



RANCH EHRLO SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Tickets still on sale

If you haven't had an opportunity to pick up your tickets to our 50th anniversary celebration, you are in luck. Tickets are still on available.

The Sept. 29th event will feature guest speaker Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*. Critics have called Jeannette Walls' memoir "spectacular," "extraordinary," "incredible," and "riveting." It has been a New York Times best-seller for more than six years.

As our guest speaker, she will discuss her compelling story and share anecdotes from throughout her life. She had an incredibly rocky childhood, with an alcoholic father and a largely absentee mother. In spite of it, she built an impressive career for herself which has so far included penning three best sellers. In 2012, Lionsgate purchased the rights to *The Glass Castle* and will be releasing the movie starring Jennifer Lawrence from The Hunger Games.

At Ranch Ehrlo Society, we see this type of resiliency daily in our clients – and this is why Ms. Walls is the perfect complement to an event that will celebrate 50 years of helping at-risk clients blossom into successful adults.

Our master of ceremonies for the evening is Order of Canada member and former lieutenant governor, Dr. Gordon Barnhart.

Proceeds raised from the event will extend beyond one evening. Funds raised that are not used in the anniversary celebrations will go back into Ranch Ehrlo's community program Ehrlo Sport Venture, which provides sporting equipment and free sports leagues to inner city youth.

The event will be held at the Queensbury Convention Centre, 1700 Elphinstone Street, in Regina. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30. There will be an opportunity to have a copy of your booked signed by Ms. Walls after the program.

Individual tickets are \$85, or \$680 for a table of eight and can be purchased at Ranch Ehrlo locations, by calling Shelley at 306-781-1800 or online at ehrlo.com.

We're looking forward to celebrating with you!



Guest speaker
Jeannette Walls



Master of ceremonies
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50th

*An anniversary celebration event
to honour the past and welcome
the future.*



Changes to the executive team

As the agency moves through its current period of transition, some changes have been made to responsibilities on the executive level.

Over the last several months, the role of Vice-President of Administration (currently held by Carole Bryant) has been slowly phased out, to be replaced with Director of Governance and Corporate Services. Bryant will take on this new role and as such her responsibilities have shifted slightly.

“In her new role, Carole will continue to be responsible for board orientation, support, and education; strategic planning, communications and publications; board policy and procedures development; and resource development and fundraising. The communications branch of the agency will continue to report to her,” Andrea Brittin, CEO/president of Ranch Ehrlo explained.

Several areas previously under Bryant’s portfolios have been reallocated. As of August 1st, responsibility for the IT branch was moved to Lori Mann’s newly renamed portfolio, vice-president of finance and administration. Effective September 1st, administrative services will also be Mann’s responsibility.

Performance and Quality Improvement, headed by David Rivers, will report to the CEO as of September 1st. Over the coming months, work will be done to examine and build on the strengths of the QI system currently in place.

Rivers will have a dual reporting stream as he and the Treatment Foster Care team will also report to Linda Meyers, vice-president of clinical services.

Community programs Paper Crane and Sport Venture will transition to Community

Clinical Services under the leadership of Bree Fiissel, effective September 1st.

“This will present a tremendous opportunity for these programs to become part of an overall community outreach response from the agency. As always, our goal remains to provide the best possible service for the children, adults, and families we serve,” stated Brittin.

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Stuart Cunningham also joined the executive team on August 29th, taking on the role of vice president of human resources.



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Cunningham comes to the Ranch from Five Hills Health Region, where he was VP of human resources for the past five years. Prior to that, he was a senior labour relations consultant with the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations. He has a Bachelor of Civil Law with honours and an Employee Relations Certificate.

“Stuart brings a wealth of leadership experience, including a solid operational knowledge of all HR functions and the ability to lead HR teams through significant change,” said Brittin. “He will

be a very good fit with the Ranch team considering both the leadership skills and expertise he will bring to our organization as well as his personality and approach.”

Annual general meeting

The date has been set and you are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Ranch Ehrlo Society.

