

Doris Hyland con't.

Doris is a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion and also of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She belonged to W. I. in the 40's. Was a Girl Guide Leader. Went to All Saints Anglican Church in Bow Island and was Secretary of the Ladies Aid. The ministers from our All Saints use to go to Bow Island once in awhile, so Doris got to know them and that is how she decided to come to our Church here in Medicine Hat. Doris and Ann Ridgedale worked together as Secretary and Treasurer in Bow Island at the Church.

I found Doris a delightful and very interesting person. A proud Mother who loved to talk about her family.

Submitted by Esther Wade

***Three Cups of Tea*** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Submitted by Bill Wahl

Published by Penguin Books 2006 #1 New York Times Bestseller

One man's mission to fight terrorism and build nations – one school at a time

I enjoy reading fiction of all kinds, but once in a while a non-fiction book will captivate me.

*Three Cups of Tea* is the story of Greg Mortenson told by David Relin. It begins in September of 1993 when Greg was part of an expedition attempting to scale K2, the world's second highest mountain. Greg had hoped to leave a tribute to his little sister, Christa who died at age 23, on the summit of K2. Unfortunately, Greg missed the summit by 600 meters when he helped to rescue a fellow climber. He became lost for the first time returning to civilization with a fellow climber. His return to the trail and an encounter with Mouzafer Ali, a Balti high altitude porter, started him on a completely different pathway. Getting lost a second time, Greg ended up in Korphe, a virtually unknown village in Baltistan, the most northerly area in Pakistan.

The people of Korphe shared the little they had to help Greg recover from the grueling months on the expedition. He, in turn, made a promise to build a school for the children of Korphe. Greg returned home to California to begin raising money for this school.

Within 10 years, Greg built not 1, but 55 schools, an almost impossible feat. He encountered many people and circumstances that would have discouraged someone with less determination. He also met some other very special people who helped him accomplish his goals.

As I read of Greg's adventures, I marveled at how often he escaped death and ruin. People were moved to finance his work and to join his team as he founded the Central Asia Institute. I also found that the telling of his story helped flesh out the history of this area of the world from the point of view of the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Greg spent time in many of the areas we hear about in the news – Kabul, Peshawar etc. and there is much talk of Al Qaeda and the Taliban. His belief was and continues to be that the way to defeat terrorism is through balanced secular education particularly for girls.

As the story ends in the far north of Afghanistan, Greg has committed to building schools for the girls of this desolate area and continuing his campaign.

Greg Mortenson has touched many lives in the near east and in North America. He is an example of what one person can accomplish against what seem to be almost insurmountable obstacles. It seems obvious that military might will not bring peace to this part of the world. I hope and pray that the efforts of people like Greg may help to achieve this goal.

## Al Lejeune

Submitted by Andrew Hobson

Al Lejeune was born and raised in Winnipeg and in 1950 graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Biological Science Masters degree. Unfortunately Al was unable to attend his graduation ceremony due to the Red River flood in Winnipeg. Eight dikes gave way and flooded much of the city. Four of eleven bridges were destroyed and nearly 70,000 people had to be evacuated from their homes and businesses.

Later that year he started his work in Regina where he met a woman named Vicky who was his shop steward. In his first encounter with his beloved shop steward he told her where to go and how to get there when she kept pestering him to sign the union card. This was only the beginning of a beautiful relationship and in 1951 they got married and had two sons, Randy and Mitch.

Al continued to work in Regina for four more years and then they moved to Ottawa to help with the testing of the early polio vaccines. Upon his approval of samples of the first two batches of the vaccine, his family was given the first vaccine from the rest of the sample.

In 1956 he was employed with the National Defence Department and stationed in Suffield. He worked diligently testing and developing ways of protecting our soldiers from biological weapons. When it came down to a choice between his commute to work and his sons commute to high school they moved to Medicine Hat, where they joined our family at All Saints.

This wasn't the first time he had to sacrifice for his son. When his son was born in November 1954, it just so happened to be the day of the Grey Cup game. This was no ordinary Grey Cup. This was the first time ever in which the game had been televised, however visiting hours at the hospital were from 2-4pm and this coincided with the air time of the football game. As a running gag he reminds his son of the "sacrifice" he made for him.

Finally in 1981 he retired and spent his time vacationing and golfing. One of the favourite locations was in Phoenix, Arizona where the golf was great and for Vicky the shopping was even better.

Mitch and two grandsons still come for "free golf" (for them) in Medicine Hat in the spring and fall when the golf courses in Edmonton are closed.



