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February Breakfast Meeting



Dr. Edwin Deas

We have a very special speaker for our February 11, 2011 meeting - he is currently the Vice President for Business Affairs of the College of the Desert in Palm Desert.

Dr. Deas will tell us about this surprisingly active and important local institution. This includes an ambitious modernization and expansion program nearing \$400 Million, that is mostly locally funded.

Dr. Deas was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in the early 50's. While there he completed articles and became a Chartered Accountant.

In 1982 he and his wife Bronwyn moved to Canada and established their residence in Nanaimo, British Columbia (on Vancouver Island)

He was deeply dedicated to education and became the Vice President,

Administration and Bursar of the Malaspina University-College (now Vancouver Island University).

After 26 years in Nanaimo he and his wife were attracted to San Diego where he firstly obtained his Master of Arts degree, followed then was his Doctorate of Educational Leadership from the University of San Diego.

Upcoming Canadian Club Tours

Two events are scheduled that should be of special interest.

Wind Generators Sightseeing Tour

This January 28th tour demonstrates how wind has been harnessed for energy use. A narrated 1½ hour visit to a wind farm provides an excellent overview of this promising energy source. Water and snacks will be available. Price \$39/person.

Regan Presidential Library

This day long (about 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM) tour on February 26th, in this centennial year of Regan's birthday, will inspire visitors through exhibits and films in the newly redesigned Regan Library and Museum.

Board Air Force One and learn about this historic flying White House and see a replica of the Oval Office. The three hour tour includes time for a no-host lunch and includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, admis-

sion, guided tour, water and snacks. The price is only \$59.00

For either of these tours call Palm Springs Tours & More at (760) 329-2204 or (760) 251-3204, and tell them you are a CCOD member.

Calendar of Events

Friday, January 28, 2011
Wind Farm Tour
Palm Springs

Friday, February 11, 2011
BREAKFAST MEETING,
Speaker: Dr. Edwin Deas

Monday, February 14, 2011
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Palm Valley Country Club

Saturday, February 26, 2011
Regan Library and Air Force One
Simi Valley, CA

Friday, March 11, 2011
BREAKFAST MEETING,
Speaker: Jim Sherb

Monday, March 21, 2011
WIND-UP DINNER
Desert Willow Golf Club

Breakfast Meetings are held at 7:45 am, at Desert Falls Country Club, Country Club near Cook St., Palm Desert.

Breakfast Reservations: 341-3367 or 346-0510 Members \$15 US, Non-Members \$20 US Cash or Cheque drawn on a U.S. account only.

January Breakfast Speaker



Dr. William Gudelunas

We told you in our last Newsletter that our January speaker would be compelling and now we know why his students call him 'the absolute best'!

He skilfully and with a fair degree of humour walked us through parts of North American history that vitally affected both the U.S. and Canada from 1773 until now.

The 14 British colonies (if you include Quebec) had strong differences, that came into play with the Boston Tea Party in 1773, and the resulting American Revolution two years later. Religion played a large part in the defeat of the invasion of Canada when the revolutionaries sought to rescue Quebec from British rule.

In this period, the new colonial government offered what would be U.S. citizenship to the 14th colony, and the 14th colony (Quebec) included what are now Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and parts of Minnesota!

Another very important date was 1817 with an exchange of notes between the USA and Great Britain called the Rush-Bagot Treaty. This demilitarized the Great Lakes and Lake

Champlain and established Latitude 49 to the Rocky Mountains as the division between the two countries. The land west of there was jointly occupied.

Most of you have heard the phrase '54-40-or fight' which was an 1844 presidential election slogan to extend the west coast U.S. border northward. Cooler heads prevailed and the 49th parallel was extended in 1846 to the Pacific Ocean. Now we share 5,524 miles of unfortified border.

From 1861 to 1865 the USA was the scene of the Civil War. Even there Canada had an influence as the British colony gave sanctuary to slaves using the underground railway. To keep the British sympathetic with the North, and prevent it from supporting the South, Abraham Lincoln promised to abolish slavery if he won the war.

Hearing part of our history from an American historian was eye-opening!

March Speaker

In our next issue we will introduce Jim Sherb, First VP and Director - Western Canada of the Canadian Snowbird Association, from whom you can expect great traveller tips.

Annual Golf Tournament

Over the past several years the CCOD Golf Tournament has been a resounding success. This year David Anderson has again graciously agreed to lead the organization of this important and fun event.

The event will again be held at the Palm Valley Country Club on Monday February 14th. The course has always been in excellent condition for our game and the meal after golf superb.

If you are not a golfer and want to come for the meal and fellowship afterward that is also possible.

An entry form is included with this newsletter. If you are planning to play or just dine, fill out the form and get it and your entry fee to David by the February 1st deadline.

This is a fun event in a scramble format. You don't have to be a great golfer to have a great time.

Your Favourite Desert "Thing"

If you have a favourite restaurant or other spot in the desert or nearby and would like to share it with other members, let us know!

We need to know things like the name, address, telephone number, specialties that you have enjoyed, and an idea of the cost. We can publish them under Dining Tip, Sightseeing Tip, Shopping Tip or whatever is appropriate.

We also have space for any unusual events or happenings that you have encountered that may be of value or interest to share with our members.





ENTRY FORM

**THE CANADIAN CLUB OF THE DESERT
MIXED GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**18 HOLE SCRAMBLE, 4 people per team
A SOCIAL GAME FOR ALL LEVELS OF PLAY
12:30 TEE-OFF, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011
PALM VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
39205 Palm Valley Drive
Palm Desert, 92211**

ENTRY FEE for Canadian Club of the Desert members \$100US per player, \$120US for non-members. Includes: green fee, cart fee, trophies, prizes, wine and dinner at 6:00 PM in the clubhouse. No-host bar from 5:00 PM. Dinner for non-golfer members: \$50US, non-golfer non-members: \$60US.

Please mail this entry form and fee so that we receive it before February 1st. Send to:
Canadian Club of the Desert,
P.O. Box 284,
Cathedral City, CA 92235

Enter as a single or a couple. Additional names can be supplied on the back of this form. We will be assigning singles and couples to teams so that the teams are balanced.

NAME _____
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For _____ golfing members @ \$100/person: amount = _____
For _____ golfing non-members @ \$120/person: amount = _____
For _____ non-golfing members @ \$50/person: amount = _____
For _____ non-golfing non-members @ \$60/person: amount = _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED (sum of preceding 4 amounts): _____

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