

Realize. It starts with you.

Claire and Don Kramer acknowledge that they are blessed to be in a position to share their good fortune. As a result of their philanthropy, on October 20 each will receive an honorary degree from the University of Regina.

They both agree that their common experience of being children of the Great Depression has influenced their approach to charity – examining carefully the operating costs and structure of an organization seeking funding.

Married in 1950, and living in Tisdale, Saskatchewan, they began to raise their family - five children - in a house with no running water. When they finally built their own home, Claire said it was like heaven to turn on a tap.

Claire attended a country school and completed high school by correspondence. She speaks with admiration and respect of the teachers in those early rural schools. In 1948, she graduated from the Grey Nuns School of Nursing in Regina, becoming a Registered Nurse.

Don received his early education in Calgary, Alberta, and graduated with an engineering degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1948, the same year he joined Kramer Tractor. He became president of the company in 1965 and remains chairman of the board, having turned over the day-to-day operations of Kramer Limited to their son Timothy in 1994.

Claire has served as a board member of organizations including Catholic Family Service Society and MacKenzie Art Gallery. She was a recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and in 2009 was named outstanding philanthropist by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Don was the primary donor to the Kramer IMAX Theatre in Regina and has served on such boards as the Regina United Way, Saskatchewan Roughriders, and Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan.

In 2009, Don received the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2010 and in 2011 the Canadian Red Cross presented him with its humanitarian award.

Claire and Don are known for their philanthropic activities primarily through a permanent endowment – the Donald and Claire Kramer Foundation – which operates under the auspices of the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation.

While their giving covers a wide range of charities, education is one area that is close to their hearts. Their Foundation annually supports a range of community organizations as well as scholarships and awards for students attending Campion College at the University of Regina and St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan. Some scholarships stipulate that students come from rural Saskatchewan. They also fund a scholarship for nursing students at the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan.

“We get wonderful thank you letters from scholarship recipients,” says Claire.

As for receiving honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Regina in recognition of their philanthropy, both admit they are humbled by the honour.



Don and Claire Kramer

WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 10 7 p.m.
Royal Society Lecture

Speaker: Jacques Lévesque of the Université du Québec à Montréal
Title: “Russia's Search for a place in the new World Order 1992-2012”
Location: Administration-Humaties Building, Room 527

Lévesque is one of Canada's leading political scientists. For the first time ever, the University of Regina is host to an instalment of the prestigious Royal Society of Canada Governor General Lecture Series.

The lecture is free of charge and open to everyone. Designated parking in lot 3, areas marked “M”.

For more information, contact Karen Walker at (306) 585-5656.

October 20 2 p.m.
2012 Fall Convocation

Students will walk across the stage to join the ever-growing number of University of Regina alumni.

Location: Conexus Arts Centre, Wascana Parkway

For further information, visit:
www.uregina.ca/convocation

October 26 6 p.m.
Campion College Alumni of Distinction Awards

The Campion College Alumni of Distinction Awards promotes the tradition of excellence of Campion College and honours alumni and former students who have not only distinguished themselves in their profession and in their community, but also demonstrate the core values of their Jesuit education in their professional and personal lives.

Cost: \$75 per person

For more information and to purchase tickets, email campion.college@uregina.ca or call (306) 586-4242.

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The 2012 Dr. Gordon Wicijowski Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair in Police Studies lecture

Murder and Maggots:
The use of insect evidence in criminal investigations

by Dr. Gail Anderson
(School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University)



Using true case histories, noted forensic entomologist Dr. Gail Anderson will illustrate the many ways forensic entomology, the study of insects associated with dead bodies, is used in criminal investigations. Dr. Gail Anderson is Professor and Associate Director in the School of Criminology, Director of Undergraduate Programs and Co-Director of the Centre for Forensic Research. She is a Board Certified Forensic Entomologist (Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Entomology). She is a regular consultant to the RCMP and city police across Canada and is frequently called upon to testify in court as an expert witness.

Note: Due to its disturbing and graphic content, this lecture is not recommended for those under 16 except with parental consent.

Refreshments to follow. All are welcome. Free parking in lot 14M. Pay parking at kiosk & meters. For more information call (306) 585-4226. www.uregina.ca/arts/public-lectures/law-foundation.html



Wednesday, October 17, 2012

7:30 p.m., University of Regina, Education Building, ED 193
3737 Wascana Parkway

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