



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

May/June 2020

May-June: Virtual Meetings

MAY 14TH. - ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

Gunter Thase: My Experiences Working with Precious Metals in Communist Russia and beyond.....

This is a special Zoom Virtual Meeting held by our very own club member Gunther Thase. This is our first general meeting via ZOOM. Please join us and enjoy.

10am. To be followed by Live questions.

May 28th. - Website Video

Cameron Shelley: Guelph Postcards

Cameron is a very talented individual. He is an Engineering Prof at Waterloo in Systems Design but his real love is relating Postcards to Guelph's History. He has just finished creating the video that is quite professionally done and unique to the Royal City Men's Club

There will be an introduction to Cameron on the website. There is a capability to write questions to Cameron at the end of the talk. He will answer all questions. You will be able to pause his talk at any time and examine the postcards further.

10am. To be followed by response to written questions.

June 4th. - Zoom Virtual Meeting

Don Johns: Dying with Dignity

Don Johns is a retired United Church minister living in the Village by the Arboretum with his wife, Carolyn. He served the church in congregations in Saskatchewan, Toronto and Ottawa.

Don has been an active member of Dying With Dignity (DWD), a national organization of advocacy and support for those seeking medical assistance in dying (MAID).

He has been trained by DWD as a Client Support volunteer and has also taken on assignments of speaking on behalf of DWD and a gentle death.

He and his wife are volunteer witnesses for those requesting MAID and have responded to over 30 calls in the Guelph/Kitchener area.

On June 4, Don will address the current interest in end of life issues, review the legislative history of MAID and offer suggestions as to how to plan for a gentle death.

10am. To be followed by Live questions.

June 18th - Zoom Virtual Meeting

Graham Taylor: The Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical A.I. at the University of Guelph

Bio:

Graham Taylor is a Canada Research Chair and Associate Professor of Engineering at the University of Guelph. He directs the University of Guelph Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical AI and is a member of the Vector Institute for AI. He has co-organized the annual CIFAR Deep Learning Summer School, and trained more than 60 students and researchers on AI-related projects. In 2016 he was named as one of 18 inaugural CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars. In 2018 he was honoured as one of Canada's Top 40 under 40. In 2019 he was named a Canada CIFAR AI Chair. He spent 2018-2019 as a Visiting Faculty member at Google Brain, Montreal.

Graham co-founded Kindred, which was featured at number 29 on MIT Technology Review's 2017 list of smartest companies in the world. He is the Academic Director of NextAI, a non-profit accelerator for AI-focused entrepreneurs.

Presentation:

The Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical AI at the University of Guelph

While the community is positive about the potential to use AI to solve problems important to humanity, there is also some uncertainty and apprehension about the long-term effects on our economy, our health, and our society at large.

The University of Guelph recently announced the launch of the Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical AI. The centre honours: the university's rich history in research that improves life and community-engaged scholarship and its growing strengths in fundamental and applied AI.

What sets CARE-AI apart from other national and international AI centres is that it integrates ethics and governance expertise with technical leadership. These two groups regularly interact to ensure that new autonomous platforms are safe and benefit humanity.

This new institute is founded on three pillars: Methodology, Responsibility, and Applications. In this short talk, its academic director, Graham Taylor, will showcase a few projects that align with each of these pillars.

10am. To be followed by live questions

June 25th. - ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING: Coffee Morning followed by our
Annual General Meeting

Link to Annual Report – Located on the Website

Slate of Directors for a vote at the A.G.M - Located on the Website

Meeting starts at 10 am

To Our Members,

**Royal City Men's Club Cancellations Related to COVID-19 - Updated 29
April 2020**

In line with guidelines from the government and public health professionals, Royal City Men's Club is regretfully cancelling all "live" lectures, activities and coffee club get-togethers until further notice. We anticipate this could be from a several weeks to a few months.

However, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering a limited number of "virtual" meetings where speakers will present a virtual presentation using Zoom. Also, on every Thursday on which we do not have a presenter, we will have a "virtual coffee morning", again using Zoom. Thus there will be either a lecture or a coffee morning every Thurs at 10 am. In order to simplify Zoom logins, everyone will be sent a single link which will apply to all these meetings.

We thank you for your understanding and patience during these uncertain and stressful times. We will continue to communicate via our mailing list and on our website to keep you well informed. There is additional information on the website.

In the meantime, your health is of primary importance and we encourage everyone to follow the advice of the government and health professionals.

On behalf of your Board
Julian Sale
President

Future Meetings

Meetings for July 2020:

[Check Schedule on Website](#)

Activities & Events

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

Cancelled Until Further Notice

Events:

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED

Contact for Events & Activities -Ken Marchant:marchjack@rogers.com

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

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

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