

Our President for 2007-2008

Lady Eleanor Scott



BCRP President's Letter

Hi Ladies,

I want to thank you all and tell you how proud I am to be your President for the BC Royal Purple Association for the year 2007-2008.

My theme for the year is **"Together we can"**

Together we can make our Organization strong

Together we can make our Membership grow

Together we can make a difference for the children

Together we can overcome any problems that may arise.

I know that we will have a great year striving towards the theme "Together we can".

For my Itinerary, I will leave it open. When you have a special event happening at your Lodge I would like to be invited, just give the BCRP Secretary or me a call or e-mail and when I am in your area I will call and come to visit.

The Association has many ways of donating. We have our annual Lottery Wreath Raffle, this goes to our BC Elks camps. Collecting Campbell soup labels and other Campbell products, plus Island Farm labels, we are able to an Educational item for the BC Family Hearing Centre. Our pennies go to the "Fund for Children" in the odd years and even years it goes to the "Hearing Centre". The Husky rebate cards we receive 2% on each purchase and it goes into our general funds. We also support the Elks by collecting "TABS" and working in the Malls selling "Dream Van Lottery" Raffle tickets, which supports the Elks Camps for kids. The Association has become involved with the BC Family Hearing "Outreach" program; this is a part of the Hearing Centre where they travel all over BC helping children. This year they started a new program, where child, parent and teacher are on a computer and can communicate. This year they have started to test the hearing of new born babies.

We have a newsletter "Hands across BC" which goes out to each Lodge three times a year. September 15, February 15, and April 15. There are many categories, here are just some of the categories: "New kids on the Block", "Special Events", "Book of Memories", and "Fundraising". Let us hear from your Lodge what is going on.

This year we have representatives from all over BC. They are listed below:

Terrace and District	Alice Holmes
Pr. George and District	Bea Stanley
The Interior	Marilyn Allen
The Island	Deborah Munday
The Coast	June Wall

And Roberta Berkelaar as fill in.

We need your help to come with new ideas. Come and join us, either on a Committee or Executive. We are here to help all Lodges in BC.

So Ladies, let's get Rev'in in 2007 & 2008.

Sisterly Love

Eleanor Scott BCRPA President

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Biography of Eleanor Scott BCRPA President 2007-2008

Eleanor was born in Winnipeg but grew up in Trail and Castlegar. She met her husband on a blind date, going to a drive-in in the town of Mission, BC. She and her husband Jim had 6 children. She went to work after the children were all grown up. She had a few small jobs until she started with Sears in 1970. She worked for Sears until they had a big lay off. She started working for her family Doctor in 1989 as a filing clerk, from there she landed a job with a Gynaecologist Surgeon, she has been with him for 14 years, and still continues to work for him. Eleanor has 6 children and 11 grandchildren, 4 grandson-in-laws, and one great-grandson. Her husband passed away in 1991. She is very active with her children and grandchildren.

Eleanor's sister in law brought her into the Royal Purple in 1995. She also has three brothers in the BC Elks. She has been Honoured Royal Lady 5 times and the District Deputy for 2 years. She joined the Association in 1996; she was the chairperson for their Fundraising until she started to go through the chairs of the Association in 2003. She still does fundraising; the Lottery Wreath Raffle is one she enjoys and keeps on doing.

Eleanor was asked to become one of the board of Directors for the BC Family Hearing Centre, in 2003. This is very educational and rewarding place to be involved in. They have also put her on the fundraising committee.

Eleanor is very active with Royal Purple. She has attended all the National Conventions and Provincial Conferences since she joined the Royal Purple in 1995.

Eleanor enjoys her collection of dolls and angels which she has acquired over the years. She loves dill pickles, Caesars, and Hot Sex(the drink!). She loves to drive on Sundays out to the Fraser Valley and going on various road trips. She always carries a smile.

From Immediate Past BC. Royal Purple President,

Regina MacLean

Thank you to every Royal Purple member for continuing with your Membership in Royal Purple of Canada. Best of luck to all the BC. Royal Purple Executive and Committee members in the coming year. A big thank you to all that served on the Executive and Committees for 2006/2007 and also every member of all our BC Lodges. You are doing your part to help with the survival of the Royal Purple of Canada. I commend you! Please contact me at your convenience for any assistance with "Membership Campaigns".

