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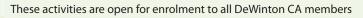
In order to create a base of willing volunteers, DCA has created a **volunteer bank.** Simply, we would ask those of you who might be able to lend a hand once or twice a year for a few hours of volunteer work around the Hall to drop us a note or give us a call! dwca@platinum.ca / 403.938.2525

Group & Club Activities

In addition to special events sponsored by your Community Association, the Hall hosts regular group and club activities.

Monday:Yoga Night (evening)Tuesday:Bridge Group (evening)Q Bee Quilting (evening)Wednesday:Q Bee Quilting (daytime)

Interest has been shown to start a Chess Club and a Book Club. If you're interested in participating in a once-a-week Club activity your hall, please contact Greg Davenport at 403.938.2525.



Basement Restoration

After months of efforts, the basement area of the hall has been restored to usable space. The spaces are now ideal for small group meeting, or new club activities.

DCA Member Benefits

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- September 2 BBQ on the Bow Festival at Eau Claire's Festival Market. Enjoy barbecue competition, entertainment, concessions, crafts and more. www.bbgonthebow.com
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- September 11 30 Next to Normal An award winning rock musical presented by Theatre Calgary. www.theatrecalgary.com
- September 13 15 Great Masterpieces of the 20th Century presented by Alberta Ballet. www.albertaballet.com
- September 14 CFL Stampeders vs Blue Bombers at 7 pm at McMahon Stadium. www.stampeders/com
- September 14 Roy Forbes 40th Anniversary Tour presented by Fish Creek Concerts. For information logon to www.fish creekconcerts.com
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- September 28 CFL Calgary vs Edmonton at 8 pm at Mc-Mahon Stadium. www.stampeders.com
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- October 26 Calgary vs BC in CFL action at McMahon Stadium 7:00 pm. www.stampeders.com
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Each one of us can relate to a time or situation when we have been **harshly judged or inaccurately accused**. As unfair as that experience has been for us we think we would never want to harm someone else by being the harsh judge. Yet, it seems to be part of the human condition - to judge.

We decide someone is "just like us". We declare we would "never act like that". Often with hindsight our inner judge pontificates that "I would never have handled it that way!" or "I would have done the very same thing!" (Of course judgment can serve some important functions as it keeps us safe, helps us to sort out logic, assists us in deciding a next step, etc.)

What we need to remember is - very few people act without reason. In the same way that I can **substantiate my reasons** for a decision or viewpoint, so can you, as can each one of us. Because we don't know and understand someone's reasoning we often judge the other person as acting from **bad intention**. We think they are deliberately being **angry, hurtful or difficult** simply to annoy us! It is so **unfair** when our intention is **always** for the good and best. Can it be accurate that we are always working from a good intention and other people are always working from a bad intention? Probably not! Most times each and every one of us is working from a good intention.

If we can stop seeing the other person as a *difficult and unreasonable* crazy person, and remember they are much like us at the core, then we have a far better starting point to build understanding.

Stop Judging! *Ask questions*! Find out more information about how someone else does what they do!

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ITCHY DOGS NEED Detectives

One of the most frustrating complaints a veterinarian can face in the examination room is the itchy pet. The technical term is pruritus or a pruritic animal. Pruritus is a symptom not a disease and diagnosis sometimes is obvious with a simple uncomplicated effective treatment dispensed. But all too often diagnosis is a quagmire of primary and secondary problems which need to be diagnosed with a myriad of expensive timeconsuming tests, possibly leading to a final diagnosis of allergies with no cure and a lifetime of medications or management to control the symptoms.

The short list of potential diagnoses for an itchy dog include bacterial infection, fungal infection, external and internal parasites, autoimmune disorders, neurological disorders, psychogenic or behavioral disorders, and allergies. Some of these diseases may be primary or they may have been acquired as a secondary problem. Endocrine diseases such as adrenal disease or hypothyroidism rarely cause itch, but they compromise the health of the skin opening it up to many other itchy diseases. Allergies can be caused by contact allergens, respiratory allergens, and food allergens, or any combination of allergens. There can be a seasonal component as well. Unless the underlying disease is identified and treated, the secondary problems come back.