**Card Making**  
**Sunday Nov. 29th at 1:00pm**  
**Following the service in the Church Hall**  
**Make 4 cards for \$10**



## Considering who to donate to this Holiday Season?

- Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the American Red Cross, was paid \$468,599 in salary and benefits in fiscal 2003. (Source: [BBB Wise Giving Alliance](#))
- Brian Gallagher, President and CEO of United Way, was paid \$432,709 in salary and benefits in fiscal 2003. (Source: [Charity Navigator](#))
- W. Todd Bassett, National Commander of the Salvation Army, was paid (along with his wife, who also works for the organization) \$94,091 in salary and benefits in 2003 (including house and car). (Source: [Fayetteville Observer](#)). Note that the exact amount of Mr. Bassett's compensation package is harder to come by than that of the other CEOs listed because the Salvation Army has tax-exempt status and isn't required to report such information to the IRS.

But it's fair to ask: Is one charity automatically more worthy than another just because its leader is paid a lower salary? Not necessarily, says Charity Navigator, a Web site that evaluates and compares the financial health of charitable organizations.

When making your decision it is important to consider that it takes a certain level of professionalism to effectively run a charity and charities must offer a competitive salary if they want to attract and retain that level of leadership."

Charity Navigator recommends looking at each organization's CEO compensation as a percentage of total annual expenses. For example, Marsha Evans' salary, generous as it seems, amounts to only .15% of American Red Cross' annual expenses. By contrast, Brian Gallagher's salary is .97% of United Way's total expenses, and W. Todd Bassett's compensation amounts to .29% of the Salvation Army's annual expense budget. All

these figures are well below the annual average calculated for the thousands of organizations in Charity Navigator's database, 3.4%.

Taken from: [http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/bl\\_charities\\_salaries.htm](http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/bl_charities_salaries.htm)

### Cursillo

Submitted by Darcee Wong

Cursillo is a Spanish word pronounced "Kur-see-yo" which means short course. The full title is Cursillo de Cristiandad, meaning a short course in Christian living.

I made my cursillo weekend ten years ago, my sponsor was Suzanne Nethery. I have just had the privilege of working my second Cursillo weekend. I had the pleasure of leading the kitchen team. It was filled with prayer, hard work, cooking, dishes and setting tables. Even after working I come away from the weekend refreshed and ready to refocus my journey with Christ.

The Calgary Cursillo movement hosts two sets of weekends each year in the spring and in the fall. They are held at the beautiful and serene Entheos retreat Center, just outside of Calgary. The upcoming Spring weekends are Men's April 29-May 2 and Women's May 6-9

I pray that one day some of you would make your Cursillo weekend. If you have any questions please check out the website for the Calgary Cursillo Movement [www.cursillo.ab.ca](http://www.cursillo.ab.ca) or speak with me. I would love to sit down and talk with you about it.

## Borg – Crossan Lectures

Submitted by Bill Wahl

Several years ago I started reading books by Marcus Borg. Quite a few were available at our public library,; so I borrowed some and bought others. I appreciate Borg's point of view and find myself in agreement with much that he writes. He and John Dominic Crossan were two of the many authors and speakers who were featured in the video series *Living the Questions* which we viewed at All Saints'. On those videos I liked Dom Crossan's historical look at the Bible and the time that Jesus lived. In January of 2008, Bill and I heard both of these speakers and many others at Epiphany Explorations in Victoria. We, and hundreds of others, listened and were invited to question at each of these sessions. The questions and answers were entertaining and enlightening – watching these two- both authors and also good friends- think on their feet and interact with each other and us was a highlight.

At the end of October I attended another series of lectures with Marcus Borg and Dom Crossan in Edmonton. An Anglican Church celebrating 125 years, and a United Church offered this series at U. OF A. Some of what they spoke about I had either heard or read before, but there were also new insights for me. Again there were question and answer opportunities. Also, Dom Crossan had developed a presentation showing pictures of the area where he and Marcus Borg offer tours (many of the unpronounceable names of places in Turkey etc.) These helped to reinforce points they were making in their talks. Marcus Borg provided a detailed set of lecture notes that eliminated the need to try to write down all I wanted to record.

A couple of the topics were: Jesus: the Nature of the Gospels, and Following Jesus Today: Being Christian in a Time of Empire.

A couple of quotes were: "To be Christian in a time of empire means standing against imperial authority/practice and standing for an alternative vision grounded in God's dream of how things can be, God's kingdom." Borg

"God's passion and the passion of Jesus is transformation, our transformation and the transformation of the world." Borg

"God without us will not, we without God cannot" St. Augustine through Desmond Tutu

These two men are prolific writers; new books by them are always being published. An autobiography by Dom Crossan has just been published. With his sense of humor and very interesting path through life, it would be a good read. They also recommend other authors such as Walter Wink and Phyllis Tickle. I would like to read some of each of them based on what I heard at these lectures. The Bishop of Edmonton informed us that Phyllis Tickle would be in the Edmonton area next year for a clergy conference.

If you are interested in reading either of these authors, I would heartily recommend them. They will give you lots to think about and may challenge some of the ideas you have about God, Jesus and the Bible. You may also find that their ideas are familiar because of studies we've done at All Saints' or sermons that Ronda or others have preached.

**Angels and Demons  
Movie Afternoon  
Sunday January 17th  
3:00pm  
At Gloria and Alec Schirok's**