Sisterly Love and Hugs, Regina

**B.C. ELKS PROVINCAL PRESIDENT
ARNIE ZIMMERMAN**

Fraternal Greetings to all Ladies of the Royal Purple.

It is certainly an Honour to have been elected as the B.C. Elks Provincial President. I am excited to have been given the opportunity to continue to work together with all my Executive Members and the Ladies of the Royal Purple to help make decisions that will continue to form our future.

Many Elks Lodges have been very dependent of the Royal Purple. The Ladies of the Royal Purple play a very large part in the success of Elk Lodges all across our country. A lot of work needs to be done to increase our declining Membership. We can't continue to just talk about it, we need action. We need to be in contact with the people in our Communities and not be afraid to ask them to join our great Organizations. Let's ask ourselves this question "Am I really trying my best to approach people to join or am I just sitting back and expect others to do it. Let's go out and do whatever it takes to make our Order stronger.

A big thank you to all the Ladies of the Royal Purple Committee Chairpersons and all the Committee members who have volunteered their valuable time to work towards the future of our Order. The discussions and recommendations they make will form our future. A big thank you to all Ladies of the Royal Purple for the many volunteer hours you have spent to generate the contributions to our Provincial, National and Community charities. My communications lines are always open to you. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Fraternally

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The Executive for 2007-2008



Front row- I.P.P. Lady Regina MacLean, President Lady Eleanor Scott, S. H. R. Lady Liz Sport, 1st Vice Pres. Lady Joan Popovich.

Back row- 2nd Vice Pres. Lady Marjorie Braconier, 3rd Vice Pres. Lady Sharron Makus, 4th Vice Pres. Lady Mary Bjarnason, Secretary -Lady Doreen Zimmerman, Treasurer- Lady Darlene Doucette.

Terrace Lodge # 216

May 2nd 2007 Held our Annual Grad tea to acknowledge the girls graduating from Caladonia Sr. Sec. A lovely event enjoyed by the girls and the Royal Purple Ladies.

On July 18th 2007 Bertie Taylor passed away.

Terrace Elks #425 and Terrace Royal Purple # 216 are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on October 5th with a Friday nite Casino. Saturday October the 6th Banquet and dance and a Sunday morning farewell breakfast.

For further info contact- Allison Martel @ 250-635-6673 or Norma Arnold @ 250-632-7239
Would love to see you at our celebration.



OUR NEW DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR BC.

2007-2008

Back row-Rowena Dawson- District #2, Regina MacLean- District #4, Pat Anderson- District #1,
Delores Gallant- District #8, Irene McMurtrie- District #3, Joyce Wood- District # 10,
Marie Fallen- District #7

Front row- Lynda Nolan- Supreme Lecturing Lady, Debbie Waldon- S.H.R.Lady, Joyce Spilchuk-
Supreme Loyal Lady

CHARITY COMMITTEE-

LADIES- It's that time of year again; when a good bowl of soup will help warm you up, now before you recycle that can, take that label of and save it for us. We use them to purchase educational items for the BC. Hearing Resource Centre. So far we have they have received a DVD and a piano keyboard. Also, please have a penny piggy bank around the Lodge, save all your pennies and before Conference send a cheque to the Association for that amount. In the even year it goes to the Fund for Children and the odd year it goes to the Hearing Resource Centre.

NEWS FROM THE LODGES ACROSS B.C. *(in alphabetical order)*

CHETWYND #308

Chetwynd Elks have sold their hall so the Royal Purple are having to regroup for any fund raising. No projects on hand at present.

CLEARWATER #302

Clearwater is still alive. We had planned to close down but our D.D. Regina MacLean has convinced us to keep going till at least the end of the year and maybe by then things will have changed for the better. We hope to have a Membership Drive this fall sometime. Wish us luck.

DAWSON CREEK #85

The Elks hall has been sold so now both the Elks and Royal Purple plan to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to have separate meetings at Dawson Creek Seniors Centre to be followed by a social. Not sure what we will be doing for future projects at this time.

FORT NELSON #204

In September the Women in Industry in Fort Nelson are holding a tea and will be donating the profits to the Royal Purple. The first Saturday in November the Fort Nelson Royal Purple will be holding their annual tea and bazaar. Lady Addie Parker was presented with her 50 year pin.

KELOWNA #56

Kelowna Royal Purple has moved, we are renting space from the Kelowna Canadian-Italian Club at 770 Lawrence Ave. We had our first meeting there on September 4th, so have to see if we will be able to use this facility to have some of our fund raising and social events.

