

DECEMBER 2006

HANDS ACROSS B.C.

LADIES OF THE ROYAL PURPLE

A Note from the President



To ALL Royal Purple Members and Friends,

Thank you (again) for the opportunity to serve as the BC Royal Purple President for 2006/2007. As I write this, I'm realizing just how fast this year is going! Conference is through. September Provincial Executive/Committee meetings have come and gone. Lodges have been in session for a couple of months. Plans are playing out for successful years of Purple-dom. So, as you go about your busy lives, please make the opportunity to communicate with me and the Association with any items of interest. We would appreciate being able to assist or be a part of any endeavours, celebrations or ongoing processes. We would love to be a part of your proud accomplishments and other ongoing work! Our focus is to help our Lodges with any requests that you make of us.

As this is our first "Hands Across B.C.", this year, to those of you that have not heard... please allow me to share my motto with you.. "A Circle of Friends" "We have a beginning, We have NO end. Because we are a Circle of Friends."

Hopefully each of us can use this thought as we proceed with our volunteering as Members of this Organization; as well as in our daily lives. We can overcome any difficulties or personality conflicts. Let's find solutions to situations... and proceed with positive outcomes. It's time to be more active with Retention of our Members and Recruitment of new ones. Let's help ourselves to assist our organization to grow and prosper. Each of us has a part to play in this project. So, as the saying goes.. "Let's just do it!"

As I have had the opportunity to visit various Lodges throughout our Province, I'm being told that we are in dire straits when it comes to our numbers of Members. I believe we need to work together, share ideas and: assist, encourage and support each other in our goal of surviving as "Royal Purple Lodges". How can we help our neighbouring Lodges to continue? Some may say "too many changes" has been detrimental to keeping our members. Well, I'd like to interpret it this way. "Too many changes of our number of members" has been detrimental to the survival of our Organization! How are we going to continue to survive??? The answer is very clear to me.. "Get more members! Keep more members! BCRP Be Courteous, Respectful and Polite. Please, let's help ourselves to help ourselves!

How can the BC Royal Purple help your Lodge? Please ladies, tell us!

I'm anxiously waiting for your letters. Please use this opportunity to respond.

To all Royal Purple! Thank you for being Members! Congratulations for every Royal Purple thing you do! Best wishes to all Lodges! To each and every member! because you are necessary and important. Have a positive and productive year! Please remember, all of us are equal to each other.

Some of us just have different jobs to do at times!

Sisterly Love and Hugs,

Regina MacLean, BC Royal Purple President.

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Charity Program

This program is a win, win situation for everyone. The BC Family Hearing Resource Centre gains in both public perception and financial remuneration as the Centre becomes known by the public for the work it does for the children in British Columbia who are hearing challenged or deaf. The local Lodges gain through the publicity generated within their respective communities as to the charitable works they support and how it benefits the people of their neighbourhood. Hopefully for the Lodges this program will extend to other benefits and spin offs such as an increased interest in the Royal Purple resulting in an increase in their membership. The Royal Purple Association benefits as well with a genuine goal to target for its fun raising, a greater than before interest in its aims and objectives and the building of stronger bonds with all the Ladies of the Royal Purple in B.C.

So Ladies, lets Reach Out and take advantage of this great opportunity and make it a WINNER !

Letter from Joyce Wood

Thank you Ladies for you continued support to collect Campbell soup labels. I must thank each and everyone who I receive labels from and how I received them. I have to go through each and every one put to size, count and bundle. You all do a great job of keeping them flat for me..

Also a reminder that we deep saving our tabs for the Elks Camps in BC, any aluminium tart and pie shells etc.

Also a big thank you to the ladies that are using there Husky/Mohawk card. To date we have taken in \$1193.43

PS I love the little notes I get with the Labels girls.

Thank you Joyce

Up and Coming Events & Fundraising Ideas

North Kamloops Lodge #277

1. Remembrance Day Parade - November 11th
2. Mystery Night - November 25th
3. Everyone Welcome Elks & Royal Purple Memorial Service - Sunday, December 3rd.
4. Elks & Royal Purple Christmas Party - Saturday December 9th
5. Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, December 17th.

Clearwater Lodge #302

1. This is to let the ladies of B.C. know that Clearwater Lodge #302 is alive and has a great H.R. Lady by the name of Cheryl Thomas. We now have the 4 chair officers, secretary & treasurer.. We are having a Bazaar and Craft fair on Dec.3rd at the Clearwater Elks Lodge.

Salmon Arm Lodge #279

1. Salmon Arm Lodge #279 May 18/06: 15 members of the Salmon Arm Elk and Royal Purple collected \$1335.00 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.
2. Aug 2006: Elks and Royal Purple donated \$680.00 to Assist Levi Taschuk age 9, to help upgrade his insulin pump and the purchase of a monitor that registers his blood sugar. Levi has been a diabetic for 5 yrs.
3. Sept 9/06: Elks and Royal Purple took 2nd place for their float in the
4. Salmon Arm Fall Fair Parade, the float using the Provincial miniature buildings promoted the Elks Children's Camps.

Best Wishes and Bouquets

To All the Lodges in B.C.

