

Doc hangs up stethoscope



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A retirement party for Dr. Don Paterson is scheduled for May 26 at Sorrento Memorial Hall.

He has been the physician in Sorrento for the past 30 years and the event will honour his contribution to the community.

Born in Montreal, Paterson grew up in Winnipeg and graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1961. He went on to study medicine, graduating in 1966. After his internship at the Winnipeg General Hospital, he started his career as a family physician in Killarney, a small farming and resort community in southwestern Manitoba.

In 1969, he joined the Irving Clinic in Kamloops and later established his own medical practice in Valleyview. During that time he received his fellowship in the College of Family Practice and his certification in family practice.

In June of 1976, Paterson and Dr. Bill Oatway, a dentist friend from Kamloops, established the Sorrento Medical Dental Centre. This was the beginning of his 30-year career in this community.

In 1982, Dr. Cedric Law and Dr. Jeff Nakagawa purchased the dental portion of the clinic and, in 1995, the building was enlarged and modernized to its present state.

In addition to his practice, Paterson took on the added responsibility as a clinical assistant professor for the

UBC Department of Family Medicine's community medicine program, and trained medical students. Over the years, 30 students worked with him in his Sorrento office.

Paterson officially retired on April 27 but continues on a part-time basis until Dr. Kevin Goldberg arrives from England.

Dr. Paterson and his wife Doreen are planning to continue residing in the community and enjoying retirement.

The Sorrento Business Improvement Association is hosting the dinner and roast for Paterson on May 26. The social is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a buffet style dinner at 6:30 p.m. During dinner, entertainment will be provided by students from Sorrento Elementary.

After dinner, the "roast" of Paterson will take place with many community members contributing anecdotes and remembrances from the doctor's lengthy career.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Credit Union and Sorrento Hardware and Lucky Dollar.

Inspirations 2006

There is no shortage of talent in this area and this will be aptly demonstrated at Inspirations 2006, the seventh annual exhibit and sale by the Sorrento Seven artists.

It takes place June 2, 3, and 4, at Sorrento Centre, 1159A Passchendaele Road.



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■ A retirement party for Dr. Don Paterson, who has been the physician in Sorrento for the past 30 years, takes place May 26.

Come and meet the artists, enjoy the paintings, artists demonstrations and the extensive grounds of the Sorrento Centre on Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Sorrento Seven members all have active status with the Federation of Canadian Artists, and work in a variety of media and styles, from highly realistic to more impressionistic. Admission to the show is free and complementary refreshments will be served.

Call with your news and notices: 679-3554 or 675-4002, fax 679-7677, E-

mail: shuswapnews@cablolan.net. Deadline Monday evening.

Dr. Don Paterson.