

HANDS ACROSS BC



NOVEMBER 2011

Welcome to a New Year



To All the Members of BC Royal Purple,

I would like to thank all the Members for their vote of confidence in voting for me as the President for the 2011-2012 year. I will do my best to keep this Organization moving ahead well past our 100th Anniversary.

I extend my Congratulations to all the Executive and my thanks for accepting your positions. My Congratulations to the BC Elks President, Sister Dina Wolansky and all the Elks Executive.

My theme for this year is "Reach Our Goals". Our goal is to increase our membership, try to add new Lodges, move ahead with change that we must make, do our best to support the Charities such as BC Family Hearing Centre, BC ELKS Camps, and Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. Some of our fundraising projects include the Wreath raffle, Pennies, Canadian Tire money, collecting tabs and foil and Campbell's Soup labels.

I attended the National Convention in Gander, NFLD, this summer and truly enjoyed it. It was great to see members of BC namely, Regina MacLean elected as Supreme Lecturing Lady, Marilynn Allen on a new Committee working under the umbrella of Lodge Development. This Committee replaces the Ad-Hok Committee.



BC ROYAL PURPLE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

Front: 2nd VP Marilynn Allen, SHRL Lynda Nolan, President Mary Bjarnason, Immediate Past President, Sharron Makus,

1st VP Sharen Schellenburg.

Back: 3rd VP Annabelle Tucker, 4th VP Alice Holmes, Treasurer Darlene Doucette, Secretary Joan Popovich

CHARITIES REPORT

By the time you read this, you will be aware that the committee for the “Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children” has given all lodges a “piggy bank” to collect pennies across our great land.

Our members of the Provincial Royal Purple Association have been collecting pennies for the Hearing Centre for a number of years, and we sincerely hope to continue.

Of course, we aren't in competition with the Fund for Children, but I am very hopeful that all lodges will continue to support the Hearing Centre. Perhaps we can share our pennies. When you have your meetings, please pass your piggy bank around, of course we appreciate the silver too! Send or bring the proceeds of your pennies in form of a cheque to our treasurer at our next conference. Wouldn't it be great if all lodges added up to over \$200.00 to give to the Hearing Centre? Will you help us!!! I know you will—have someone in charge to collect the pennies (or any coin) you have in your purse at every meeting. Thank you, for your help.

Ellen Hammer, Salmon Arm Lodge # 279

Charities Chairperson, BCRP Association



Have an awesome day, and know that someone who thinks you're great has thought about you today!..



Please save your Campbell Soup Labels. Did you know you can also save the Labels from these item as well? V8 juice, Prego, Goldfish, V8 soups, Pace salsa, Habitant etc. anything in the Campbell Line.

Make sure that you remove the full Label with the UPC on it, also lay flat as they are so much easier to count & package.

We have been able to purchase many Learning items for the Hearing resource Center with the Labels that have been saved over the years. Thank you to all who support this program for the Children.

At our last Lodge meeting we had a work bee folding counting & storing the labels, what a fun time. We had 1000's. Please keep them coming ladies.

Dianne Belado

Williams Lake #126

Meat Pies

The Williams Lake Royal Purple Ladies are gearing up for another session of meat pie making. These \$4.00 meat and veggie pies have really been a hit. Orders are taken, as well as the pies are sold at our upcoming craft sale on Nov. 4th and 5th. The unbaked pies are kept frozen until they are picked up by our customers. Pie making is a lot of work, but the ladies enjoy the companionship of each other, and the good feelings of helping to provide funds for our community charities. (Editor update...they made 1000!!)

NCC Committee

We are beginning the year with a very dedicated group of Members working with the National Lodge Development to help Royal Purple grow. The Members visiting your lodge are wanting to develop a plan with your lodge. The national site will also let us know who have successfully completed or working on completion of their project. By providing every Lodge with a contact and help Royal Purple be vigilant in

our communities. Good luck to all Lodges on your rubric!

One of these Ladies will be contacting the Honored Royal Lady of your Lodge: Sally Hurst, Marilyn Allen, Joan Popovich, Lynda Nolan.