Our HRL Sonja Rosco attended her first Convention in Saskatoon this year; she was just so excited about everything and thinks each member should try to attend at least one Convention.

KEREMEOS #83

Upcoming events-

Keremeos ladies are excited about catering to a novel event for our valley. Monashee Productions are holding a Dinner Theatre in town and the Royal Purple have been asked to cater. It sounds very interesting.

The third Saturday of September is the time to celebrate the “pepper” in all shapes, sizes and flavours. Keremeos Royal Purple are once again provided related foods at a concession during the one day Pepper Fest. One can enjoy tacos, quesadillas, chilli and chilli dogs.

Keremeos welcomed a new member, Gail Dowding, last spring and will be holding another ignition this fall. Welcome!

Service pins- presented at Installation on May 24th 2007

60 year pins were presented to Ladies Viola Manery and Freda Hegan of Keremeos Lodge. Congratulations on your dedication and commitment to Royal Purple over the years. We are proud of you.

45 years to Hazel Lambert, 40 years to Wilma Campbell, 25 years to Jeanne Underhill and Joan Popovich, 15 years to Edna Olsen.

At the last meeting in June, Lady Marj Carlson was presented with her 50 year service pin and her long overdue Life Membership pin and certificate. This was a proud moment.

Congratulations Marj.

Keremeos celebrated the beginning of summer with a Hawaiian party. A great time was had by all in attendance.

Three gals from Keremeos and one from Oliver ventured to Saskatoon for the 2007 Convention. The two day journey was shared by Marie Farren, Ginny Bennett, Joan Popovich and Marj. Bracconier. We thank the host Lodges for a good time and a well run Convention. Our trip was never dull.

MCBRIDE # 112

Executive is concentrating on adding more Elk members to their joint Lodge. No current projects.

This news is from **Nanaimo** that got in too late for our last news letter.

NEW KIDS-

Sheila Southin- February 6th 2007

Angelika Bygott- May 1st 2007

SERVICE AWARDS-

Jean Harrison-	10 years	Dottie Dool	19 years
Betty Marrs	9 years	Dot Flegel	30 years
Lois Unger	2 years	Allison Anderson	8years
Gert Parker	14 years	Shirley McHady	9 years
Grace Venables	17 years		& 10 years on the Drill team

IN LOVING MEMORY-

Helen Makuk- 20 year member, passed away March 18th 2007

Marie Clift- 52 year member, passed away April 1st 2007

BEST WISHES AND BOUQUETS- Hopefully Lady Belle Jory is well now as this is late.

JUDICIARY REPORT- Changes to our Bylaws, Rules of Order and Policy Manual, that were passed at the last two Conferences, were submitted to the National Judiciary and approved. Please refer to the changes which were sent out with the minutes of the Conference and update your copies from them. Completely revised copies with the changes in them will be available shortly.

Please read these and if you have any suggestions as to change please forward them to Secretary Doreen Zimmerman so that they can be looked at and be ready for Conference 2008.

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Eleanor Vernon, Judiciary Chairman

NORTH KAMLOOPS # 277

Service Awards-

1 year membership

Sue Bonner, Laurel Burant, Nora Scallon, Myrtle Seifert

IN LOVING MEMORY

Heida Gallier passed away at 100 mile, BC. On August 22nd. Heida was a former member of N. Kamloops and South Vancouver.

SPECIAL EVENTS

North Kamloops Royal Purple is supporting the CanGo Grannies Quilt project with the didactic boards. This quilt and book, with our Lodge noted, is traveling all over Canada. Please refer to www.greatcanadianquilt.com for interesting information about this project.

PRINCE GEORGE# 48

- WE are proud of our Lady Lynda Nolan who was elected to the office of Supreme Lecturing Lady at the Convention. Congratulations also to Adina DeBelser who has been appointed co-chair of the National Charities Committee after serving on the Committee for several years.
- Recent activities- two successful garage and bake sales held in June and August respectively. The bake sale money will be used to purchase items for the Hospital Emergency kit project that is ongoing.
- The Royal Purple have been assisting the Elks with Dream Lottery ticket sales through the summer.
- Our annual bazaar and luncheon will be held on November 10th with Lady Phyllis Sieuraj as chairman.
 - In June the following perfect attendance pins were awarded: Ladies Dianne Belado- 1 year, Nancy Tossof and Mary Campbell – 3 years, Phyllis Sieuraj-7 years, Inge Andrade- 14 years, Marg. Nelson- 15 years, Adina DeBelser-20 years, Doris Sty- 30 years. Lady Bea Stanley was also presented with her 45 year bar.

