2018 - Dr. Phillip Currie. Professor, Faculty of Science, U. of A. and Canada Research Chair in Dinosaur Paleobiology. Possible title "Dinosaurs - past and present"**

**c. April 20, 2018 - Lt. Gen. Paul Wynnyk - Commander - Canadian Army**

## **3. Annual General Meeting.**

**As demanded by our CCE By-Laws - this will serve as our notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel following our regular luncheon meeting.**

**4. ? Visit to Alberta Railway Museum** - After the detailed description of the Alberta Railway Museum by Stephen Yakimets at our December meeting some **CCE** members expressed an interest in a bus tour to the Museum. This will be discussed at the **CCE** January 3, 2018 Board Meeting. If this visit is organized it will likely take place on the July 1 weekend when the steam locomotive will likely be operational. More details to follow in the next Newsletter and February luncheon meeting.

## **5. Lunch Confirmation**

The next meeting of the Canadian Club of Edmonton is on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018** at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. Please arrive early - about 11:30 am, register, enjoy a coffee and meet with friends. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon. Please let me know if you will be attending the luncheon meeting no later than Sunday evening, January 14, 2018 at [wwy@incentre.net](mailto:wwy@incentre.net) or phone at 780-438-1406. The cost for the three course meal is \$35 for members and member's guests (\$45 for non-members) and \$25 for a sandwich plate (includes salad or soup and dessert). Also please let me know if you have a food allergy or food preference.

## **6. Meal Cancellation**

If you have confirmed your attendance for the luncheon meeting and have to cancel please let me know by the evening of December 17 . No shows may be billed for the cost of the meal.

## **7. Parking - Chateau Lacombe Parkade**

If using the Hotel Parkade, do not take a ticket from the vending machine but proceed to Salon A area and register your license plate number and pay the \$4 fee to the Hotel Clerk. This fee includes parking from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

**8. We are looking for a Volunteer to play the Piano at our Wednesday Luncheon meetings. Please contact Walter at either 780-438-1406 or <[wwy@incentre.net](mailto:wwy@incentre.net)>**

## 9. Women’s Canadian Club of Edmonton.

Canadian Club of Edmonton members are welcome to attend the Women’s Canadian Club meetings which are held at Salon A or B at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. Registration starts at 11:30 am and Lunch at 12:00 noon.

### Programs for the Women’s Canadian Club of Edmonton:

**a. January 16, 2018 - Bob Layton. “My Life in Radio - So Far”**

**b. February 20, 2018 - Chris Rabojewski. “The New Royal Alberta Museum”**

## 10. Membership Renewal

If you have not done so, please renew your 2018 CCE membership at the registration desk at the January 17 luncheon meeting or by mail - see form below. The membership dues remain at \$60 per person or \$75 per couple.

### 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 rational, 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 presented may be of local, national or international importance, but there will always be a Canadian flavor or relevance. Our members are men and women of all political, religious, cultural and economic backgrounds. Anyone who wants to meet others who share an interest in Canadian affairs is encouraged to join.

The Canadian Club of Edmonton supports nation-building endeavors 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  
Past President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Dr. Walter W. Yakimets  
Keith Duggan  
Dr. Allan Offenberger  
Rev. Dr. Gordon Oaks  
Eve Wong

### Committee Chairs

Communications Committee  
Membership Committee  
Programs  
Sponsorship

Dieter Wentzel  
Nancy Chan  
Walter W. Yakimets  
Chuck Gerhart

### Directors

Paul Conway  
Fr. Jim Holland  
Dr. Perry Kinkaide  
Donna Roth (on leave)  
Dieter Wentzel

Chuck Gerhart  
Jamie King  
Dr. Richard Plain  
Jack Slobodan

### Archivist

Jim Lockhart

### Music Director

Tommy Banks

### Honorary Life Members

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

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

Attn: Eve Wong

**Canadian Club of Edmonton**

Box 64057

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Membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

For more information contact the President at:

wwy@incnetre.net

### 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: \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LUNCH COSTS

Sandwich plate . . . . . \$25

Member and Member’s guest - hot lunch . . . . \$35

Non-member hot lunch . . . . . \$45

If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list please contact me at <wwy@incnetre.net>