Itchy dogs walk into the clinic because they are chewing a little too much in the evening when they are bored and their owners noticed, they have few if any lesions; or the dog's skin can be one great big red sore with the dog in continuous discomfort. Usually cases are somewhere in the middle. Diagnosis starts with a comprehensive history about the pet's diet, environment, travel, and exposure to other animals. The animal's age, breed and sex are important. Does the owner have any itchy lesions? Where is the dog itchy, when did he become itchy, and how has the disease progressed?

A physical examination follows history collection. Diagnosis may be easy if a few lice show themselves, or primary lesions may be obliterated by biting and scratching by the patient. Veterinarians may try to prioritize tests based on history and examination, but it is not unusual for veterinarians to progress through gradually more invasive tests to eliminate all possibilities. Tests include skin scrapings, tape tests, blood work, fecal examination, skin biopsies, allergy testing, fungal cultures, skin cultures, elimination diets, and trials of therapies to see the pet's response. Food elimination diets can take ten weeks or more before results are known.

Dogs with pruritic diseases, such as allergies or autoimmune diseases, that require life-long therapy, make aggressive diagnostic testing cost effective in the long term. There are veterinary dermatologists available for referral, but appointments may be months away. If I think a skin case will be a long process of detective work eliminating suspected diseases until we have the culprit, I spend time with pet owners charting the path we may be starting down. This frequently eliminates surprises and helps us work in an investigative partnership and achieve a healthy happy non-itchy patient.

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HERB ROASTED POTATOES

You can always count on potatoes to create an interesting complement to your meals, whether you choose to mash, bake, boil, roast, grill, fry, or microwave them. The addition of fresh herbs to a potato dish can transform it from good to great in an instant. Experiment with different herbs and spices to make your own signature dish.

The options for topping potatoes are endless, but one of my favourites is to spoon large quantities of home made chili over a baked potato, and finish with shredded Monterey Jack or a sharp cheddar. It's an instant one dish meal – my favourite kind, especially on a weeknight.

Potatoes provide many nutritional benefits which include:

- Excellent source of potassium and vitamin C
- No cholesterol and 99% fat free
- Protein -- 3 grams per medium potato
- 2 grams of fibre, with skin on
- only 110 calories per medium potato

Herb Roasted Potatoes

8 - 12 small red potatoes, washed, unpeeled & cut into quarters

- 3 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 small yellow onion, sliced (optional)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Sea salt

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Toss the potatoes, rosemary and onion slices with olive oil in a bowl, and then add a small amount of salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet or in a shallow pan and bake approximately 45 minutes to an hour, turning occasionally, until the potatoes are lightly browned on the outside and tender inside. Finish with additional salt and pepper to taste. Serves 6-8.

Interesting info:

- Most of the valuable vitamin C contained in potatoes is stored just under the skin, so remember peeling is optional, even if the recipe calls for it
- Potatoes are not grown from seed, but from the eyes of the potatoes themselves.
- Always store potatoes unwrapped, in a cool, dark, airy place
- Potatoes are often categorized by their skin colour. The most common colour varieties are russet, red, yellow, white, blue and purple



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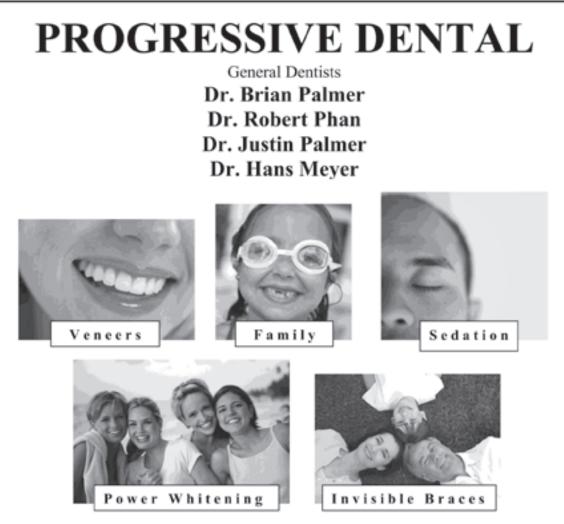
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How Can I Improve My Balance?

Maintaining your balance is important, and is something we rarely think about until a fall happens. It's not only the elderly who are prone to falls. If our core strength is not up to snuff, it's far easier to be tripped up by things as we go about our everyday activities, whether it's riding a bike, getting in and out of the tub or just walking up and down stairs. A strong core and better sense of balance can reduce back pain, improve posture and lower your risk of falling. Following are a few ways in which you can improve your balance.

