

# Astrology Edmonton

Official Newsletter of the Edmonton Astrological Society

## F.Y.I. : *A Musing President*

by David



At the last EAS meeting, I'd been asked by the Program Director, Inge, to fill in a short 15 to 20 minutes "with something on basic astrology". I willingly accepted the job and then in my usual fashion set it in the back of my mind as something to get to... eventually.

Well eventually we were at the meeting and I still wasn't really sure what I was going to do. I'd asked a few non astrologers what they thought they'd like to hear but, in truth, I knew it was unlikely we'd have any of them at the meeting.

As it turned out, I went with an idea generated by them. We always hear so many of the same key words for so many of the signs, said my Taurean partner, but I'd like to hear words that stress the inner value of the sign more... something that shows spiritual insight into the sign. Everyone hears Taurus is stubborn.. .but what's going on inside that makes them so. Why are Scorpios so intense? Why is Libra always fence-sitting?"

I presented this to our small group in attendance that evening and asked them to keyword signs. We did the first half of the Zodiac and then shared answers before doing the second half. While the results were not as deeply insightful as I'd hoped, I did get some interesting results and that brings me in typical long winded fashion to the missive of this month.

EAS's original purpose was not as a teaching organization but of a sharing society. Our founders hoped to provide a place where people of differing levels of astrological acumen could share their insights with each other and thereby deepen their understanding and their confidence in that understanding.

Over the years we've sometimes missed that mark and sometimes hit it bull's-eye.

On the evening in question above I was struck repeatedly by keywords for signs that struck me as odd or even at first downright *wrong*. One of our ladies expressed "the teacher" as her understanding of Virgo. Now everyone knows (or should) that that appellation is usually given to Sagittarius but to apply it to Virgo seems downright odd. I had to think about it a bit to get where she might be coming from and later in the evening I actually took her aside to ask for her reasoning. I knew of course that her solar ninth house rises in Virgo so that this was going to be a personal insight.

I only wish I'd had the time to talk to more of the members that evening who had odd words for various signs.

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## ROGERS: "Odds & Thoughts"

by Roger

Roger has been sending me tidbits from various newspapers, (not in any particular sequence). I've chosen a few of these, wondering what **YOU** think might have been passing in the skies to even merit having them printed in the paper to start with.

### NASA to Launch Human-Like Robot to Join Space Station Crew

**WASHINGTON** -- NASA will launch the first human-like robot to space later this year to become a permanent resident of the International Space Station. Robonaut 2, or R2, was developed jointly by NASA and General Motors under a cooperative agreement to develop a robotic assistant that can work alongside humans, whether they are astronauts in space or workers at GM manufacturing plants on Earth.

The 300-pound R2 consists of a head and a torso with two arms and two hands. R2 will launch on space shuttle Discovery as part of the STS-133 mission planned for September. Once aboard the station, engineers will monitor how the robot operates in weightlessness. Throughout its first decade in orbit, the space station has served as a test bed for human and robotic teamwork for construction, maintenance and science.

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## June Retreat :

Well it's that time of year again when Spring is on the rise and thoughts of the Annual EAS Retreat once again come to mind.

**Registration Deadline: May 30, 2010**

**Cost: FREE to all current members**

**Non-members - \$ 35.00**

**When: June 11 (Fri.), June 12 (Sat.) & June 13 (Sun.), 2010**

**Where: Inge's Place - #73-52112 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB.**

\*\*\* For directions contact Inge at: 780-922-5771

\*\* For those of you who will be needing a bed or are bringing a tent or RV, **PLEASE** contact Inge ASAP. This is a first come, first serve arrangement.

\* **REMINDER; PotLuck/BYOB**, so again contact Inge to let her know what you'll be bringing.

**What:** Our topics for this years' retreat will be:

**“Crash Course in Vocational Astrology” & “Flotsam and Jetsam, Evolution, and Rites of Passage”.**

**Who:** **Donna VanToen** will be our guest speaker for this a 3 day Event. She's prepared some extremely interesting topics for us to discuss and learn about.

