





A Valentine presentation by Brian Keating Head Naturalist of goingwild.org Honorary Conservation Advisor, Calgary Zoological Society Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Calgary

"Brian Keating will take you on an adventure that only he can tell, because he was there, watching and filming, right in the thick of things. By persistence, good planning and plain old dumb luck, Keating happened upon more than you'll bargain for during this sometimes humorous, often profound, and highly personal presentation of love, adventure and passion"

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Gena Rotstein introduced Dr. Brian Keating to everyone. Brian's previous job at the Zoo was to raise money and then to spend it on environmental projects around the world. Presently, Brian is the Zoo's Honorary Conservation Advisor to their outreach efforts, and a part time Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Calgary as well as the owner of: <u>www.goingwild.org</u>

Brian has been leading groups on nature-based travel for three decades, exploring some of the best wildlife areas on the Planet. He's a weekly guest on both Calgary and Edmonton's CBC Radio, and for many years, was a regular on the Discovery Channel, using his own wilderness adventure and wildlife filming. Brian is in high demand as an international speaker, presenting at some 50 events a year.

His wife, Dee, is a physician and keen naturalist who always joins him on his adventures.

Brian showed us a trailer of his hopefully upcoming television show *"Going Wild".*

Brian opened with a story about Whooping Cranes mating as an homage to our Valentine's Day luncheon theme . We enjoyed a video showing them breed that has been shown around the world. They were down to 22 birds and now up to 500 in part because of the breeding program at the zoo.

Unlike people, Whooping cranes have to like each other to breed and they court for years before breeding and they mate for life. Life to a Whooping Crane can be 50 to 60 years.







Brian then took us on a journey to Ethiopia which is actually quite green and lush in the high country where there were many animals and species that can only be found in Ethiopia.

Our next stop was the Galapagos islands which are in an El Niño year. This is great for the area because it promotes a lot of mating for the species that live there and they tend to thrive during these times.



Back in Calgary Brian noted that he lives close to the zoo where he works and can hear that love is in the air. The geese have started to get ready for spring.

Brian finished off with a story about when he found a duck in his backyard. She had laid 4 eggs under a juniper bush, on a flood preventing berm . He eventually was able to gain the trust of the duck and even go to the point where he could feed the duck. Soon after the flood came. Brian had really bonded with the duck and was sad to see the ducks nest gone.

When the flood had receded the ducks moved to his backyard pond. A year passed and the duck again came back and nested in his yard. Then one night, the duck was in distress. Brian ran out the back door right into a skunk! The skunk missed him but did get the eggs

from the duck. The next day the duck came back to its nest looking for the eggs, clearly in distress. Brian was very upset at this event and noted that at best there is a 20% success rate for nesting.

Brian then proceeded to build an anti-skunk nesting platform. The duck came back to the platform, built a nest and laid 6 more eggs. All the eggs hatched. The duck still lives in his backyard and he feeds it top quality bread with a seven foot spoon!

Sherry Austin thanked our speaker for taking the time to educate us on "Love".







RCCS: CLUB NEWS

President Murray Flegel opened this Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Carriage House in with his *"On this Date in History"* segment

- ✓ 1907: Founding of Supreme Court of Alberta
- ✓ 1942: "Archie" Comic Books Debuts
- ✓ 1967: Opening of 1st Canadian Winter Games: in Quebec City
- ✓ 1971: Montreal Canadien John Believeau scored his 500th NHL Goal

✓ National Make A Friend Day

Lisa Fernandes and **President Murray** then led us in singing O Canada and Rotary Grace

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Head Table: Dr. Brian Keating (Guest Speaker), Gena Rotstein, Murray Flegel, Arlene Flegel, Sherry and Steve Austin, George and Lois Adam and Paul Brick

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Keith Davis provided an enjoyable toast to the Partners:

Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the fifth century, but has origins even long before that, in the Roman holiday; Lupercalia. Valentine's Day is often referred to as "*The Day of Romance*" or "*The Day of Love*", a day when we honour our partners. Love is a mysterious thing and is manifested in many ways, and mankind has undoubtedly grappled with the concept since the dawn of time.

Even Dr. Seuss got into the game, when he noted: "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." Later in life, of course, you can't fall asleep because your partner is snoring.

But at our Valentine Luncheon it is a time to honour our husbands, wives, sweethearts and life partners. So it is my honour to ask you to join me in this toast to our Partners.







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Arlene Flegel: It is an honour to reply to your toast Keith. Thank you Murray for giving me this honour ... an hour and a half ago!

Why is it that a man's best friend is his dog and a woman's best friend is a diamond? Or an unlimited Credit Card?

