



The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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The October 2023 CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON NEWSLETTER

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Meeting October 18 at Chateau Lacombe – lunch & speaker – please join us!

1. Speaker - for October 18 2023 Honourable Laurie Hawn, PC, CD

Topic NATO Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Laurie Hawn joined the RCAF in 1964 and received pilot wings in 1967. Serving over 30 years throughout Canada, Europe and the United States, he attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He served on four NATO fighter squadrons flying the CF-104 Starfighter and CF-18 Hornet. He held a variety of command and staff positions, including command of a CF-18 fighter squadron.

Laurie entered federal politics in 2003 and contested the 2004 election, in a losing cause against Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan. Fortunes reversed in 2006 and Laurie defeated Ms. McLellan to take his seat as the Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre. He retained that seat in the 2008 and 2011 federal elections.

Laurie served in a variety of roles, including Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, Member of the King’s Privy Council of Canada and member or chair of numerous standing and special committees, such as Treasury Board, cabinet sub-committees, National Defence, Public Safety and National Security, Veterans Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Canada’s Mission in Afghanistan. Laurie also co-chaired the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

Retiring from Parliament in October 2015, Laurie used his experience in continuing public service on the Edmonton Police Commission, the Board of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation and the No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation. He also served as Honourary Colonel for two RCAF fighter squadrons. Laurie is married to his wife of 54 years, Judy, and they have two married children and two grandchildren.

2. Upcoming Speakers:

- November 15 - Anne McLellan – Coalition for a Better Future
- December 13 – Douglas Roche – Keep Hope Alive - Essays for a War-Free World
- January 17 – TBD
- February 21 – Ingrid Neitsch – Rotary and the Pillars of Positive Peace

3. Lunch Confirmation – Please confirm by October 12 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 October 18 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 **October 12**. 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

Renewals for 2024 will become due in January, and you can pay in advance for next year. At this point, any renewals or new memberships will run to December 31 2024. 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 has been renovated and we invite you to visit:
<https://www.canadianclubofedmonton.com/>

If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, please contact Vicky at vgrabb@shaw.ca