Connect with your vestibular system – It's the vestibular system in the inner ear that works in cooperation with the visual system to keep you from falling over. If one of these is disturbed, it makes it much harder to keep balanced. And as we age, the sensory receptors in these systems begin to deteriorate, making balance more difficult. There are some simple exercises you can do to help keep this system honed:

- Learn how it feels to be balanced by standing with your feet hip width apart with your eyes closed. Then, with your eyes still closed move your feet together until they are touching. Notice how it gets a bit more difficult to maintain balance when your center of gravity is smaller.
- While standing near a support, rise onto the balls of your feet, hold for a couple of seconds, then come down. Repeat this ten times, then try doing it with your eyes closed.

- Stand on one leg, raising the other knee to your chest and hold for 10 seconds, then repeat with the other leg. If you're having trouble, focus on a stationary object in front of you, as the visual cues will send messages to your brain to help keep you balanced. When you've got this mastered, try it with your eyes closed.
- Stand with the toes of one foot touching the heel of the other for 10 seconds, then switch legs. It's interesting to note that it's often more difficult to maintain your balance when one leg rather than the other is the one in front. Next, try it with your eyes closed.
- Walk across the room heel to toe, then try it with your eyes closed. If feeling adventurous, walk the same way backwards with your eyes closed!

Take up Tai Chi – The calm, flowing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi have been shown to significantly improve balance and coordination. Studies on older adults have found that those who practiced Tai Chi only three times each week benefited from a major improvement in balance, stability and lower body strength. Another study published in the journal Aging Clinical Experimental Research found that practicing Tai Chi on a regular basis caused an enhancement of neuromuscular response in the ankle joint, which is something that can help reduce your risk of a fall.

Eat some blueberries – Odd as this may sound, blueberries may help improve your balance. Researchers fed elderly rats the equivalent of a cup of blueberries daily and found an improvement in coordination, balance and short-term memory.





by Michael Martin, CFA, MBA

How you and your spouse may be able to benefit

Since the introduction of the pension income splitting rules in 2007, many families have significantly reduced their total tax bill by allocating certain types of retirement income to their spouse who is taxed at a lower rate. This article summarizes these rules, as well as some of the key opportunities that you and your spouse may wish to consider as part of your overall plan to draw upon your retirement income.

Pension Income Splitting - The Basics

The following is a summary of some of the basic rules around pension income splitting:

Income splitting

Eligible pension income received during the year can be split with your spouse.

In order to achieve the optimum results for you as a couple, any amount between 0% and 50% of the eligible pension income may be allocated to your spouse for income tax purposes.

Who can benefit from pension income splitting

These rules are particularly good news for couples where the primary recipient of the eligible pension income is subject to a tax rate that is significantly higher than that of their spouse.

Note that "spouses" includes persons who are married, as well as those who satisfy the definition of "common law partners" under federal income tax rules (including same sex couples), and who are not living separate and apart from each other as a result of a breakdown in their relationship.

Income that is eligible for splitting

Only certain income is eligible to be split under the pension income splitting rules. The type of eligible pension income also depends on the age of the person who is the primary recipient of the income.

Note that the age of the spouse to whom the eligible pension income is to be allocated (generally the lower income spouse) is not relevant for the purposes of the pension income splitting rules. However, it may be relevant for purposes of qualifying for a nonrefundable pension tax credit that is discussed later.

In most cases, a primary recipient who is under 65 years of age during the entire tax year will be able to split only the income that is paid to them directly from a pension plan.

A primary recipient who is at least 65 years of age during the tax year will have more types of income that are eligible to be split with their spouse.

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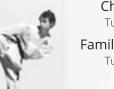
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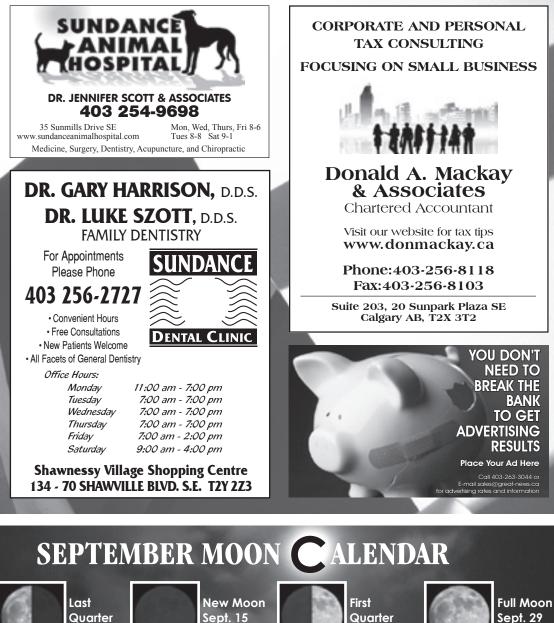
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FOUR STEPS TO FINDING YOUR MUSIC Intentionally curb your stress and boost your mood!