Women enjoy small talk. Did you know the average man uses 7,000 word a day? So ladies if you have an occasion where he doesn't rely to you he hasn't gone deaf he is simply out of words!

Woman use an average of 24,000 words a day. We explain, discuss, empathize, rationalize and show favour. If we don't talk to someone we are silent. We use language as a reward, so if there is conflict between a man and woman we can withdraw the reward. However; this doesn't always work. After two days of not speaking to Murray I finally said "Do you realize I'm not talking to you? " Murray replied "I was just enjoying the peace and quiet".





Let's raise our glass to the Member of Rotary Club of Calgary South. Thank you for the invite today. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day weekend.



Sherry Austin led us in an enjoyable reverse Sergeant at Arms:

Terry Allen: true or false? Wives and girlfriends get the most valentine cards on Valentines day? It was False Terry! Teachers get the most Valentines!

Gail McDougall: what color of M & M's are thought to be an aphrodisiac? Green is the one!

Jim Bladon: on Valentines day in 1876 Alex Graham Bell applied for a patent on what invention? Jim was correct it was the telephone!











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2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH & TRANSPORTATION

| FEBRUARY | 2016 |
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| Feb 18 Feb 25 | Honorable Brian Jean: Leader of Opposition Kelsey Claeys: Between Friends |
| MARCH 201 | 6 |
| March 3 March 10 March 17 March 24 March 31 | Honorable Greg Clark: Leader of Alberta Party Legends Series: Terry McDonough St. Patrick's Day Jesse Sacha: The Impact of the YEX Jay Ingram: Beakerhead |
| APRIL 2016 | |
| April 7 April 14 April 21 April 28 | Dr. Reynold Bergen: Cattle Hormone Facts and Myths Steve Allen (Chair): Calgary Economic Development New Members Auction (Evening Meeting at Carriage House) Jody Mosely: Calgary Airport Authority (At Stampede Club House) |
| <u>MAY 2016</u> May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26 | lan Anderson: Transmountain Pipeline Linda Powell: STARS Air Ambulance To be announced To be announced |
| <u>JUNE 2016</u> | |
| June 2 June 9 June 16 June 23 June 30 | Stay In School Luncheon at Carriage House Inn Charities Day at Carriage House Inn Dr. Dru Marshall: Provost of the U of C (At the Club House) Paul Siska: Outbound YEX Student (At The Club House) Changing of the Guard and WCS and Large Grants Presentation |
| <u>JULY 2016</u> July 7 July 14 | Dream Home Kickoff at Ranchman's Cookhouse and DanceHall No Meeting: Dream Home Operations |
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TRANSPORTATION: Contact Gui Salazar at: (403) 875 5146 (Cell) or (403) 281 9719 (Home) or: <u>salazars@telus.net</u> if you know of anyone that may need a ride to meetings





RCCS: STAY IN SCHOOL MENTORS / MEMBER PROPOSALS



Stay in School Mentors:

It is that time of year again where we need you to send to me report cards for all our students (including students attending postsecondary institutions). I have some, but not all.

There are a number of outstanding reports from the last school year and if you have those please send as well. Remember; our students have a signed contract to live up to and reports cards within 15 days of receipt must be sent to the Mentor. That is part of the agreed upon contract. Thank you

Submitted by: Earl Huson



The following proposed new member has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to him joining our Club or to the assigned classification, an objection must be filed in writing and delivered to the Club Secretary by: February 25th, 2016 (10 days in total).

Name: Major Guy Simms Classification: Religion

Proposed by: David Read

Seconded by: Glenn Potter



Name: Sid Smith Classification: Real Estate / Industrial

Proposed by: Murray Flegel

Seconded by: Ken Farn





PARTNERS IN PRINT



BOOK CLUB:

Book Club

Our next book club is Monday, February 22 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Please let me know by NOON ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 so I can submit the numbers to the Country Club.

Please email me at: <u>wandamcneil@shaw.ca</u> or call me at 403-217-8407. Coffee is at 9:00 and the meeting starts at 9:30 with a \$16 cost.

Wanda McNeil, 2015 - 2016 Book Club Chair.



Susan Brick shared with me a number of restaurants that she had researched for Lunch Bunch. One that she highly recommended was Patisserie du Soleil and I was able to book it for our next outing:

Thursday February 18, 11:30 a.m.

Patisserie du Soleil (Woodbine location) www.patisseriedusoleil.com

2525 Woodview Dr SW

Although it is a bakery, they assured me that they will also have a selection of gluten-free lunch items. And of course, desserts! Lots of on-site parking. If you can join us please call me at 403-255-1397 or email me at <u>maclachlan@shaw.ca</u> by February 16 so I can confirm with the restaurant. Hope to see you there.





RCCS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION



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