

9. Are there any presenter topics or subjects that you DON'T want to hear, or you feel is not appropriate for the Countrymen's Club?

- I cannot think of a subject that is inappropriate for us to hear and discuss. A couple of our speakers have used the platform to brag about who they know and what they have accomplished. This is inappropriate but this is the speaker not the subject.
- Also, direct pitches by speaker for business (indirect is implied).
- Ditto for n-f-p's but ok to say ""donations always welcome"" but optional."
- Drag queen story hour
- I'm fine with any topic, so long as it's presented well by an engaging speaker.
- I'm open to just about any topic. But, not too many altruistic topics.
- I've heard enough programs about land conservation. Important to all of us, but enough is enough.
- So long as the topic is interesting and informative, and the speaker is good then any topic can work. But boring speakers can make the best topic uninteresting. Perhaps vet the speakers ahead of time?
- "We do a lot of conservation talks... maybe a few less.
- I would be open to having a budget for speakers (if some people cost) to potentially incorporate other speakers maybe not attained with a free talk.
- Can we find someone on AI?"
- Religion is probably a good one to stay away from.
- Just an observation, was watching the face of the teenage girl serving us as members told jokes about masturbation and oral sex. Her face looked stricken. I cannot imagine gentlemen would tell such jokes in front of their own children or grandchildren. jokes are fine but these young women should not be invisible to us if indeed we are gentlemen.

12. Do you have any other comments, suggestions, or ideas to make The Countrymen's Club more relevant to you?

- The most recent guest speakers haven't been as interesting as in the past.
- It would be nice to have an annual off-site trip or special event possibly with spouses even if it required an extra fee. This could be a cultural event: a museum, play, concert or other unique experience.
- "Further to #11, I think the challenge is the entertainment portion of the evening.
- We'll see how having the same guy back from last year goes this year. Tough to please everyone, but I think the ""holiday"" spirit of entertainment is what we want including our Jewish members somehow."
- I would occasionally like to see an "outing" sometime during the year-with or without spouse. A suggestion would be historic yellow springs. It is local, has tremendous history, and I believe all would enjoy the visit.
- I missed my first Christmas party due to work.
- "Consider having a welcoming/mentor program whereby new members are paired with long-term members who can introduce them one-on-one with other members to better meet/know all members. Another way of meeting existing members is to have the new member's sponsor act as their ambassador for X number of meetings. Perhaps have members with less than one year of membership meet a half-hour early at a fall meeting to get to know each other better. The bottom line is to make sure new members feel welcomed.
- Due to the minimum number of lunches that are charged and that sometimes the attendance falls short, consider increasing the number of members.
- This survey is an excellent tool. It helps minimize officers imposing their wishes on the group as at least one former president did IMHO.
- I do not believe that I have received any requests to vote on the admittance of a member candidate. Since some guests have been introduced, we should request feedback from any guest who decides not to join as to the reason(s) why. This feedback may be very valuable

to learn how someone outside the group views it and if changes need to be made.

- With respect to the dress code, while I'm in favor of ditching the jackets, a dress code is needed so that blue jeans, sneakers, boots, etc. are not being worn. In other words, a casual business dress code.
- Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts."
- One or two "field trips" of sorts should be considered. If someone known by a member is an executive director or manager of a museum or similar, a guided tour would be interesting and entertaining. Keith's museum is an excellent example.
- French Creek is a lovely venue but I loathe buffets and would find waiter service infinitely preferable to a buffet regardless of whether the lunch is hot or cold. If the food service provider at our chosen venue requires a paid minimum, we should set our membership goal at the number of members it would take on average to meet or exceed this minimum. Not that it really matters, but given that we have a number of members who are progressives and even more who are libertarians, is it appropriate to continue to refer to us in the club description as "conservative."
- You must temper wants with practicality. E.g., you may want a different venue than French Creek, CC, but it may be impossible to find another restaurant that offers a private room at noon on Thursdays that can provide a good quality buffet, 11 months out of the year that will also provide a video projector and sound system and has ample parking.
- "Yes, the country club is fine. The January move to another location is a welcome change. So maybe do that one or two other times during the year.
- The buffet we get is very nice but it's become boring. Always similar. So this could be mixed up with burgers and other themes from time to time. Especially if it would cost us a bit less for those months. Occasional changes are nice. Try Mexican buffet, Indian buffet, Italian buffet, Chinese buffet, etc. Some variety would be good."

- "1. 6 meeting minimum - personally this is good for me since I am still working and may need to skip a fair amount. While I don't like skipping, work takes priority.
- 2. This may go against our purpose... but I would be open to having something to push more interaction and networking."
- You asked if we should maintain the 6-meeting requirement. While I understand the goal I believe we could eliminate good members by enforcing this. At our age in life we travel, work and volunteer while hopefully answering to few. Collect our money and don't get into kicking members out.
- Maybe we should have a purpose with a humorous or satirical mission statement! -:)
- Currently we are paying \$39 for a minimum of 30 member / guest meals per month. I understand inflation in the current environment, but looking around for options wouldn't hurt. I personally love the food and venue, but I'm cheap!