Hands Across BC has a new Editor. Not a pro so please be patient with me. I look forward to hearing from the BC Lodges with all your upcoming events. Pictures are an expensive addition to the printing so we will be very careful what we produce. Remember to notice the deadlines as we will not include something that will have already happened when the Newsletter goes out. The reporters will be contacting you for information and final date. Please let me know if you would like it emailed rather than by Post. It is much faster and cheaper!! Thanks, Lynda (nolan@pgonline.com).

PAST PRESIDENTS of the BCRP Association

The Past Presidents met in N. Kamloops on Sept.16th2011 There were 11 present. The meeting began with a brief overview by PSHR Lady Sandi Loughheed of the Resolutions passed at the National Convention in Gander and the work the newly formed National Coordinating Committee will be doing with the Lodges. A donation of \$50.00 was given to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children in memory of P.P. Lady Pat Anderson. The Royal Purple Past Presidents agreed to assist the Elks Past Presidents with the 2012 Conference to be held in Delta as the Delta Elks chairman has taken ill. Past President Lady Sharron Makus was remembered as were other Past Presidents who were unable to attend the meeting due to health problems or other personal reasons.

M. Thistle President of the Past Presidents Association.

VERNON LODGE

Hello. I am Brenda Paul, Historian for the Vernon Lodge. The District Meeting was held on April 9, 2011, at The Elk's Lodge in Vernon, B.C. It was well attended. This will be the last District Meeting for our district. PSHRL Sally Hurst gave a wonderful speech to all the Ladies. On June 1, 2011, HRL Judy Keckalo presented 45 year bars to Lady Stella Zeleny and Lady Joyce Redgwell, 15 year bars to Lady Cecile Johnson and Lady Stella Meger and a 5 year bar to Lady Brenda Paul. We had our wind-up party on June 15 and were treated to Chinese food. We had a wonderful time with each lady telling jokes, or singing or dancing. On May 29, 2011, our Lodge was saddened with the passing away of Lady Edna Palfrey at the age of 80 years old. She will be dearly missed. Thank you for the insertion in Hands Across B.C. Brenda Paul

NEWS FROM THE ISLAND**REPORTER SHARRON MAKUS**

VICTORIA # 5 As many of you know, PDD Patricia Anderson lost a long fought health battle and passed away on July 7, 2011. Our condolences to her family and to Victoria Lodge members.

NANAIMO #16 Nanaimo Lodge has recently moved from their meeting place on Prideaux Street to the Cavolotti Hall on East

Wellington Road. The members recently voted to hold only one meeting a month which will be on the first Monday night of the month. Four ladies were presented with Perfect Attendance Pins. These numbers are absolutely impressive for these long time members:

Lady Dot Flegel 34 years

Lady Dottie Dool 23 years

Lady Gert Parker 17 years

Lady Betty Marrs 12 years

PDD Grace Venables and Lady Marjorie Bartsch will be receiving their 50 year pins at the November meeting. Congratulations to all these long-time hardworking ladies.

COURTENAY #158

The ladies of #158 have a busy few months ahead of them. Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm with an average of 12 members present.

The Annual Information Night will be held jointly with the Elks on the evening of November 3. The recipients of the donations will enjoy a delicious pot luck dinner prior to the meeting. The proceeds for these donations are derived from weekly bingos.

Several members will be manning the telephones on Sunday, November 6 at the local telethon.

Our Fall/Winter Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, November 9. Over 100 ladies will fill the hall to view the latest fashions and enjoy a lovely luncheon. Roxanne's Fashions has been our sponsor for many years. Several of our members model, and others serve the lunch with the assistance of girls from the local high schools.

On Sunday, December 4, we will hold our Joint Memorial Service with the Elks.

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of PHRL Beverly Muskett. Beverly was a long time, hard working member of the Lodge and she will be missed.

