



*Royal City Men's Club*

*RCMC Newsletter*

*September 2023*

**September 14<sup>th</sup>. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”**

**Marva Wisdom: Securing our Collective History**

**Presentation:**

How can claiming, honouring and embracing our histories, our heritage and our unique stories, contribute to our journey of safety and belonging?

**Bio:**

Motivated by the phrase, “we get the leadership we deserve”, Marva Wisdom has set out to broaden and deepen citizens' engagement within our civil society.

From growing up as a child in rural Jamaica, to moving to Stratford, Ontario as a high school student, to raising her family in Guelph, Ontario, Marva Wisdom has built a life on passion, social justice, and inclusivity. Marva Wisdom is a community leader who blends her personal and professional passions to help her clients and community build on the strengths of a strong and collaborative team. A highly respected and sought after facilitator and speaker, Marva, through her company, Wisdom Consulting, provides clients with the tools and courage they need to facilitate meaningful growth through leadership, effective engagement, diversity and inclusivity.

**Currently**, Marva is the Director for the Black Experience Project, a study initiated by the Environics Institute with partners, Ryerson University and the Atkinson Charitable Foundation. Is the founding Chair of the Guelph Black Heritage Foundation whose aim is to acquire and restore an historic British Methodist Episcopal Church, associated with the Underground Railroad of Southwestern Ontario.



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

**September 28<sup>th</sup>. 2023 “LIVE MEETING”**

**Susan Glasauer: The Importance of Wetlands and Bill 23**

**Presentation:**

Presentation details not available at time of publishing

**Bio:**

Dr. Susan Glasauer is a faculty member in the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph, and the president for the Canadian chapter of the Society for Wetland Scientists. She completed an undergraduate degree in Plant and Soil Biology and a Masters in Soil Chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley, and a doctoral degree at the Technical University of Munich in Germany. Following several years as an environmental consultant, with wetland restoration projects in the Niger Delta, she joined Dr. Terry Beveridge at the University of Guelph as a post-doctoral researcher before accepting a faculty position in Land Resource Science in 2003. Her research is focused on the interactions between microbes, metals, and elements of concern in Canada such as arsenic and uranium. Wetlands are central to her research because they are among the most chemically and biologically diverse environments on Earth. The activity of wetland microbes in particular can be manipulated to remove elements of concern from wastewater, or to liberate nutrient elements from rocks that are essential to both microbes and to higher organisms such as plants. She will discuss her research and the future of wetlands in a changing climate world.



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## *Messages : Future Meetings*

### Meetings For October

October 12<sup>th</sup>. Brian Stevens: Feral Pigs and the Numerous Dangers

October 26<sup>th</sup>. David Beaton: State of Guelph Stewardship

## *Coffee/Breakfast 10:am*

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. And Sept. 21<sup>st</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 **Martin Alderwick**; 519-763-6939 [malderwick6939@gmail.com](mailto:malderwick6939@gmail.com)

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