

# Gravitas the little box with big questions

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Way back when the 21st century was brand new and folks were looking to put the past behind them and searching for the next best thing, Alan Gratias was enjoying the company of friends and family who had gathered for a Millennium Celebration at his home in The County.

The focus of Gratias' Celebration was a time capsule. He had asked his guests to bring something for the time capsule and to be prepared to explain the "sense of substance" for their choice, the "gravitas", so to speak.

Like a lot of millennium celebrations, that one was a success with great stories, good food and lots of drinks. But, Gratias was overwhelmed by the time capsule selections and moved by the great feelings, sensitivity and dignity that emerged from what he thought was just an interesting way to spend an evening. That evening got Gratias thinking about "gravitas" – or the depth of personality and how that might parlay into a unique and interesting game that doesn't have a board, a spinner, counters, or place-markers.

It's a game that feeds on the dynamics of a group, especially a group of people who are comfortable with one another and not afraid to connect.

"Gravitas gives you permission to reveal who you really are!" said Alan Gratias at a launch of his game this week at Pinch Gourmet. "It really is a little box with big questions. Questions that make you think about your answers. And in this game there can't be a right or wrong answer. Just an answer that really appeals to the reader at the time. My good friend Shelagh Mathers has purchased so many of the games – I'm sure everyone on her Christmas list will be getting one."

Gravitas is available in The County at Books on the Bay, The Grange of Prince Edward Winery, Pinch Gourmet, Sandbanks Winery and The County Cider

Company. Gratias invites you to submit questions for future editions by connecting with [www.gravitasthegame.com](http://www.gravitasthegame.com)  
**The Players, at right: Gratias and his wife, Joan are shown with a group of friends who know and love the game. Terry Williams, Shelagh Mathers, Joy Vee, Ann Woods, Rebecca LeHeup-Bucknell, Bruno Francois, Jens Korberg, Lise Anne Donnelly, Pinch owner – Karin Potters, Anne Potter.**

