

Graminia NEWS!

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A New Year, A New GCLSS Executive Team

A very well attended GCLSS AGM was held on February 9, 2015 and the outcome of the meeting was the election of a dynamic executive team.

Following is a brief introduction to the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Scott Latimer - President



Tell us a bit about yourself: "In addition to being a father to my two children and husband to Megan, I am the owner of Latco Picker & Oilfields Services Ltd., an oilfield based picker service company. Although I received my B.Ed from the University of Alberta, and did my teaching practicum at Graminia Community School, I chose to remain in the oilfield industry. The past fall I was a sessional instructor at NAIT, for the crane and hoisting program, and hope to return in the near future. My main hobby in life now is spending time with my family."

"I have lived in Parkland County my entire life. I grew up in the Clymont Community, but I now reside west of Graminia School."

Why did you choose to get involved with the GCLSS and what is your presidential vision?

"I chose to get involved with the Graminia Community League because I feel that a sense of community is something extremely important to an area. Having a network of like-minded, fun, and enthusiastic individuals can be a great social aspect to life, but having a league where our family's can learn, celebrate, and come together makes it that much stronger."

"My vision for the GCL for 2015 is to bring some new life into our hall. I would like to see some new community-based, family events that can bring us all together to meet one another and to give us all a chance to build some long-lasting friendships through the GCL."

Lastly, if you could be a superhero, who would you be?

"If I could be a super hero I would have to say that I would be Spiderman. My son is absolutely infatuated and enthralled with him, and who wouldn't want to always be that cool in the eyes of a child?"

Deryk J. Kause - Vice President



Tell us a bit about yourself: "Alison and I have been happily married for almost 5 years and we have an Irish Wolfhound named "Dolly". We are an outdoor family; Alison's favorite activity is running and I prefer a motor; dirt biking and snowmobiling to keep me occupied. Together we bike ride, snowboard and water ski. I am currently employed as a project manager in the construction sector."

"We currently live very close to Graminia Hall and I also grew up very close to the hall... which means I have lived within one mile of the hall for about 25 years of my life!"

Why did you choose to get involved with the GCLSS and what strengths, personal and business, do you feel you bring to the GCL executive team?

"I chose to get involved in the GCLSS to support building our community. To keep a healthy community everyone needs to do their share, and actions speak louder than words."



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"On the personal side I bring a positive attitude. My philosophy has always been that life is too short not to have fun. From a business perspective, I consider myself an organized executer and believe in systems to obtain repeat success. As an entrepreneur and project management professional, I excel at working with a team, and this team is stacked!"

Lastly, what would be your preferred beverage from the following choices? Double-double, Soymilk no foam extra hot latte, herbal tea, or black & strong: "None of the above. Four creams and one sugar for me, please!!"

Darren Enders - Treasurer

Tell us a bit about yourself: "I am happily married with no kids of the normal sense. My wife and I do have though, a number of 'fur' kids around the property who tend to keep us pretty busy. Time permitting, I like to work with and ride our horses in the summer months. In the past, we competed in Morgan horse shows in the Edmonton area."

"I am employed as a System / Network Administrator at the head office of a local airline. In my free time I have been known to dabble in decorative iron work and blacksmithing as well as car restoration and wood working."

"I have lived beside the hall for 10 years now."

Why did you choose to get involved with the GCLSS and what do you hope to accomplish during your time as Treasurer with the GCL?:

"To be honest, the new fence [erected on the subdivision green zone] generated a lot of talk around the community. I decided to attend a few meetings to ensure my ideas were heard. After attending a few meetings, I felt I could do more for the community and it was then I decided to step-up and take a position. It has been years since I helped out with an executive committee and it feels good to be involved at this level again."

"During my time as Treasurer with the GCLSS, I would like to bring back more of the community into the association. With everyone having busy lives and being connected to the wide world in ways that were never even considered 25 years ago, community has taken on a

different meaning in recent years. I want to work at reviving the feel of the 'old' communities but still keep ourselves in the modern world. This is a tall order and I expect it to be full of interesting challenges along the way."

"At the same time I want to build a set of processes and procedures around the position of treasurer in order to make the transfer to future executives a streamlined and easy process."

You seem like the philosophical type. Can you share your thoughts on this last pressing question -- why is there fuzz on a tennis ball? "To soak up the dog drool during a game of fetch of course!"

Angie Gehlert - Secretary



Tell us a bit about yourself: "I am married with two kids. The kids keep me very busy but when I can get a few minutes to myself I like to work with my horses, knit, sew, and do some gardening. I also enjoy camping, quadding and love taking lake holidays. My full time job is being a stay home mom but I also work part time for the Association of Alberta Agricultural Societies and am a bookkeeper for my husband's business. I am also involved in a couple of ministries at our Church."

"My family moved to Devon area when I was 5 years old. Now I live on my husband's family farm in Parkland County."

Why did you choose to get involved with the GCLSS and what do you see as the biggest challenge for the GCL in 2015?:

"I got involved with Graminia Community League through Rainbow Playschool. I see lots of potential for the Graminia Hall so I wanted to be involved to get the community more involved."

"I think the biggest challenge for Graminia Community League will be engaging the community to be a part of the hall. I would like to see people putting down the modern technology and going back to old fashioned socializing and bringing community together through events."