NEWS FROM LILLOOET:

We have done our usual fund raising projects over the summer recess. In July we held a pancake breakfast during the annual Lillooet Apricot and Tsaquem Festival. This is a festival to celebrate the apricot and saskatoon berries that are found abundantly around the Lillooet area. We serve apricot and Saskatoon berry syrups with our pancakes! In September we catered the annual Fall meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star dinner. On November 5th we will be holding our own annual Fall Tea and Bazaar all are welcome to come and have tea with us and perhaps purchase something from our bake, craft or white elephant tables or how about winning a fabulous door prize. We will be initiating a new member at our November 7th meeting.

Keremeos Lodge #83

Summer has come and gone and we are now into the fall of the year. Regular meetings at Keremeos did not begin until the fourth Thursday of September so we are only just getting started.

On June 9th a new slate of Officers was installed by District Deputy Marjorie Bracconier. Visitors from Oliver Lodge #63 and Osoyoos Lodge #240 were in attendance as well as the Mayor of Keremeos who recognized the work we do in the community. At that time, Joyce Schneider was presented with her 50 year pin and Ginny Bennett received her 5 year pin along with her 4 year Secretary's pin. That's immersion!!

Once again our Lodge donated and presented a bursary at the Graduation ceremonies. This year's recipient hopes to work with hard of hearing children.

Our final gathering for the season was held at the Kaleden Restaurant on Hwy 97 where we enjoyed lunch together and delicious cheesecake to complete the meal.

Honored Royal Lady Evelyn Pettigrew and Marie Farren entered the Cherry Fiesta Parade held each year in Osoyoos. They represented our Lodge very well with their decorated vehicle.

On the August long weekend the Royal Purple had the opportunity of working with our brother and sister Elks on Kars Under the K serving breakfast in the morning and hamburgers and hot dogs during the day. It was wonderful having this chance of working with them again.

Through the Fund for Children, Keremeos Lodge also assisted the children of a family who lost their home in a fire. It is a good feeling to be able to help at times of disaster and to know that it is so greatly appreciated.

Regular Friday bingos and a few caterings have been keeping us busy.

From Keremeos Lodge #83.....have a great year in Royal Purple.

From North Kamloops Royal Purple

We have a luncheon at our first meeting of the month and a business meeting for our second meeting

First and third Tuesdays

We will be celebrating Memorial Day with Kamloops #44 Elks and North Kamloops Elks # 469, Dec 4th

Our Adult Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec 10th

Our Children's Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec 18th

We'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, '**The Law of the Garbage Truck.**'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally.

Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets,

so ... **Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.**

*Life is ten percent what you **make it** and ninety percent how you **take it!***

Have a garbage-free day!

Submitted by: Alice Holmes, Ruth Kerpan and chairman Regina MacLean

BC Provincial Lodge Development Committee

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EADLINE for next HANDS ACROSS BC is FEBRUARY 29, 2012.

A little boy told me that, when he builds a house, he is going to build it around a large evergreen. Then he can have a Christmas tree in the basement, a Christmas tree in the living room, a Christmas tree upstairs, and something to which Santa can tie his reindeer.

Live your life as you would decorate a Christmas tree—with flare and modesty, joy and reflection—with a rope of hope, a littlest angel, a Santa, starlight, the Spirit of Christmas—and whatever you feel belongs, whenever the time is best. Greeting the seasons with love.

June 23, 2011

SOUTH BURNABY ELKS # 497 & SOUTH BURNABY ROYAL PURPLE # 260**VISIT AND LUNCH AT EDMONDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Left to Right Doreen George former Community School Co-ordinator at Edmonds School Mischa Greenwood new Community School Co-ordinator, H.R.L. Doreen Peniuk, E.R. Reg Seguin. We will miss Doreen George as she has a new position, overseeing two Schools as a Co-ordinator, her office now is at the Burnaby School Board.



Left to Right former Vice-Principal Dino Klarich and still Principal David Starr. We enjoyed a very delicious appreciation lunch and we also received a very nice thank you letter from Doreen George for all our donations to the school and we will continue to do so as they always need donations for their food programs for the students. P.E.R. Wally Govett, P.D.D. Colin McNeil and P.H.R.L. Judy Naslund also attended the Lunch.