



The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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Meeting March 15 at Chateau Lacombe – lunch & speaker – please join us!

1. Speaker - for March 15 2023 **Pete Desrochers**

Topic Mediation...Resolving Community Issues Where You Least Suspect

Presenter Pete Desrochers will introduce you to the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society (AAMS) and briefly illustrate just how deeply mediation is already entrenched in our community. Pete will then highlight two specific population segments we interact with daily that, especially post-Covid are the focus of abuse, misinterpretation and even violence. Using graphic and compelling videos, Pete will show some of the adversity and distress threatening seniors Elder abuse is singularly the most under recognized throughout Alberta Communities. So much so, that people often don't realize they are offenders. The second population segment in distress is that of diverse cultures. In the last 6 years extremism has laid the groundwork for racial discrimination, just when we were beginning to think we may have elevated ourselves beyond that.

AAMS has been working hard to help people overcome these challenges, and is moving forward on some ambitious community initiatives to bring mediation and conflict management even deeper into the community and into everyone's lives.

Pete is one of Canada’s Chartered Mediators and a Qualified Arbitrator, as well as being a Registered Mediator and Arbitrator in the United States. He has now completed over 3,500 mediations covering 13 countries and four continents. His portfolio of high-profile mediations includes working with the U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and Germany; a firefighters’ labor dispute; a wrongful death suit; several trade agreements between Asian countries; the murder of a celebrity and the kidnapping of a child to Japan during a custody battle.

He is the Founding Director of “The Negotiators”, an arbitration and mediation firm operating both in the United States and Canada. In terms of family issues, Pete focuses on family mediations such as divorce or separation, as well as will and estates.

Corporately, he deals with workplace issues such as: bullying, wrongful dismissal, contracts and the alleged failures of parties to provide goods or services at the agreed price, in the agreed time and of the agreed quality. In the last few years, Pete has been transitioning to conflict communication training programs for corporations, non-profit organizations, various First Nations bands and municipal governments.

Pete is the President of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society. His aim is to take AAMS even more into Alberta Communities and to intensify training requirements for mediators.

2. Future meetings:

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

3. Lunch Confirmation – **Please confirm by March 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 March 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 vgrabb@shaw.ca 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 vgrabb@shaw.ca know by the evening of **March 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, vgrabb@shaw.ca 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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