One last burning question, in the fairy tale Cinderella, the Prince must find the woman who fits the glass slipper. If you were Cinderella, what type of footwear would you expect from the Prince?

"My Glass Slipper would be a good pair of cowboy boots, because some days you gotta just put on your boots and dance anyway."



Rainbow Playschool is gearing up for a busy spring! We are kicking off our Coco Brooks **spring fundraiser** and will be **taking orders until April 7** with delivery expected at the end of April. Coco Brooks is a Calgary based company specializing in pizza, appetizers and meat products. More information is available on our Facebook page or by e-mailing rainbowplayschool.gcl@gmail.com

We also have a bottle drive planned for April 25th. We will be stationed at the hall for drop off between 10 am and 2 pm. Proceeds of the bottle drive go towards supplies and equipment for the playschool. Please e-mail the above address if curbside pickup is required.

Rainbow Playschool is hosting our pre-registration evening on April 21st between 6 pm and 8 pm. This evening gives parents an opportunity to see the school, meet the teacher and secure a spot for the 2015/2016 school year. More information is available on our website, by e-mail rainbowplayschool.gcl@gmail.com, or by calling Kyla Belter at 780-340-7475.



Graminia T-ball is open to children 5 and under from the Graminia area. Please use your discretion to decide if your child is mature enough to understand the concept of the game and is ready to participate.

Games will commence mid-May and run for 6 weeks on Thursday's from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. The start date will be decided based on the weather and field condition. Each child is required to bring their own glove.

We intend to divide the children into groups to work on skills for a large portion of each session. This will open up the opportunity for parent participation if interested. Parents must remain for the whole hour or have someone there who is responsible for their child. The parent coaches will not be responsible for anyone besides their own child/children.

Registration - April 9 at Graminia Hall from 12:00pm – 12:30pm and 5:30pm – 6:30pm. If you are unable to make it, then please contact Sheila @ sheilaa@telus.net to make other arrangements.

Registration Fee - \$25 per child for hall members.

If you are not a hall member you may purchase an annual membership for \$10.

This fee will include a t-shirt, team picture and a medal.

MEETINGS

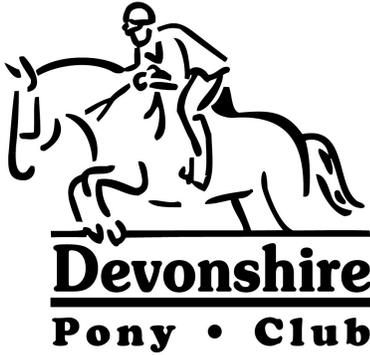
Graminia Community League meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

April 7

(exception because April 6 is a holiday for some) and May 4.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Canadian Pony Club is a member-based association, managed by volunteers, mandated to serve the needs of Canadians, ages 6 and up, who are interested in riding, learning about and/or caring for horses or ponies. Canadian Pony Club is incorporated as a national not-for-profit organization, and carries Canadian registered charity status.

Canadian Pony Club is committed to the vision: To provide the opportunity for every person in Canada to have a positive experience with horses through providing opportunities:

- For Education
- To Learn responsibility, sportsmanship and good citizenship
- For Enjoyment and/or competitive success with horses

Membership in Canadian Pony Club includes approximately 4,500 individual members, organized through 175 branch clubs, from coast-to-coast in Canada. Canadian Pony Club is affiliated with an international network of more than twenty national Pony Clubs in other countries. In total, the international Pony Club community includes more than 100,000 individual members, involved in providing a healthy, educational riding experience for youth, worldwide. Each national Pony Club organization, ensures that programs delivered within the country are in-line with international standards for education, testing, and competition. Your local branch is the Devonshire Pony Club. For more info contact: Jacqueline de Leeuw 780-914-6207, deleeuw23@gmail.com.

**Cooking Under the Mango Tree
Haitian Cooking classes - Graminia Hall**

April 23 - Mushroom green pea rice, pikliz, garden quinoa, avocado lettuce salad, seven herb baked and fried eggplant with Haitian vegetable salsa and fresh fruit juice
May 21 - Haitian black bean spaghetti with kale, black bean rice coleslaw wraps, string bean salaise, fresh fruit juice and a special Haitian drink

LEARN TO COOK
“VEGAN WITH FLAVOR”
 UNDER THE MANGO TREE WITH ADELINE

Location: Graminia Hall, 31101 Range Road 270 Across the river from Devon, 2 miles off Hwy 60 on Graminia Rd West
 Time: 6pm
 Age: 10 years and up
 Cost: \$10.00 per class
 Lesson #3: April 23rd - Mushroom green pea rice, pikliz, garden quinoa, avocado lettuce salad, seven herb baked and fried eggplant with Haitian vegetable salsa and fresh fruit juice.
 Lesson #4: May 21st - Haitian black bean spaghetti with kale, black bean rice coleslaw wraps, string bean salaise, fresh fruit juice and a special Haitian drink.
 We've made great effort to create a very interesting cultural experience. The participants will learn to cook with flavor using authentic tools and then sit down at a nice table setting to share the Haitian food they've created.
 (Registration closes two days before each class but register early as space is limited. Payment due at time of registration.)
 Contact Stevens at: 780-991-2449 or kamilastevens@thetf.ca
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Approximately thirty five orange chairs. They are currently stacked on the east side of the Graminia Hall under the awning and will remain there until the end of April. Help yourself!