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Hands Across BC.

BC. Royal Purple Association

**BC. Provincial President Lady Sharron Makus
For 2010-2011**

Hello Royal Purple Members

It has been an honour and a pleasure to have been elected to the position of BC Royal Purple President for the 2010 – 2011 term. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at Lodge visits and special events. Congratulations to Executive members on your elections, and thank you to Committee Chairmen and members for your participation. Thank you also to North Kamloops 277 ladies for the excellent conference.

Congratulations to BC Elks President Deb Sallenback and the new executive. The BC Royal Purple wish you a successful year and look forward to working with you this term.

My theme this term is “BELIEVE WE CAN” Believe We Can increase our membership, make our organization stronger, make a difference for the children, help the less fortunate and the community at large, and work together in harmony to accomplish these goals.

I had the pleasure of attending the National Convention in Yellowknife in July. At this convention, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to determine “Where Will We Be in 2014” which will be the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Purple. I was appointed to be a part of this committee and look forward to your ideas. Hopefully, they will NOT be to hand in your Lodge Charter, but to forge ahead with positivity, courage and confidence at building our membership. Like a marriage, we have to work at it to keep it going. It does not JUST HAPPEN.

The BC Royal Purple Association is committed to assisting the BC Elks Children’s Camps, the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre and the BC Division of the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. The can tabs, foil, Campbell Soup labels, pennies and Canadian Tire money which we collect all help these worthwhile charities.

I wish each and every Lodge a successful year, and happy building. BELIEVE WE CAN

As of November 1, 2010 your Editor will be heading for Yuma, Az. until March 31, 2011.

We will see what it is like to live with one’s husband in tight quarter for 5 months.



About “Hands Across BC.”

We publish this newsletter 3 times a year, September, January and April. If your Lodge has some information that they would like to share with other Lodges please sent it to us either by e-mail, fax or snail mail. Snail mail address is 7130-Blackwell Rd., Kamloops, BC. V2C 6V8 E-mail address is erkerpan@gmail.com and fax is 250-573-5018.

If you find your name in the news letter you could get either \$5.00 worth of scratch and wins or your own “Hands Across BC” for a year.

If you would like your own issue of the newsletter please send \$5.00 to our Secretary Joan Popovich, 230-12th Ave., Keremeos, BC. V0X 1N3. Check us out on our web page by logging on @ www.bcroyalpurple.com

Lady President Sharron & Executive, Ladies of the Royal Purple

Greetings from the Executive of the BC Elks Association, I hope you all had a wonderful summer as I am sure that many of you spent time with family and friends. It was great to have the BC Drill Team in Yellowknife for the installation of our very own Lynda Nolan and they did an excellent job. Well done Ladies!

As the summer comes to a close it is time to start our meetings and visitations and I know that 'Together We Can' work together to make this a successful year for both the Elks and Royal Purple and the families that we continue to support throughout BC and Canada. I am sure that I don't need to remind you that we need to make our camps our number one priority when making donations, so that we can continue to offer them to the many groups of children that use them.

I look forward to working with you and I wish you a safe and prosperous year ahead.

Fraternally
 Deb Sallenback, President
 BC Elks Association

Smithers Lodge #47

On May 8th 2010, the Royal Purple Ladies held a most successful Plant and Bake Sale in the Extra Foods Mall.

Our joint Installation was held on June 8th 2010 in the Elks Hall at 7:30 p.m. H.R.Lady Annabelle Tucker thanked P.H.R.Lady Gallant and Lady Gursky from Terrace Lodge #216 for being the Installing and Assistant Installing Officers for the evening.

Our Annual Strawberry Tea was held in the Pioneer Activity Centre. We had a good turn out of Seniors who enjoyed tea, coffee and dessert after their meeting in June

The Ladies assisted in the Elks Fall Fair Booth operation during our Fall Fair, August 26-29. Our hamburgers and fries were once again very popular.

Thanks to all for their many hours of work.

In July we attended the 90th Birthday celebration of P.H.R.Lady Jean Heal. Many Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Lady Heal.

Kelowna Lodge #56

The Officers for the year are :

Vi Allardice- H.R.L.

Sandra Wardell- Assoc. L.

Rose Cross- Lecturing L.

Elsie Chahley- Treasurer

Phyllis Mintram- Chaplain

Teresa Pugliese- Guard

Elaine Freeman- I.P.H.L.

