

The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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The February 2023 CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON NEWSLETTER

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Meeting February 15 at Chateau Lacombe – lunch & speaker followed by our Annual General Meeting – please join us!

1. Speaker - for February 18 2023 Renée Vaugeois

Topic 75th Anniversary of UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights

2023 is a landmark year for human rights as the 75th Anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In this session, we will reflect on the origins of the Declaration, how far we have come, how far we have to go, and the important role that human rights plays in building peaceful and inclusive communities. Human rights are an important tool for building peace and the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights uses the framework of human rights to advance dignity, justice, peace and freedom. Big plans are underway for 2023 to elevate and amplify human rights. In this session, we will share ways that the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights (JHC) is creating movements and action and the possibilities for Rotary to engage.

Renée Vaugeois has been leading the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights (JHC) as Executive Director since 2005, and has taken on a number of other leadership roles to build and strengthen organizations such as the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee, the Coalition for Justice and Human Rights, Righting Relations Canada, Women in International Security Studies Canada, Ainembabazi Children's Project, and GUUTO Mothers Cooperative. She has over two decades of experience leading the innovation and development of community-based as well as rights-based approaches to address systemic and individual human rights issues while also strengthening community connection and collaboration.

Renée has her Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Alberta, is a Hate Crimes Trainer certified from the Ontario Provincial Police, a Peace Circle Facilitator, educator, writer and mother. She has been recognized for exemplary leadership and ability to mobilize collective and grassroots action, and inform and impact institutional level change here in Canada (e.g., Outstanding Peace Advocate, Top 40 under 40, UofA Advocacy Award, Intercultural Dialogue Institute Youth and Social Media Award,

Aboriginal Relations Award), as well as internationally (e.g., Ram Krishna Bajaj Memorial Global Award). In April of 2020 she was the one of the first recipients of the provincial Northern Lights Recognition program for her work leading the YEG Community Response to COVID19 effort.

2. Future meetings:

March 15; April 19; May 17; June 21 – speakers to be confirmed

3. Lunch Confirmation – Please confirm by February 8 and indicate full meal (\$35) or sandwich plate (\$30) and any dietary issues

The next meeting of the Canadian Club of Edmonton is on Wednesday February 15 2023 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. Please arrive early - about 11:45 am – to register and meet with friends. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon.

We have had mixed experience with credit card payments. Please bring cash or cheque to pay for your lunch and membership renewal.

Please let Vicky Grabb know if you will be attending the luncheon meeting ASAP at <u>vgrabb@shaw.ca</u> or phone at 780-458-7456. The cost for the hot meal is \$35 for members & member's guests and \$30 for a sandwich plate (includes salad or soup and dessert). Also please advise if you have a food allergy.

4. Meal Cancellation

If you have confirmed your attendance for the luncheon meeting and have to cancel, please let Vicky <<u>vgrabb@shaw.ca</u>> know by the evening of February 8. No shows may be billed for the cost of the meal.

5. 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; this fee includes parking for 3 hours and is subsidized by CCE.

6. Membership Renewal

Memberships renewed in 2019 were renewed to the end of 2022. Your renewal for 2023 is now due. The membership dues remain at \$60 per person, \$75 per couple & \$150 corporate. Thank you to those who have already renewed. If you have not yet done so, please renew now.

7. Lunch Speakers

Canadian Club of Edmonton members are invited to suggest speakers or topics for next year's program. Please send your ideas to Vicky, <u>vgrabb@shaw.ca</u> or phone at 780-458-7456.

10. CCE Website

The CCE website is under renovation and we hope to have a new release soon. https://www.canadianclubofedmonton.com/

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