Never tick off a nurse:

A big shot attorney had to spend a couple of days in the hospital. He was a royal pain to the nurses because he bossed them around just like he did his staff. None of the hospital staff wanted to have anything to do with him. The head nurse was the only one who could stand up to him.

She came into his room and announced, "I have to take your temperature." After complaining for several minutes, he finally settled down, crossed his arms and opened his mouth. "No I'm sorry," the nurse stated, "but for this reading, I can't use an oral thermometer." This started another round of complaining, but eventually he rolled over and bared his behind. After feeling the nurse insert the thermometer, he heard her announce, "I have to get something. Now you stay JUST LIKE THAT until I get back!" She leaves the door open on her way out. He curses under his breath as he hears people walking past his door, laughing.

After a half an hour, the man's doctor comes into the room. "What's going on here?" asked the doctor. Angrily, the man answers, "What's the matter, doc? Haven't you ever seen someone having their temperature taken? After a pause, the doctor confesses, Not with a carnation."

QUESNEL # 97

Has a busy fall schedule. We are going to be trying something new for various fund raising projects and we will work in conjunction with our Brother Elks. Sept will kick things off with a giant garage sale, which we hope to make a yearly spring and fall joint project.

Ladies will also participate in the Terry Fox run.

October- We will help the Elks with their major Fund raiser, comedians “Bernie & Red”. This is a two evening dinner show and plays to sold out audiences.

We will also participate in the child Development Telethon.

November- Is our Christmas craft and bake sale plus the beginning of our Christmas catering which will continue into mid December. Challenging, but worthwhile for our small group.

SMITHERS # 47

July 5th 2007 Smithers Royal Purple made a visit to our new senior’s facility called “The Meadows” and we were given a tour of the complex. We were invited to tea and a chat with the resident. After tea, we made a donation to the Meadows.

At the end of July the Ladies met at Java’s to celebrate the birthday of our Honoured Royal Lady Jean Heal. We had a good social over coffee and cake.

In August the Ladies were very busy helping the Elks with their Food Booth during the four day Bulkley Valley Exhibition. This is one of our main ways of earning money for our local charities and National charities.

TUMBLER RIDGE #378

The members are mourning the loss of Lady Audrey Berg on August 28th. During the summer the members have twice held a barbeque concession during local event days. They are looking forward to September so that they can plan their fall activities.

VANCOUVER #1

Congratulations to our new BC Royal Purple president- Lady Eleanor Scott.

SISTERS ON THE MOVE-

P.D.D. Sharon Shellenberg has moved to Lower Nicola, BC. (Merritt)

Celebration of life was held February 18th for P.D.D. Stella Stewart who passed away on February 6th 2007. She was a 36 year member of Vancouver # 1 and was loved by all who knew her.

NEW MEMBERS-

BC Royal Purple P.P. Pat Anderson has joined Vancouver #1 as a dual member in April.

Pat attended District Deputy training in August and is District Deputy for District # 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS-

Come out and enjoy our monthly BBQ's September 15th at the Elks hall

October 20th BBQ and Halloween party. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE-

Friday November 23rd at the Elks hall

Saturday November 24th at Denman Mall

WILLIAMS LAKE #126

This year the Royal Purple #126 participated in the Williams Lake Stampede by hosting a Pre-Stampede Breakfast and sponsored a 50/50 draw during the Stampede Street Party.

On June 24th, we hosted the Pre-Stampede Breakfast at the Legion because of structural damage to the roof of the Elks hall. A week before the breakfast news spread fast of the damage to the roof and we were in a bit of a pickle trying to find a spot to hold the breakfast. We were lucky to have the Legion to pull through and allow us to use their kitchen. Even with the change of venue the breakfast was still successful.

On June 28th, we held our pin night. Many members were awarded pins for their participation in the Lodge. Gloria Limb was given a certificate awarding her lifetime membership.

On June 30th, we sponsored the 50/50 draw which took place during the Stampede Street Party after the Parade. In two hours the volunteers were able to sell 2500 tickets and doubled last year's total, all around we are proud of our success. We are donating the money raised to the Elks Building Fund.