



# Rotary Club of Derby

## THE LEGEND OF ST. VALENTINE

The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.



Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and--most importantly--romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

## VALENTINE'S DAY POEM

*A Valentine is nothing like, A Chocolate or a rose. For in a week these shall be gone, but Valentines remain.*

*If love were always sweet to tongue, Or fragrant to the nose, Each day would be like Valentine's, And we would go insane.*

*A Valentine just hangs around, Waiting to be kissed, Long after special days have passed, And every days are here.*

## ROTARY FIRESIDE CHAT

“Firesid Chats” were started by Rotary to familiarize new and old members on what Rotary is all about. Come learn how Rotary started, how the Wheel became the symbol and other Rotary facts. Meet your Board Members and learn what the committees are doing and how you can become more involved.

Obtain an understanding on the local, International, and Paul Harris Foundations and the good that they do. Learn how your dues are made up and used.

Come for fellowship and some refreshments and learn about Rotary—it is never too late.

Plan on February 11th, 2013 at

6:30 PM. The location will be Jack Hezlep’s for 1.5 hours. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to Jack (316-789-8938 or 316-554-4357) or Betty (316-788-1705 or 316-648-1795). Can’t wait to see you there.

“Love puts the fun in together, the sad in apart, and the joy in a heart.” author unknown

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<b>February 1st, 2013</b>	<b>Jim Skelton</b>	Claudia Blackburn from Sedgwick Co. Health Department
<b>February 8th, 2013</b>	<b>Bill Smith</b>	Jennifer Keller—Derby’s new Community Marketing Director
<b>February 15th, 2013</b>	<b>Richard Standrich</b>	Chief Robert Lee—Derby’s Chief of Police
<b>February 22nd, 2013</b>	<b>Dan Strunk</b>	Melissa Scheffler from KWCH Channel 12 (Does it Work)

## ***FEATURED ROTARY MEMBER OF THE MONTH***

Dana Quigley has one daughter Bryanna, who is married to Andy Henry. Dana has no grandkids, YET. Her daughter and son-law lives in Newburg, Oregon. Dana visits as much as possible, and loves the great Northwest. Dana has one doggie, a 5 pound maltese.

Dana is a Senior Vice President at Verus Bank and manages the real estate mortgage department. She grew up o

the South Side of Wichita and attended South High. She attended Wichita State University and Kansas State University. She is a Wildcat Fan!!

Dana is actively involved in the Wichita and Derby Communities. She is part of the Wichita Area Association of Realtors and part of the Community Involvement Committee. The group is working on several projects around Wichita and vicinity. The group

helps people fix up/repair their homes if the city of Wichita has ticketed them. Dana helps at the Kansas Food Bank and the Lords Diner.

Dana is a part of the Derby Rotary and Derby Chamber. Her hobbies are clearly volunteering and her Book Babes Book Club.

The most interesting thing Dana feels about her is her

mission work she has done in Bangladesh, that her church supports.

Thanks to Dana for being the first “Featured Rotary Member of the Month”. Next time you see Dana at Rotary or in the Community take the time to say HI, and introduce yourself if you don’t already know her!!

## WHY CHOCOLATE ON VALENTINE'S DAY BY RIGEL CELESTE

Valentine's Day has many rumored beginnings with one of the most romantic (and believable) being that the holiday is named after Saint Valentine, a priest who lived in 3rd century Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decreed that marriage was outlawed because single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, Valentine defied the law and married young lovers in secret, until the day he was discovered, sentenced to death, and thrown into prison. There he met and fell in love with the jailer's blind daughter and because of their love her vision was restored. Then, as a final act of love before he was sent to his death Valentine wrote her a love note and signed it "From your Valentine."



A phrase that still stands today as an endearment of love.

That's the legend of how Valentine became a Saint, as for how the holiday got his name legend says it started when the Church sought to Christianize the pagan Lupercalia Festival the Romans performed every year in the middle of February. It was a celebration of springtime and fertility (among other things) and as part of it young men would randomly draw womens' names from an urn in order to be matched with them for the following year. The Church changed the rituals to eliminate the random sexual pairings and chose a new religious symbol to be honored, St Valentine, to replace the pagan gods and animal sacrifices. The concepts of romance and love remained, however, and many young men would use the time to seek out and attempt to woo their sweethearts.

So where did the idea of giving chocolates on Valentine's Day come from? From the moment chocolate was discovered it was considered valuable, divine, and decadent, so what better gift to give a woman? The first chocolate candies (as we know them today) were invented in the 1860s by Cadbury, who was also the first to market them in a heart-shaped box for Valentine's Day that same decade. I wonder if he knew at the time what a historic idea it would turn out to be.

*"Love means never having to say you're sorry." Ali MacGraw, Love Story*

### UPDATE ON LIBRARY TO GO.....



According to Betty, the Library 2 Go is in the works.

The bags were shipped to the group last Friday, so they should be here anytime.

The library staff is visiting all the assisted living facilities in the next week or so to get everyone signed up. The group is hoping to start delivering books by mid-February.

Just a reminder.....

Uncorked 2013

Annual GALA

February 23, 2013

7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Derby Public Library



# VALENTINE'S DAY VOCABULARY FUN



- \_\_\_\_\_ Made from roasted ground cacao beans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Card or gift given on Valentine's Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ The second month of the year
- \_\_\_\_\_ The god of love, son of Venus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cupid shoots one of these
- \_\_\_\_\_ Someone who esteems or respects
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paper lace often used in making Valentine Cards
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cupid's arrow pierces this
- \_\_\_\_\_ A friendly relationship
- \_\_\_\_\_ One who is loved



Valentine	Heart	Arrow	Sweetheart
Cupid	February	Chocolate	
Friendship	Admirer	Doily	