Barbara Fedirechuk- Loyal L.

Sheila Falk- Secretary

Becky Wilson- Historian

Sonja Rosco- Conductress

Betty Hatch- Pianist

Have just received word from Gaming that we have had our Budget cut by \$10,000.00, this will certainly have an impact on our donations to our various charities, particularly the Fund for Children, BC. Family Hearing Centre and the Children's Camps.

Williams Lake #126

May was a busy month for us. We presented a basket of goodies to the first baby in May, a baby boy born at 12:56 am on the 1st. We had the Installation of Officers with Lady Siet Kielman installed as Honoured Royal Lady. Lady Siet presented a trophy to the Sea Cadets during their annual inspection. Ladies Siet Kielman and Gloria Limb attended the Army Cadet annual inspection. Four ladies worked at a concession for Kwaleen School sports day where they had a lot of fun cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

In June we had our Strawberry Tea where about 127 seniors enjoyed strawberry shortcake served by the Stampede Queen's contestants and entertainment provided by the Old Time Fiddlers.

A big thank you goes to Lynda Nolan for all her hard work serving the cake, she sure can move fast. We also had a funeral at which we catered to about 100 people. The winners of the "Healthy Choices Contest" were presented with their certificates and cheques with the public attending, a job well done by Lady Darlene Doucette. Brother Art Schellenberg and his wife Joyce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and all who attended had a good time. Our Elks presented the Ladies with a cake for their 60th anniversary.

July saw the Ladies and Elks working at concessions on Canada Day in Boitanio Park and at the Stampede street party where they served a lot of people. Thank you to the Elks and Ladies who came out and worked so hard. We entered 3 classic cars, donated by the Schellenberg's, in the Stampede Parade with one of them taking first place.

Terrace #216

Had our pin night in April-

Service Pins- Jessie Smyth- 45 years, Olwen Gursky- 35 years, Delores Gallant- 30 years, Alice Holmes- 30 years, Vesta-Jo Christy 30 years, Mary Jane Burr-20 years, Mickey Dy-chahowski- 15 years, Margaret Mumford- 15 years, Sharon Dumont- 15 years.

Perfect Attendance- Jean Baker- 22 years, Delores Gallant- 19 years, Alice Holmes- 18 years, Shirley Kormendy- 17 years, Alison Martel- 9 years, Mary Greaves- 7 years, Carmen Mailloux- 4 years, Heather Reay- 4 years, Lorna Sperman- 3 years

Drill Team Captain- Norma Arnold- 10 years.

We had a joint Installation of Officers in May and a windup Barbeque at Lady Maurine Warren's house. All had a wonderful time. On Labour Day Monday we had a corn roast on Terry Inland with the Elks.

South Burnaby #260

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Helping the helpers: The South Burnaby Elks Lodge No. 497 and South Burnaby Royal Purple Lodge No. 260 donated \$ 26,000.00 to seven charities. From left, Doreen Peniuk Honoured Royal Lady, Marcia Harrison for the Burnaby Hospital Foundation, Jim Murphy for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, Ellen Peterson for the Elks Hearing Resource Centre, Jacqueline Allain for the Elks Children's Camps, Kitty Cheung for the B. C. Children's Hospital Foundation, Doreen George for the Edmonds Community School, Wally Govett Exalted Ruler and a donation was made to the B.C. and Yukon Cancer Society.



We enjoyed our Installation as we got to renew our friendships with Vancouver Lodge No. 1 both the ladies and men and also the two Elks from Squamish Lodge No. 119 who now reside in the Lower Mainland, everyone is in the above picture. We appreciate the assistance by Vancouver Lodge No. 1 and Squamish Lodge No. 119 in our Installation. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious lunch and refreshments.

Vernon Lodge #123

I am Lady Brenda Paul and the Historian for the Vernon #123 Lodge. Lady Elaine Offer, Secretary, asked me to forward some interesting items from our Lodge. On June 16, 2010, HRL Dorothy Sweitzer presented Lady Margaret Hilsendeger and Lady Elaine Offer with their 35 year bars. Congratulations went to them both. Also, Lady Hilsendeger will be leaving our Lodge in September after 35 years as she is moving to Medicine Hat, Alberta to be closer to her family. She will be greatly missed. I also wanted to let you know that Lady Grace Anderson passed away on May 17, 2010 at the age of 88 years. She was a life member of Lodge #123 and had been unable to attend the meetings for a few years due to ill health. She was a fun-loving, joyful, caring lady and brought much sunshine with her. She is greatly missed.

