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EDMONTON SPEAKERS SERIES

Join us for a luncheon with the final speaker in our anniversary speaker series. Sheila Watt-Cloutier is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee and world leader on global climate change and human rights. The title of her talk is “Everything is Connected: environment, economy, foreign policy, sustainability, human rights and leadership in the 21st century.”

Wed, Sept 15, 2010

Luncheon & Presentation
The Westin Edmonton
10135 100 Street

Doors open at 11:30 am
Tickets are \$50 and are available
at TIX on the Square
(780) 420-1757 or
www.tixonthesquare.ca



endowment fund. ECF is one of several local organizations that has been part of ECF’s Legacy Partnership—an ongoing program that works with charities in our community to build their own endowments at ECF.

Our 20th anniversary activities will conclude on September 15th with the final edition of the Edmonton Speaker Series. Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and world leader on global human rights will speak at a luncheon at The Westin Edmonton. Tickets are available from TIX on the Square by phone at (780) 420-1757 or online at www.tixonthesquare.ca.

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FALL 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Where did the summer go? On the other hand, fall can be lovely in Edmonton so we’ll look forward to that!

Many of you joined us at our AGM on June 10th when keynote speaker Anne Smith shared her passionate and thoughtful analysis of the issues, challenges and opportunities we face as funders of community services. ECF is fortunate indeed to have such an insightful and committed partner in the United Way—working with us for the good of our community.

The AGM also marked a change in the leadership of the Foundation. Four members of the board completed their terms—Karen Platten, John Holmlund, Zaheer Lakhani and Ove Minsos—each providing years of dedicated service in so many ways. They have excellent successors: Carman McNary, Terena Delaney, Hussein Kanji and Liz

O’Neill. We look forward to working with them in the years to come.

On June 19th more than 100 people gathered in Edmonton for the Imagine Canada Alberta Forum—co-hosted by ECF—to discuss “big picture” issues facing charitable and non-profit agencies in our province. The Forum is part of Imagine Canada’s cross-Canada conversation to identify the key challenges and opportunities facing the non-profit sector. Individuals representing the six sectors in which ECF is active discussed current issues such as changing demographics, limited operating funds, and staff retention. An action plan was developed and more work will follow in the coming year.

ECF was recognized as a “Distinguished Citizen” and received an Honorary Bachelor of Arts from Grant MacEwan University. Board Chair Penny Omell accepted the degree at MacEwan’s June convocation. We appreciate this honour by a valued colleague institution.

Van Morrison was the headliner at the Edmonton Folk Music Festival on August 5th. This special performance was a fundraiser for the Folk Festival’s

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ECF held its AGM during a luncheon at The Westin Edmonton on June 10th, 2010 with 400 donors, supporters, stakeholders and friends in attendance.

(Left) Piper Keltie Nicoll played grace to open the 2010 Annual General Meeting held at The Westin Edmonton on June 10th.

(Right) Anne Smith, President & CEO of the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, addresses the AGM luncheon.

WILLS WEEK 2010

ECF is pleased to be once again hosting free sessions for Wills Week October 1-7. The sessions are conducted by estate lawyers who volunteer their time to present information on the importance of having a valid, up-to-date will.

This year we're pleased to welcome a new sponsor - The Financial Planning Standards Council joins the Edmonton Journal in helping us offset the cost of Wills Week.

PLAN Edmonton is a special seminar for those who would like information on how to ensure their will provides for family members who may require special care.

2010 WILLS WEEK SCHEDULE

Fri, Oct 1, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Northgate Lions Seniors Centre
7524-139 Ave

Sat, Oct 2, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Millennium Place
2000 Premier Way, Sherwood Park

Sun, Oct 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Braemar Room
Royal Glenora Club
11160 River Valley Road

Mon, Oct 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Grant MacEwan University
South Campus, Classroom 101
7319-29 Ave

Tues, Oct 5, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Central Lions Seniors Centre
11113-113 Street, Small Auditorium

Tues, Oct 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Polish Hall Conference Room
10960-104th Street

Wed, Oct 6, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Telus World of Science
Starlight Room, 11211-142 Street

Wed, Oct 6, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

PLAN Edmonton Session
Prince of Wales Armouries
Jefferson Room, 10440-108 Ave

Wed, Oct 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Santa Maria Goretti Centre
11050-90 Street

Thurs, Oct 7, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Central Lions Seniors Centre
11113-113 Street, Small Auditorium

Thurs, Oct 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Edmonton Public Library
Whitemud Crossing
4211-106 Street

Thurs, Oct 7, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Italian Cultural Centre
14230-133 Ave

GHOST BIRD FILM SCREENING

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust is excited to provide a unique opportunity to view "Ghost Bird", a unique documentary film that will not be released in theatres. The Ivory-billed Woodpecker's controversial rediscovery has been well documented in numerous books and in media around the globe. This documentary steps out of the swamp and takes an even wider perspective on the bird's rediscovery, fully exploring all of its political, cultural and economic dimensions. As a result, surprising insights are made and significant facts are uncovered, some having been previously censored. This documentary pursues the unsettling territory of human ambition and wishful thinking.