\*\*\* **REMINDER:** There will also be a **SILENT AUCTION** on **Saturday June 12.**

Festivities will commence on the **Friday night** at 7:00 pm. This evening is for the soul purpose of getting to know one another, catching up, Fire Dancing, and just having a great time.

The Workshop part of the weekend begins on **Saturday** at 9:30 am. **Prompt. Sunday's** workshop will begin at 9:30 am **Prompt.**

**Brochures are available** upon request by contacting Joesy (780-922-6658) or online at:

[www.astrologyedmonton.com](http://www.astrologyedmonton.com)

## A Musing President Con't

We meet regularly for formal meetings where there are predefined workshops but we do not build in as much socializing in this society as we used to do, that is strictly around astrological insights. Oh, of course there are small groups within the society of people who have bonded well over the years and have come to know and like each other and they have become friends and have done much socializing. But as a group at large we seem to have only our June retreat to do that.

Often at the retreat the social evenings are less attended by some of our newer members and they sometimes devolve into 'just a group of friends getting together'. There's nothing wrong with that, except I have a vision that we could expand the group to include more people and more insight sharing.

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Indeed, I believe that if we could hear and respect more insights from some of our quieter members we might even give them the confidence in their insights to eventually stand at the front on a regular meeting night and share their experiences and personal relationships of astrology working in their world.

Those of us who feel more confident in our astrological acumen can often learn something new from a newcomer's unusual point of view. Even when their choice of wording seems obviously wrong "Taureans are upbeat and positive" or "Librans know what they want" at the superficial level, getting them to expand their understanding gives us the opportunity to look afresh at things and sometimes just to get deeper insights into the individual themselves.

Our friend who suggested that Virgos were teachers expressed that that was her understanding of the motive behind the virgoan trait of correcting errors and pointing out faults in the details. She perceives the drive to perfection in the Virgo as intended to improve others (and presumably self). My insight that Virgo rules her solar ninth gives me deeper understanding of how she herself emotively responds to critique (if not criticism). It's for her ultimate betterment and like it or not she will strive to learn from it. That led me to observing this reaction in more of my people with Capricorn Suns and Ascendants.

Old world science taught us that the world was outside and separate from us and that objectivity in dealing with the world was not only attainable but desirable. Modern science tells us that there is no objective point of view. The observer always influences what's observed. An astrologer is reminded that we all see the world and each other through our own charts.

Inge and I have spoken and I've put before the last general meeting the idea of having a non structured weekend ( Saturday afternoon, evening, night and for those who wish Sunday morning weekend in October). We'd been hoping, some of us, to attend a formal seminar in Red Deer hosted by our Calgary friends. Since we're now informed that won't happen, we were toying with the idea of having a social but astrological weekend. A weekend to ask each other about those quirky takes on astrology that make each of us approach the study with different goals, different insights, different pasts, and therefore different understandings. A time, maybe when those of us who do so much of the talking can do more listening.

The general meeting thought this a good idea and lauded the thought. Now I wonder, in my usual controlling-nature fashion, how to *facilitate* it. Can we come up with 'games' and other fun activities or do we really go out on a limb and literally have no agenda at all and just hope that everyone has fun and learns something. Maybe the best learning of all would be the learning that YOU are a valued and valuable member of this society and have something to contribute and DO belong.

## *ROGERS: "Odds & Thoughts"* Con't

R2 will be confined to operations in the station's Destiny laboratory. However, future enhancements and modifications may allow it to move more freely around the station's interior or outside the complex.

"This project exemplifies the promise that a future generation of robots can have both in space and on Earth, not as replacements for humans but as companions that can carry out key supporting roles," said John Olson, director of NASA's Exploration Systems Integration Office at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "The combined potential of humans and robots is a perfect example of the sum equaling more than the parts. It will allow us to go farther and achieve more than we can probably even imagine today."

The dexterous robot not only looks like a human but also is designed to work like one. With human-like hands and arms, R2 is able to use the same tools station crew members use. In the future, the greatest benefits of humanoid robots in space may be as assistants or stand-ins for astronauts during spacewalks or for tasks too difficult or dangerous for humans. For now, R2 is still a prototype and does not have adequate protection needed to exist outside the space station in the extreme temperatures of space.

