



The Whiff of Grape

Toronto Chapter

Join us for Great Speakers, Great Fellowship, Great Fun!

January 10, 2023

Dear Whiffer,

Happy New Year and best wishes from the Junta! We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable holiday period and that you and those close to you are keeping well.

Your Junta has been busy planning for the Winter/Spring portion of the 2022/23 Campaign. As we enter a new year under the capable chairmanship of Mac Borden, we are pleased to report that many of the pieces are in place. Brian Westlake and his Program Planning team are confirming an excellent lineup of speakers. In addition, we're *planning* a revival of the classic social event – a **2023 June Bash**.

Our exciting lineup of speakers for the 2023 Winter/Spring session begins with two speakers whose topics have broad interest to all. So, we encourage members to specifically invite spouses, family members and friends to join us for those evenings. Members are reminded that female guests are welcome at all meetings.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker : Topic</u>	<u>Format</u>
January 31 @RCYC	Dr. Alexander Louie, Scientist, and Bev Moir, Lung Cancer Advocate: <i>Why lung cancer should be on your radar</i>	In Person & Whiff@Home
February 28 @RCMI	John Anderson Fraser, OC: <i>The British Monarchy - An Update</i>	In Person Only
March 28, April 25	Dates confirmed and details will be posted on the website soon	tbd
June 5 @RCYC	June Bash at the RCYC's Island Clubhouse <i>Note: A Monday evening event</i>	

Our list of prospective guest speakers for future meetings is a very attractive one. But we always welcome further suggestions from you if you know someone you could contact personally to be a guest speaker for the fall Campaign. Please email details to Brian Westlake at speakers_program@whiff-of-grape.ca.

For those of you who have attended in-person dinner meetings this fall at the RCYC City Clubhouse and the Royal Canadian Military Institute, you will know how enjoyable these have been. Membership overwhelmingly supported resuming in-person meetings and we will continue our traditional dinner meeting format through the second half of this Campaign.



2022/23 MID-CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Changes to the RSVP Dinner Reservation Process:

What has changed considerably since February 2020, when our in-person meetings were halted due to the pandemic, is that host club charges have increased significantly. This will come as no surprise to you. However, Peter Baines and Stuart McKay, your directors of logistics, have negotiated very attractive arrangements for the *Whiff* with both venues for the second half of the 2022-2023 Campaign. In order to do this, the *Whiff* is required to commit to more precise attendance numbers in advance of our meetings. As a result, your Junta has updated the *Whiff's Dinner Reservation Policy* to be consistent with what the host clubs require from us. Please carefully read and adhere to the attached revised *Dinner Reservation Policy* which is also posted on the *Whiff's* [website](#).

From the Junta's perspective, the important thing as we enter the second half of the 2022-23 Campaign is to **preserve the *Whiff* tradition by maintaining that spirit of fellowship that we all value, while interacting only in the safest ways.** Furthermore, consider encouraging your acquaintances to join the *Whiff* to experience our stimulating speakers and the exchanges their presentations prompt.

If you have any comments or suggestions at any time, please don't hesitate to send your Junta a note at Junta@Whiff-of-Grape.ca.

Keep up to date with what's happening at the [Toronto Whiff of Grape website](#).

With our very best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Your 2022-23 Junta,

Mac Borden	<i>Chair,</i>
Peter Baines	<i>Logistics + Membership</i>
Ian Brown	<i>Technology</i>
Jim Cairncross	<i>Membership</i>
Ron Foreman	<i>Technology</i>
Bill Kinnear	<i>Secretary</i>
Charles MacRae	<i>Treasurer</i>
Stuart McKay	<i>Logistics</i>
Brian Westlake	<i>Speaker Program</i>



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