SOUTH BURNABY ELKS 497 & SOUTH BURNABY ROYAL PURPLE 260

EDMONDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL VISIT

Exalted Ruler Wally Govett, Leading Knight Reg Seguin and Past Honoured Royal Lady Judy Naslund, went to the school to see their Breakfast Program where they feed approximately fifty students each morning at no cost to the students, which the Lodges donated to. The school also provides lunch for students at a very nominal cost per month, they also have hard working volunteers for the program.

Doreen George the Community School coordinator gave them over an hour tour of the whole school which is quite large as it used to be a Junior High. The tour was very informative and interesting they were joined by the Principal David Starr.

The tour also included the day care, the Seven Lands – One Earth, an exhibition of work by Edmonds Community School students, staff and local artists which was open to the Public in the evening on the day they had their visit. They also made the exhibition open to private viewings also. The tour also included their other programs for the students, it was well worth the visit.

**Vancouver #1 –**

We regret to report that our “Friendship Picnic in the Park” had to be cancelled but next year we will be planning early to get the Park reserved.

We are pleased to announce we signed up a new member (Kay Grieve) who has volunteered to be on our Bursary Committee.

Ladies Eleanor Scott, Gladys Pelkey-Currie, June Wall and Sharon Schellenberg were delegates to the North Kamloops Conference in June. The highlight of the Conference was having 17 Ladies of the Royal Purple attend our Annual Conference for the first time. Several of these Ladies, were brought by our very own HRL Pat Anderson, her Victoria Clan!! We certainly hope to see them all in Penticton next year.

Congrats to our New Pres. Sharron Makus (and to our very own Sharon Shellenberg, 1st Vice President) have a great year!

May 16th – Our regional Walk-a-thon was well attended with Lady Eleanor Scott doing the ‘Walk’ again for Vancouver #1. (cont. next page)

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July brought the Elks & Royal Purple National Convention to Yellowknife. Delegates – June Wall, Eleanor Scott, Gladys & Art who chose to travel by bus along with 40 other delegates from across B.C. It was a most enjoyable trip with ‘Special Thanks’ to our bus driver Brother Jaz at the wheel and his co-pilot, wife Yvonne. We had never seen so many buffalo, some of which were not too happy about getting off the road to let us by.

Plans are well on the way for our Annual Elks & Royal Purple Christmas Dinner party on December 3rd. It is at this event that we present two Bursaries to UBC students pursuing studies in the Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It is with the help of Dr. Janet Jamieson, Professor of Education, that this process is possible. We have given these bursaries to UBC students since 1973 and recently were very pleased to have the Brother Elks come on board to assist. Our dinner is topped off with the arrival of Santa, gifts and fun for all.



This is a picture of the BC Drill Team with the new S.H.R.Lady our very own Lady Lynda Nolan taken at her Installation in Yellowknife in July 2010

Mission City Lodge #30

On April 12th Mission City #30 hosted our 42nd annual District Meeting. D.D. Kella Taylor presiding.

Our luncheon was a celebration of 70 years of Royal Purple for Mission City.

Our head table and guests were:

HRL Ruth Heatherington, DD Kella Taylor, Mayor of Mission James Atebe, PSHRL Sally Hurst, Exalted Ruler Keith Herflet of Mission Elks, PP of BC Assn. Gladys Pelkey–Currie and DD June Wall of District # 1. Brothers Bob Morrison and Roy Archer of Mission Elks were guests at the luncheon.

The Mayor presented us with a certificate from himself and Mission Council in recognition of our 70 years of Community Service in Mission District. We also received a letter from our MLA Randy Hawes congratulating us for our 70 years of Community Service.