Testing the robot inside the station will provide an important intermediate environment. R2 will be tested in micro gravity and subjected to the station's radiation and electromagnetic interference environments. The interior operations will provide performance data about how a robot may work side-by-side with astronauts. As development activities progress on the ground, station crews may be provided hardware and software to update R2 to enable it to do new tasks.

R2 is undergoing extensive testing in preparation for its flight. Vibration, vacuum and radiation testing along with other procedures being conducted on R2 also benefit the team at GM. The automaker plans to use technologies from R2 in future advanced vehicle safety systems and manufacturing plant applications.

"The extreme levels of testing R2 has undergone as it prepares to venture to the International Space Station are on par with the validation our vehicles and components go through on the path to production," said Alan Taub, vice president of GM's global research and development. "The work done by GM and NASA engineers also will help us validate manufacturing technologies that will improve the health and safety of our GM team members at our manufacturing plants throughout the world. Partnerships between organizations such as GM and NASA help ensure space exploration, road travel and manufacturing can become even safer in the future."

For more information about Robonaut 2, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/topics/technology/features/robonaut.html>

## *Astro Forecast: " Gemini " written by Inge Lohse*

May 20 to June 21



A Mutable Air sign of neutral polarity ruled by Mercury. Key Phrase: ' **I Think** '

Gemini is represented by the twins, Castor and Pollux. Gemini rules the nervous system, hands, shoulders, arms and lungs. In Gemini, the sun is versatile and flexible. Gemini people are sociable, curious and inquisitive. Variety is a must in their daily routine. This air sign is thirsty for knowledge and eager to study and usually have a highly developed learning capacity. Their inventive imagination makes them great writers. The dual nature of Gemini sometimes makes you think there really are two of them talking to you at the same time. This is the only sign of the zodiac that can lay legal claim to an alter ego. It's really OK if you talk to and answer yourself. The rest of us have to cop a plea of insanity.

### *Forecast 2010 to 2011*

Powerful Pluto entered the sign of Capricorn at the end of November 2008 and will stay there until the year 2024. As Pluto transits the sign of Capricorn he will quincunx your sun. You will need to make a lot of adjustments during the next 16 years. This is not an easy flow of energy, it is a problematic period of adjustments.

Nebulous Neptune from sign of Aquarius is still trining your Gemini planets. This is creating new dimensions for your active imagination to explore. Your perception is very acute and will inspire you to be sensitive to the needs of others. Your own ego is secure in the knowledge that you are able to lend a helping hand to those that need it most. Make good use of this aspect as it will not last much longer, Neptune moves on to the sign of Pisces in 2012.

Unique Uranus from the sign of Pisces is still challenging (square) your Gemini Sun. Uranus has been testing your ability to withstand unexpected ' curve balls '. This aspect is almost finished, graduation is near and final marks will come next year. In June 2010 Uranus makes a debut appearance into the sign of Aries. This will give you a sneak preview of what to expect when you start a new 7 year Uranus cycle - that will be when Uranus permanently enters the sign of Aries in March 2011. Uranus will then sextile your Gemini Sun until 2018, offering new exciting opportunities and a great potential for growth.

Serious Saturn moved into the sign of Libra in July 2010. This is a trine to your Gemini Sun. Saturn is the planet of just rewards, and gives you a stamp of approval for a job well done. Cautious Saturn has guidelines and seldom gives you something for nothing. Saturn demands that you live up to your obligations and responsibilities; and assuming you have - during this transit your efforts are rewarded and your achievements are acknowledged. This aspect is more about inner growth than how others view what you have accomplished.

Jupiter, the seeker of truth, moved into the spiritual sign of Pisces in January 2010 and will stay for about a year. This puts Jupiter in a square aspect to your Gemini Sun. Overextending yourself - promising more than you can deliver is a downside to this transit. Knowing when to stop is the real trick to handling this aspect. Jupiter in Pisces is about expanding your spiritual growth. Gemini is about knowledge - learning your inner strengths and understanding the limits you have.