The meeting will be held one day before our celebration event on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with the meeting set to begin at 12:15 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet the board of directors, enjoy a great lunch, and learn about the future directions of our agency. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Shelley at 306-781-1800 before September 21st.

Ranch Ehrlo helps families heal



David Nuke and family

David Nuke has had a difficult life, but with the help of Ranch Ehrlo, he sees hope where there once was very little.

“Ranch has changed my life. When I look at the community today, I see opportunity. I see hope for the young,” he said. “On a personal level, I think I can be an example for my grandchildren.”

Nuke and his family recently completed a stay at the Ranch’s Family Treatment Program, coming to Regina from Sheshatchiu, Labrador, an Innu federal reserve located approximately 30 kilometres north of Goose Bay. As a leader in his small community, he feels the skills he’s learned during his family’s time in the family program will be transferrable to many in his hometown.

“There are two addictions in the community. One is alcoholism that is practiced by the older people. The other is delinquency, experienced by the young people. Both of these need to be addressed. It takes a community to raise a child. It takes a community to protect a child. I think what the community needs is the Ranch.”

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“I have learned a lot in the short period of time that I’ve attended the Family Treatment Program, through the resources they’ve provided, talking to participants in the program, and listening to participants in the

program,” he explained.

“It is truly a privilege to work with families from all over Canada. While supporting David’s family in their treatment journey, I have the opportunity to learn about their community, culture, and traditions,” said family reunification therapist Jill Kusisto.

Nuke’s experience at the Ranch didn’t end with the Family Treatment Program. He has three grandchildren in residential care at the agency, and after visiting them he says, they aren’t the kids he knew before treatment – in a good way.

“Having Shuashem here, and communicating with the Ranch, and visiting him ... I saw the change in him and it inspired me. I inquired what they did for him, and understanding what they’d done for him and seeing the progress, I felt that he was in the right place.”

He hopes his grandchildren, too, will be able to create a change in Sheshatchiu.

Sports camp

Ehrlo Sport Venture Library recently partnered with the Regina Open Door Society to run a four-day, multi sport camp for youth ages 13-18. The idea behind the camp was to give the youth, who are new to Canada, a chance to try a variety of sports they may not have had the opportunity to in the past.



learning volleyball

Email carole.bryant@ranchehrlo.ca to sign up.

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As Sport Venture is so well-known for our OHL, and Canada for its hockey greats, they started day one with hockey. Day two was spent learning rugby and beach volleyball. On the third day, participants learned how to play kickball and football. On the final day, youth headed to the outdoor courts to try their hand at basketball, hosted by Elite Basketball.

Regina Firefighters and Regina Police Service participated during the four day event and helped make the camp special by taking time out of their day to interact with the youth and teach them about bike safety.

The success of the camps was due to many volunteers from the community and the agency.

“The event was really only possible because of the help of Ranch Ehrlo staff,” commented Amanda McConnell, Sport Venture manager. “It’s amazing how many different talents and connections you can find when you start talking to people from all areas of the agency!”



Regina firefighters helping youth learn about hockey

Summer concert



Performers from CVEP and AVEP at “Songs from Within”, a singing and musical event. Each performer chose tunes that they really liked and wanted to share.

SaskEnergy donation



Thank you to SaskEnergy for donating two sets of Riders tickets for us to thank some of our tireless Sport Venture volunteers, like Shastidy(!).

Work crew



Work - paid and household chores - is part of each clients' treatment plan. Youth from Matheson House were hired by our facilities department to strip the Buckland decks to prepare for construction. Youth at Alex Guy House were also recently hired at the Prince Albert exhibition to provide clean up services for the week.

Celebrating India day



Yoga is a daily practice for children at Ehrlo Early Learning Centre's W.F. Ready location. But staff decided to teach the children more about where yoga originates during a recent “Celebrating India” day.

Bye bye pony tail



Unit manager Nick Schenher bid adieu to his ponytail in front of staff on the Pilot Butte campus. He raised an impressive \$1,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Ranch's Mary Miller Fund. He also donated his pony tail to the Cancer Society. The lucky winner to snip his locks was Ranch night float Arjun Lamichhane.