



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

September 2022

September 1st. "LIVE MEETING" To be held in the Sanctuary

David Connolly: Drayton Theatre...an Entertainment Powerhouse

Presentation:

Drayton Entertainment is a registered, not-for-profit charitable organization, and one of Canada's most successful professional theatre companies. From Broadway musicals, to laugh-a-minute comedies and riveting dramas, Drayton Entertainment presents the finest in live theatre for all ages on seven unique stages, at six venues, in five communities across Ontario: the Drayton Festival Theatre in Drayton, Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge in Cambridge, Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend, King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene, and St. Jacobs Country Playhouse and the Schoolhouse Theatre in St. Jacobs.

After an extended 'intermission,' our doors are open once again with memorable music, entertaining stories, laughter, applause, and maybe even a few tears as we celebrate the long-awaited return. Hear from Director of Education, David Connolly, about this exciting reunion with our patrons as well as our newest endeavor - The Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy - a performing and technical arts training hub, rooted in belonging, aimed at creating generational change.

Bio:

David Connolly is the Associate Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment and the Director of Education of their brand-new Youth Academy for the Performing and Technical Arts. He is also an active Disability and Inclusion Advocate who is deeply committed to changing the statistic of being the only amputee to have performed on Broadway. He has collaborated with artists including Katy Perry, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John, Sarah Jessica Parker, kd lang, Patti LaBelle, Sarah Brightman and many others.

As an Educator, David has been an Adjunct Professor and Advisor to the Musical Theatre Performance Programs at Sheridan College, Randolph College, Fanshawe College, St Lawrence College, Vander Cook College and most recently, the Hopkins Centre for the Arts at Dartmouth College.

For Drayton Entertainment, he has helmed over thirty productions including *Mamma Mia!*, *Hairspray*, *Kinky Boots*, many Panto productions and Disney's *Newsies*. For the screen, David has directed and choreographed several series for CBC Kids including their newest live action series, "Ukulele U." He holds an Honours Bachelor Degree in Musical Theatre Performance from Sheridan College, is a recipient of The Ontario Premier's Award of Excellence, The Waterloo Region Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement, and an Ambassador for both The War Amps' Child Amputee Program (CHAMP) and The Shriners Hospitals for Children.

10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

September 15th. “LIVE MEETING”

John Douglas Dickie: Brief History -Evolution of the Canadian Airline Industry Presentation:

New Aircraft certification and the B737 fleet evolution

Bio:

Personal

- Born Halifax NS
- Early schooling Saint John NB
- University of New Brunswick BScME'67
- Certificate Executive Management Queens University
- Currently retired and resident of Sarasota Fl (winter), Jones Creek NB (summer)

Family

- Husband to Margot Corbett for 55 yrs
- 2 children and 2 grandchildren

Working Experience

- The Boeing Co Seattle WA – 2 years, research and development Engineer Boeing SST
- Eastern Airlines Miami Fl – 4 years, Systems Engineer, L1011 development and certification
- Air Canada Montreal – 26 years
 - Systems Engineer, Manager Warranty and Contracts
 - L1011 fleet introduction Manager, A320 fleet evaluation and introduction
 - Director Procurement, material warehousing/distribution and inventory management
 - Gen Mgr Materials Management
 - Vice President Technical Operations – Engineering, Maintenance, new fleet evaluation
- Bombardier (contractor)– Cologne Germany – 1 yr CRJ fleet audit
- Airbus Toulouse France – 2 years, corporate training and special assignments
- Airbus Herndon VA – 16 years, Vice President Customer Support and Service Development

Personal Interest and Hobbies

- Music and musical theater, director
- Church and community choir singer/director
- Licensed Lay Reader Anglican Church of Canada
- Avid reader and movie fan, amateur American Civil War historian

Volunteer High School in- class math teacher and volunteer usher Sarasota Opera house



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September 29th. “LIVE MEETING”

Neil Dunsmore: Motivational Speaker Discusses his Walk from Fergus to Ottawa

Presentation:

More than just a long walk...an inspiring story for us all



Bio:

Neil Dunsmore is an award-winning speaker and a former Corrections Officer and Hostage/Crisis Negotiator with the Ministry of Correctional Services. He has been a business owner, salesman and is currently a Township of Centre Wellington Councillor. Since his days in corrections Neil has been a mental health advocate and is the author of the book *Reflections in the Ripple* which chronicles his journey of 531 kilometers. A journey to start a conversation around mental health and suicide and to erase the stigma that prevents so many people from reaching out and accessing the help they so desperately need.

Neil is an active Toastmaster who has won the District 86 Humours Speech Contest, the District 86 Evaluation Contest and has competed in the District 86 International Speech Contest 6 times finishing 2nd this year. He is an active Rotarian who has received their highest honour as a Paul Harris Fellow twice.



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Messages : Future Meetings

Meetings For October

October 13th.- Nicola Ross: Trail Hiking in Southern Ontario

October 27th.- T.B.A.: Nuclear Power

Activities & Events: Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

September 8th. and September 22nd.

RCMC Live Coffee at the following locations.

9:30 am at the Boathouse Tea Room (116 Gordon St, Guelph

9:00 am or before the Airpark Cafe(50 Skyway Dr, Guelph) -The AirPark Cafe serves a full breakfast and they open at 7am so you for early risers, you can go anytime after 7am.

There will be an Ad Hoc after coffee walk available at the boathouse.

Elora Race Night - Sept. 2nd.

Please sign up at the activities desk

More news to come regarding activities and live coffee mornings

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

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.