## *Astro Forecast: " Cancer " written by Inge Lohse*

June 21 to July 22

A Cardinal water sign of negative polarity ruled by the Moon. Key Phrase: ' I Feel '



Cancer is represented by the crab. It's shell is the armor which hides extreme sensitivity and shyness, as well as physical and psychological vulnerability. Cancers protect themselves from the possibility of emotional hurt by withdrawing and finding their security in solitude. The sun in cancer is strongly linked to domesticity and homemaking. Cancers possesses highly developed protective and defensive instincts aimed at material and domestic security. Cancer people are very complex, they appear to have the strength of a giant and the next minute they seem to be as weak as a kitten. Cancers have a deep sense of responsibility toward their families and do not take kindly to interference. Highly imaginative and very sensitive, they have no sense of humor when it comes to the protection of what is theirs.

### *Forecast 2010 to 2011*

Complicated Pluto entered the sign of Capricorn in November 2008 and will oppose your Cancer Sun for the next 16 years. This aspect involves power struggles with others, particularly with people in authority over you. Some conflicts, you can avoid, simply by taking evasive actions, but, other conflicts, you will need to take draw the line and assert your position, firmly declaring your independence.

Neptune from the sign of Aquarius is still testing your stress levels, and shaking up your belief systems. This is a time of adjustments and revisions. Your little corner of the world needs some airing out. Neptune is giving you new insights to let you know you have choices.

Unconventional Uranus, always full of surprises, is trining your Cancer Sun from the sign of Pisces. This energy pattern will last until March 2011. Uranus is the planet of the future. Cancer, never lets go of the past. It is time for you to do some housecleaning. This is the time to trust your intuition. If it feels right - DO IT !! Those scathingly brilliant ideas you have these days are being brought to you from Uranus.

Serious Saturn entered the sign of Libra in July 2010 and will stay until October 2012. Saturn is about responsibility and commitments. Libra is about balance, co-operation and teamwork. Saturn is exalted in the sign of Libra, stressing the importance of fair play and mutual respect. Both are essential to achieve and maintain harmonious relationships.

This is a square aspect to your Cancer Sun and will challenge relationships you have held onto for many years. This is the time to re-evaluate them. This period in your life is directly linked to what you started seven years ago, which was a time of new beginnings for you. What you started then, needs to be scrutinized for possible flaws, or you may just find those projects are no longer of value to you now. Although you may want to make major changes in your career, this aspect does not open many doors for advancement, make sure you have a new job before you quit the old one.

Optimistic Jupiter entered the sign of Pisces in January 2010. Jupiter in Pisces is about artistic and spiritual growth. Sun in Cancer is about having a secure sanctuary. This trine aspect is all about discovering your inner strengths and talents. Your creative potential is enormous during this transit. This is an excellent time to do almost anything you want.

## *F.Y.I. Astrologically Speaking - Information Corner*

As you may or may not know, there are many Astrological Societies & magazines out there. This page is dedicated to informing our members about "What's Hot & Happening in the Astrological World". We welcome suggestions and any information you may come across that you'd like to see added to this section.



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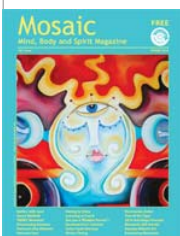


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## What's coming up ...

**June 11,12 & 13th, 2010** **JUNE RETREAT** (POTLUCK/BYOB event so contact Inge to let her know what you're going to be bringing) commences on the Fri. at 7:00 pm



Aug. 20, 2010 **Deadline** for the **September Newsletter**. Please send any articles or information to Joesy.

Sept. 10, 2010 **Next Meeting** of the Edmonton Astrological Society.

## September's Program

**Roger's Corner:**  
"Cosmic Forces in the News"

**Astrology Decoded:** by;  
Speaker is unknown at this time

**Main Event:**  
Presented by Liz & Inge

"Libra Ingress Chart"



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### EAS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- Attendance at all monthly meetings
- Reduced fees at events hosted by the EAS
- Voting privileges
- Access to EAS library books, tapes and archives
- EAS monthly Newsletter 10 issues per year.

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The EAS was founded 32 years ago on: **Dec. 10th., 1977** in Edmonton, AB. at **1:58 PM MST**

The prime directive of the Society is to create an environment to practice, grow, and share Astrological information & philosophies with Astrologers and students alike.