Thurs, Sept 23, 2010, 7 pm
Royal Alberta Museum
12845-102 Ave.

Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance
Refreshments will be served.
Please contact Pam Wight for payment details:
pamwight@ealt.ca
(780) 483-7578

Seminars are FREE but seating is limited. First come, first served.

NEW ECF BOARD CHAIR

We are pleased to introduce Penny Omell as the new chair of the Board of Directors. Penny officially became the chair at the Annual General Meeting on June 10th. She replaces out-going board member Karen Platten who served as chair for the past four years.

Penny joined the ECF board in 2006 and has served on the Investment Committee. She was appointed chair of that committee and will continue in that role.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Penny immigrated to Canada in 1980. She originally trained as a physical therapist and worked in that field for 14 years including as Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Alberta from 1987-89.

Her career changed directions in 1995 after she received accreditation in investment management. She joined Wood Gundy as a Financial Consultant and is now a Vice President and Investment Advisor with CIBC Wood Gundy where she oversees all aspects of wealth management for private clients and non-profit organizations.

ECF RECEIVES BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Grant MacEwan University conferred an Honorary Bachelor of Arts Degree to the Edmonton Community Foundation as a Distinguished Citizen; making us perhaps the only community foundation in Canada to hold a degree.

First awarded in 1972 to the Honourable Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan, the Distinguished Citizen award is MacEwan's highest tribute to individuals or groups who reflect the university's mission and fundamental values. At its annual Convocation ceremony, MacEwan awards an honorary Bachelor of Arts to distinguished citizens who have made outstanding and significant contributions to MacEwan, the communities it serves, and/or the institution's programming or service areas.

ECF Board Chair, Penny Omell, accepted the degree during the Convocation ceremony on June 18th, 2010.



ECF board chair, Penny Omell (centre) accepted an Honorary Bachelor of Arts Degree from Grant MacEwan University. Pictured here with Eric Young (left), past chair of GMU and Paul Byrne, president & CEO of GMU.

THE BEST TIME TO DONATE

Charities welcome donations at any time and if you give before the end of the year, you are able to claim a charitable tax credit of as much as 50 percent of your gift when you file your tax return in early 2011.

If you would like to make a gift of publicly traded securities in 2010 to take advantage of the special additional

tax incentive for these gifts (no tax on the capital gain), it is important that you contact us before the end of November to allow enough time for the shares or mutual funds to be transferred, in kind, from your accounts to our accounts. This is especially true of:

- **mutual fund gifts, which can take quite a bit longer than shares, and**
- **transfers that happen near the end of the year – simply due to the volume of share gifts that the investment houses are processing.**

We have changed our accounts during this past year so the old transfer forms have been replaced by new forms with our new account information. Please call Donor Services at (780) 426-0015 or e-mail us at info@ecfoundation.org for more information about the power of endowing a gift of publicly traded securities.



TERI TAYLOR–TUNSKI FUND: THE T3 FUND



Teri Taylor-Tunski was a much heralded Edmonton teacher who, at the age of 43, passed away in August 2008 after a three-month battle with cancer. In late 2008, her family started an endowment fund in her name: The T3 Fund.

Teri was a well-rounded individual who not only taught in Edmonton but spent a year in England on an exchange. During her London time, she and her husband Kirby Tunski travelled extensively and experienced many cultures. Following the birth of her children, Tom in 1999 and Grace in 2004, Teri began a quest to improve the way children learn.

Teri was a firm believer that standard tests, while useful, did not teach children to adapt to changing situations. She developed an approach that encouraged students to think through solutions rather than simply respond to standardized questions and she perfected this style during her 17 years teaching in an inner city ESL (English as a Second Language) school. When she transferred to a school outside of the inner city, where students' first language was English and they were better prepared for taking tests, her model worked the same. Her students learned to think on the fly rather than just memorize and that was her goal. Unfortunately, Teri died before she

could further develop her teaching model, but its intent lives on through the T3 Fund.

The T3 Fund started with a donation from Teri's family. With involvement from both the Taylor and Tunski families, the fund provides financial support to groups which may not otherwise get traditional funding. The intent is to assist educational and leadership initiatives and the grants panel actively seeks out worthy recipients: researching their goals, philosophies and accomplishments before final selection is made.

The fund's first recipient was the Multicultural Family Resources Society for a program that provides opportunities for inner city youth from Cambodia and other Asian countries.

The fund is not only a legacy to Teri's educational vision but a memorial for her children – a way to keep their mother's memory alive. The long term plan is to increasingly involve Tom and Grace into the workings of the fund and since apples don't fall far from the tree, the T3 Fund certainly promises to remain in good hands for a long time.

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