by Jennifer Buchanan, MTA (Accredited Music Therapist)

When we find our music and use music with intention we can use it to help us decrease our stress, boost our mood or potentially take us anywhere we want (need) to go. Here are the four steps to help you get there:

1. Document Your Life's Soundtrack - We are always collecting music. Some of our collection gets released over time and temporarily forgotten while other music memories endure throughout our lifetime. The first step to finding our music is to take time to document your life's soundtrack from earliest childhood memories and finishing with your current music memories. How strong are these memories? What associations are you having?

2. Determine Your Current Music Listening Habits -Our music listening habits are unique to each one of us. Where have you listened to music over the past month? When do you not listen to music? How do you feel when you are not listening to music? If you are not using music why do you think that is? After you respond to each of those questions the next step is to ask yourself, "If that was to mean something then what could it mean?"

3. Identify Your Music Preferences - We are all aware to greater or lesser degrees of what we like and don't like in music. Your preferences are your greatest triggers to snap you into the mood you want to be in. To prepare "Playlists for Life" try doing a little bit at a time. By selecting six to eight songs, you can easily have a thirty-minute playlist that inspires and motivates you to the emotional state you want to be in.

4. Establish Your Anchor Songs - An anchor song becomes so ingrained that it anchors an emotional state immediately upon hearing it. Do you and your significant other have "your song?" Do you have a song that no matter what, when you hear it or sing it, it stands as your personal anthem? Anchor songs or theme songs help firmly fix us to an emotional state, luring us into action. What are your anchor songs?



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10 Ways to Start this School Year Off on the Right Foot!

Submitted by Roxanne Rizzuto

Aaaaaaahhhh....the first day of school..'tis the season when children vibrate with eager anticipation for the school year ahead! Can you see their excited little faces on the eve of the first day of school?

You can't see them either, can you? The reality is that many are dreading the end of summer days, and the often intimidating onset of homework and higher expectations.

Let's try and make this upcoming year your child's best year ever!

If you can't say anything nice, keep it to yourself - be positive about school when discussing it with or in front of your child.

Caught doing good – reinforce good student attitudes and behaviours by recognizing your child with a positive comment or praise immediately.

Routine – set a schedule for homework, reading, playtime, and extracurricular activities.

Homework help – stay abreast of your child's academic needs by helping with homework.

Develop good study habits – ensure that during the scheduled homework time, your child has a quiet space to work and is free from interruptions.

Organization – help your child keep her school items organized. Organizational habits can significantly reduce anxiety over lost assignments and missing items.

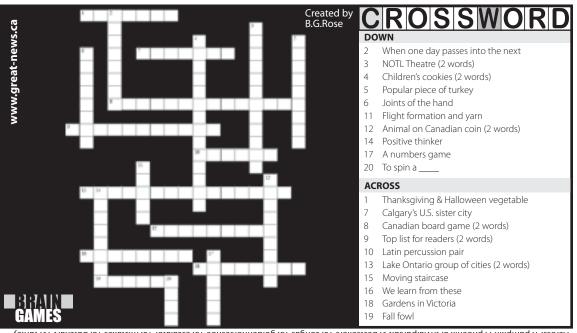
Calendar – keep a large wall calendar with all important school dates, birthdays and extra-curricular activities.

Keep on top of things –Don't spend the year waiting and hoping that your child will eventually "get it". Take action immediately to find a way to help your child.

Read EVERY night – incorporate a minimum of 20 minutes reading time every single night.

Journaling – encouraging your child to keep a daily journal will establish a regular writing routine, while also helping your child use the journal as a release for anxiety.

Hopefully these tips will contribute to a positive school year and continue to encourage your child's perception that learning is a fun lifelong experience.



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