

SCHEDULE

Annual General Meeting (AGM) April 16, 2015

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Arrival and Sign-In

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30PM **Welcome and Introduction**

- **2015 Review:** Updated 2015 Brochure, Website updates in WordPress including VFC calendar, news, and VFC brochure for download etc. More advances in genetics research with successful fresh blood cell collections and study. Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver meetings well attended with current and solid patient information. Successful 17th. annual Cambridge walk/picnic & 2nd Annual BriStrength walk/picnic in Orillia, Small 5K Research Grant to Dr. Siminovitch for EMR etc. Investigated “administrative data” study for RA study comparison.
- **2016 Outlook:** Carol steps back, hopefully not too far back! Welcome new board member Manreet Grewal. Always more website updates including video library, Another Roche Grant? 18th Cambridge Picnic and Walk 25.6.2016, Orillia BriStrength 3.7.16. Expect more advances from Dr. Siminovitch & more sample collections, and perhaps others. Fall meetings planned for Hamilton 22.10.16 (Khalidi/Walsh/Cox&special guest) as well as Calgary 06.10.16. New research on administrative data (TBC), and potential vasculitis APP under consideration. Still building 100 each of Behcet’s and GCA. **Need new VFC Secretary (Garth)!** CORD update *and brief meeting with Ontario’s Health Minister, Dr. Eric Hoskins.*

Moment of silence for all those friends and members we have lost!

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM **Guest Speaker, Dr. Katherine Siminovitch**
Question & Answer Session

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM Break

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM Annual Meeting
Closing Remarks
Adjournment

Directions to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 126, 334 Westminster Drive, Cambridge, ON:

From Hwy. 401, exit at #278 (Hwy 8 East),

Drive south on Shantz Hill Road to the bottom of the hill, turn **left** at the bottom of the hill, facing Canadian Tire Gas Station.

At the first traffic signals (King Street), turn **right**.

Continue on King Street to the traffic signals at Westminster Drive, then turn **left** onto Westminster Drive and proceed to 334 Westminster Drive at the corner of Margaret Street. Turn **left** on Margaret to enter the parking lot.