



The Whiff of Grape

Social Club Inc.

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

September 3, 2024

Greetings Fellow *Whiffers*

We hope that you and your families have been enjoying the Summer and that you and those close to you are all well. Your Junta has been busy over the Summer in planning for the **2024/25 Campaign**.

We are pleased to report that everything is in place for the upcoming fall season. Paul Potvin together with Bob Milnes has masterfully recruited speakers for the Fall and well into 2025. Here's what our very interesting lineup of speakers for our first three meetings looks like:

September 24th

John Tory, OOnt, KC is a Canadian broadcaster, businessman and politician. He was Mayor of Toronto from 2014 and 2023. John will be discussing ***The Challenges Facing Toronto***. – [Evite for this meeting will be sent on Sept 8th.]

October 29th

An Evening with Marie Henein LL.M., Partner, Henein Hutchison Robitaille LLP, is a prominent criminal lawyer whose recently published book, ***Nothing But The Truth***, is available in bookstores and on-line.

November 26th

Neil Hetherington, MBA, is the CEO of the **Daily Bread Food Bank** who discussing the DBFB's mission to eliminate food insecurity, and advocate for solutions to end poverty.

Membership dues are unchanged at a modest **\$100, including HST**. Dinner charges for members and their guests continue to apply on a pay-as-you-go basis. To encourage younger persons to join the *Whiff*, the annual fee is waived for new members under the age of 50 and waived in the following year if those new members themselves introduce another new member under 50.

For now, Treasurer Ted White's request of you is a simple one: **Please arrange to renew your membership in the *Whiff***, by Interac e-Transfer:



\$100 to treasurer@whiff-of-grape.ca

Deposit to the Club's account is **automatic**, so there's no need for a security question. Once the Treasurer's email address has been established as one of your **Interac e-Transfer** correspondents, all future payments to the *Whiff* will be quick and easy.

Please remember that the *Whiff* no longer processes membership fees and dinner or guest payments by credit or debit card.



WELCOME TO THE 2024/25 CAMPAIGN

You'll be pleased to know that member attendance is consistently strong and, in fact, is approaching capacity limits at the **RCYC's City Clubhouse**. Fortunately, we have other venues including the **Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI)**, and **The National Club** if we need them. However, there may be occasions when space limitations will limit our numbers **and a wait-list might be necessary if reservation numbers exceed capacity**.

You may have friends and acquaintances who would consider joining the *Whiff* to experience its stimulating talks, lively exchanges, and the camaraderie we all enjoy as members of the *Whiff*. Membership Director Charles MacRae has a refreshed inventory of *Whiff* ties and would be delighted to hear from you.

If you have any comments, or would like to suggest speakers and topics, do let a member of the Junta know. You can reach us by email at toronto@whiff-of-grape.ca.

From the Junta's perspective, the important thing as we enter another Campaign is to strive to maintain the *Whiff* tradition that we all enjoy, and its spirit of fellowship and consideration for one another.

Stay up to date with what's happening at the **Toronto Whiff** by visiting :
www.Whiff-of-Grape.ca.

Kindest regards,
Your 2024-25 Junta

Brian Westlake	<i>Chair</i>
Peter Baines	<i>Logistics + Membership</i>
Ian Brown	<i>Technology</i>
Ron Foreman	<i>Technology</i>
Gil Lamothe	<i>Secretary</i>
Charles MacRae	<i>Membership</i>
Stuart McKay	<i>Logistics</i>
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