



*Royal City Men's Club*

*RCMC Newsletter*

*August 2023*

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”**

**Gabriel Allahdua: Justice for Migrant Workers**

**Presentation:**

Who is a migrant worker in Canada?

What makes us and how we are made vulnerable in Canada?

My talk will be about the living and working conditions of migrant farm workers in Canada. Some of my experiences and why I decided to become an Activist and Explaining what status means to migrant workers in Canada and how Canadians can support our call for Status upon arrival.

**Bio:**

Gabriel is a former migrant farm worker from St Lucia and now is the first Activist in Residence at the University of Guelph. He is also an organizer with the collective Justice for Migrant Workers (J4MW (([Harvestingsfreedom.org](http://Harvestingsfreedom.org)))) and at Outreach Worker serving migrant workers across Ontario. He is the author of the soon to be released "Harvesting Freedom"- The life of a migrant worker in Canada by Between the Lines.



**10am. To be followed by Live Questions.**

## **August 17<sup>th</sup>. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”**

### **Chuck McKinnon: The Life of an Airline Pilot Join**

**Presentation:** Join us for a very interesting talk

#### **Bio:**

Born January 23rd, 1954 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Learned to fly at Mitchinson's Flying Service in Saskatoon, starting in October, 1972. Obtained my Private, Commercial and Multi-Instrument rating as well as an Instructor's Rating, all at Mitchinson's Flying Service.

Worked for Norcanair out of Saskatoon on the ramp and did the odd flight to northern Saskatchewan. I became a flight instructor for Mitchinson's Flying Service and did some charter flying for them.

I was hired by Air Canada and started training on January 6th, 1975 as a Second Officer on the Boeing 727. During my career at Air Canada I was based out of Montreal, Winnipeg and Toronto flying various aircraft. Flew as a Second and First Officer on the Boeing 727, a First Officer and Captain on the DC-9, a First Officer on the DC-8, a First Officer on the Boeing 747, a First Officer on the Lockheed L-1011, a First Officer and Captain on the Boeing 767, a Captain on the Boeing 777 and a Captain on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Was involved in the training department instructing pilots on the DC-9 both in the simulator and airborne touch and go training. Was an instructor on the Boeing 767 and Boeing 777. Did simulator instruction and airborne touch and go's on the Boeing 787 as part of the introductory team that brought the aircraft to Air Canada.

Worked in various management positions at Air Canada as a Senior Check Pilot on the DC-9, Boeing 767 and Boeing 777. I was the Flight Manager on the DC-9 and Boeing 767 and was the Manager of Line Operations in Toronto.

Was a Check-pilot which is otherwise known as a Check Airman on the DC-9, Boeing 767, 777 and 787 whose duties included giving check rides in the simulator as well as the actual aircraft.

Was involved with the acceptance flights of the Boeing 787 at Boeing Seattle and Boeing Charleston. This mission involved working with Boeing test flight pilots performing ground test acceptance and flight acceptance test flights ensuring aircraft performed to specs as advertised. Part of the acceptance flights both ground and airborne involved many other departments experts coordinated by our Air Canada Team Leader such as paint, interior, engine, engineering, Transport Canada reps and different levels of aircraft maintenance departments.

Flew last flight on July 14th, 2016 from Zurich to Toronto on a Boeing 787 Dreamliner with my wife, Dori, son, Dan and daughter-in-law, Pelin on board ending a 41 1/2 year career having flown just over 20,000 flight hours.

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# August 31<sup>st</sup>. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”

## Kevin Jones: Health and Safety Issues

### Presentation and Bio:



Kevin Jones calls himself an “unexpected business owner” because, back in 2009 he never imagined becoming the founding partner of what would later become a successful organization in the mass gathering Event Medical space. Fast forward 15 years and Kevin finds himself fulfilling the position of Executive Director and Managing Partner which involves guiding Odyssey's clients, patients, and people towards positive outcomes.

*“Working at Odyssey is a natural culmination of everything that I love to do – working with the public, working outdoors and bringing calm to chaos.”*

Prior to his time at Odyssey, Kevin worked in various capacities in risk services management, emergency communication and event operations. His experience ranges from remote wilderness expeditions to large-scale, multi-day urban sporting events and outdoor musical festivals; where peak attendance capacity can easily reach over 300K people.

Regardless of the size, scale or complexity of an Odyssey event, Kevin continuously relies on the fundamental teaching skills he developed during his 20 year tenure as a faculty member at Georgian College in Ontario. Kevin’s emphasis on knowledge sharing and developing highly skilled cross-functional teams is what he values most when working with Odyssey crew and clients.

*“My favorite part of the job is the customer. I love when we get on a site for an event, and the client just naturally says, ‘I’m glad you’re here.’”*

Kevin has worked diligently to create an atmosphere at Odyssey where the traditional hierarchy of medicine doesn’t define each person's role and contribution. The Odyssey team consists of a wide spectrum of individuals ranging from novice first aid certificate holders, established paramedics and nurses, to professional doctors. Yet, Kevin has brought together a group where “titles” aren’t as important as the unique skills, strengths, and lived experiences each person shares with the larger team.

Kevin is excited about the future of Event Medicine and Festival Health services, *“It’s so fluid right now, post pandemic, it could grow in any direction.”* Kevin remains ready and confident knowing he’s pulled together the Odyssey team who are prepared to face the future, head-on.

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[📺 Hear Kevin's Guest Appearance - Trillium Running Podcast](#)

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## *Messages : Future Meetings*

### Meetings For September

September 14<sup>th</sup>. Marva Wisdom: Securing Our Collective History

September 28<sup>th</sup>. Susan Glasauer: The Importance of Wetlands and Bill 23

### *Coffee/Breakfast 10:am*

**August 10<sup>th</sup>. And August 24<sup>th</sup>.**

RCMC Live Coffee at the following location:

**The Boathouse – 9:30am**

**116 Gordon St. Guelph**

### *Activities & Events*

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Night at the Races – Elora Raceway**

**See activities desk for more details**

**Refer to the website often**

### *Other News*

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at [edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca](mailto:edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca)

### *Membership*

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, 519-826-0679, [susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca)

**Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.**