At our meeting Lady Adeline Vickers and Lady Rowena Dawson received their 30 year bars. HRL Ruth Heatherington was elected as DD for the 2010-2011 year. Under “Good of the Order” PP Gladys Pelky-Currie presented us with a certificate from the BC Assn. recognizing our 70 years of service. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

Elks and Royal Purple Song Written by PSHR Lady Elaine Hennel

We're glad that we are here
To spend this special night with you
To share ideas, give some thought
To the new things we can do.
We plan to keep catering
And working Bingo too.
We'll raise the Funds and take the time
To make our dreams come true.
We've made Commitments to our schools
And to our Seniors too.
We'll make our towns a better place
we'll do what we can do.
We'll work for Justice, share our love.
Committed we will be
To do our best for Canada
and our Communities.
Elks working to make life sweeter
And the world a happier place.
Royal Purple helping the kids
And putting a smile on every face.
We're part of a family
A great fraternity
All across Canada, doing our part
To better our Communities.
Yes, we're for everyone
We say it and it's true
We extend our hand in friendship to you.



DD Annie Zandvliet of District #7
welcomes S.H.R. Lady Joyce
Spilchuk to the District meeting held
in Osoyoos.

Hellooooo Ladies

Just a word or ten, from myself and on behalf of North Kamloops Lodge # 277, to let you know how our summer went and what we were up to. I hope everyone out there had a great summer, filled with visits to and from family and friends and that the weather cooperated in everything you did.

Our lodge just had its first meeting on September 7th so we are now off and running for the 2010 - 2011 year. Our format, which we started last year, is that we have an informal round table luncheon meeting, the emphasis being on luncheon, dealing with only the business that has to have our attention immediately. For that one meeting we want to just socialize, chat it up and enjoy each others company, catching up on what everyone is doing day to day. Our second meeting of the month is then a formal meeting now dealing with all business that is brought before us. This has given us the best of both worlds; for those that want to see it more relaxed, in line with the changing times and for those that want to keep the traditions going on which our great organization was built.

North Kamloops hosted the 2010 BC Royal Purple Conference this year. It was a resounding success with 77 ladies attending. Koodoos to the North Kamloops Conference Planning Committee for a job well done! Over and above the business that was accomplished, everyone had a great time being entertained, catching up with friends they had not seen in awhile and having good laughs and lots and lots of conversation. Next year we are all off to Penticton.

Three of our ladies went to the Convention in Yellowknife, of which I was one, and I can assure you a good time was had by all. Beautiful, beautiful country to travel through! The last we saw of the Buffalo up there, they were still waiting for that new bridge to be finished so they could get to the other side.

Our ladies met once a month over the summer to have lunch at one or other of our local restaurants, so we

could keep in touch, catch up on things and make sure everyone was doing alright. Although it is nice to have a break from meetings, we do miss the getting together and this definitely solves that problem. As you can probably tell we are a great food group all our own.

We held our fall yard sale on the September long week-end and it was a great success. We did it the Saturday and Sunday, but Saturday by far was the better day, so we will be going back to doing it only on the one day. Even the weather liked us that week-end, as it rained all around Kamloops but not on the North Shore. The other upside is that now my garage is empty and my husband, brother-in-law and their buds, can quite bugging me that they have no room for shooting on one side of the pool table. Aaaaaye the peace and quiet of it all!

Lady Marg Batke has now become one of the group of 45 year members. We thank you for all those years of service and hope to see your smiling face for many more years to come. Well done Lady Marg!!!

We will be conducting the normal events over the winter (there is that nasty word) as most of you do; Remembrance Day, Memorial Day, Children's and Adults Christmas Parties, a New Year happening and then on into Spring. A reminder from our lodge, to yours, to keep an eye open for our 5th Annual Loonie Toonie Tea, which we will be having in April as soon as the weather gives us all a break that we can travel at ease on the roads. Please let our lodge know of any of your up and coming events, so, weather permitting, those of us that can, will certainly try to attend and we in turn will keep you informed of ours.

On behalf of North Kamloops Lodge # 277, I wish all the lodges across B.C. a successful year in all their up coming endeavours, whether they be big or small. Keep up the good work ladies, enjoy each other and enjoy our Purpledom. It really is a lot of fun.

Sisterly Love to All,
Marilynn Allen
HRL North Kamloops

Campbell's Soup Labels for Education For all members and there friends saving Campbell Soup Labels for our Hearing Center I wish to thank everyone that saves these Labels for the Children at our Center . If you would please pass on to your Friends that so willing help us with this Project ..That they do not use Staples .. Do not use Rubber Bands ..and need full Labels ,,If they would please place the Labels into a long Envelope flat would be great ..As each one of these Labels have to be sorted and counted and it makes it so much easier to pack . Keep up the good work and I thank

Your chairperson
Joyce Wood