How often do we hear "What does the Association do for us?" Well Prince George Lodge #48 is here to tell you what the Association has done for us. We just had to ask for help and they were here.

On Oct 14th & 15th we held a big M.A.C. "Membership Awareness Campaign". The provincial team, which consisted of four ladies, came with bells on to help with the advertising and the information to put in the bags. They did all the knocking on the doors and did most of the talking with one of our ladies with them. Two of the Provincial membership team were back up on the following Saturday to attend the follow up Family Orientated Halloween Party we held on Oct 21st to welcome anyone that had an interest in finding out more about the Elks and Royal Purple. At the time of this printing we do not know the results of our drive, but we are thinking positively. We gave out information at 578 residents so hopefully we will see some good results.

The Provincial Association wants to help our Lodges in anyway possible. You only have to let them know that you need and want their help. Our sincere thanks go to President Regina MacLean, Treasurer Darlene Doucette, Fourth Vice President Marg Bracconier and Lady Margaret Batke for all their time and effort on our behalf.

Victoria Lodge #5: Bouquets to HRL Jean Brown for all her hard work above and beyond the call of duty.

New Kids on the Block

Lillooet Lodge No. 274 : we would like to welcome Grethe Shand and Margaret Montminy to our Lodge.

North Kamloops Lodge N0: 277: On a wonderful note we have welcomed some new members. Rita Speedtsberg in January, Laurel Burant in February, Nora Scallon and Myrtle Seifert in June, Sue Boner in September.

Sisters on the Move

North Kamloops Lodge No.277: Lydia Schellenberg who transferred from Calgary New Westminster Lodge No. 55

The following Ladies have transferred too: Lady Terry Adams, Lady Anne Chychrun, Lady Grace Mapstone, to Sourth Burnaby Lodge #260.

Lady Marilyn Smith has transferred to Port Coquitlam Lodge No. 10.

Lady Mary Esposito, Lady Kathaleen McLellan, Lady Evelyn Hupchuk, and Life Members, Lady Mable McDonald, Lady Doreen Peters, Lady Mary Furber, are Members at Large for the time being.

Lady Gail Cote and Lady Debby Dadds have transferred to Vancouver #1.

Secretary, Anne Chychrun , New Westminster Lodge No. 55.

This has been a very hard decision to come to this conclusion to dissolve our Lodge and we wish all the members the Very Best in the Future.

Salmon Arm Lodge#279: Liz Pastorchik from Osoyoos Lodge #240

Special Events

North Kamloops Lodge No. 277

Both our Lodges will be celebrating forty-five years of service to the community in the spring. February for the Elks and April for the Royal Purple. A special night is being planned for Saturday February 10th.

Both B. C Provincial Presidents will be in attendance and invitations have gone to our Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Liz Sport and Grand Exalted Ruler Bill Ward. Mark your calendar now and plan on attending.

Surrey Lodge ##249: P.H.R.L Doris Walther proudly donated a cheque for \$2000.00 to the Surrey Memorial Hospital

Victoria Lodge #5: Pres. Regina MacLean will visit on Nov 7th.

LADIES OF THE ROYAL PURPLE OF CANADA

Special Events

THANK YOU for this opportunity to say a few words. I am looking forward to working together with your Association; together we will accomplish many things, such as our fundraising endeavours for our Children's Camp Society and the B.C. Family Hearing Resource Society.

Just to let you know a little bit about our camps, it costs us approximately \$40,000.00 to operate each camp per year. The Dream Lottery is the main source of income to support these camps but income has declined dramatically over the last few years due to lack of ticket sellers. Telemarketing brings in about \$70,000.00 per year to the Camp Society and helps to make up the short fall from the Dream Lottery.

We would like to thank the Royal Purple Lodges for all their support and generous donations. Without you there would be no children's camps.

Working together, we will build a better future in our Orders. We can show our communities that we care and have fun volunteering.

Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing all of you during my travels. I would like to congratulate Lady Regina and her Executive.

Hope your starting a wonderful year. Let's bring the Fun in Volunteering back to our Orders.

Fraternally, Jim Murphy, President, BC Elks Association Service Awards

For Your Information

This is to inform all Lodges that New Westminster Lodge No. 55 is now dissolved. We received our Charter, February 10th 1940, 66 years ago.

We had a wonderful Lodge, but like all things our time has come to close the doors.

Fun Events and Special Presentations

Victoria Lodge #5: Courtenay #158 visit with the Travelling Gavel on Oct 3 and Victoria visited Nanaimo #16 on Oct 17.

New News

A two-year trial period will be replacing the District Deputies with appointed Area Representatives. The executive has asked for volunteers and they will be appointed by the Executive at their February 2007 meeting. The duties of these Representatives will change somewhat from the current District Deputy duties. There will not be once a year Lodge visits but will keep in contact often with each Lodge in their area by phone, fax, e-mail or whatever. There will be three areas in BC. There will be an area meeting once a year. This will create a large saving in expenses, be very interesting and challenging.

MISSION STATEMENT
"An Association of Lodges
in B.C. supporting and
coordinating the Fraternal
and Charitable
endeavours of it's Members"

B.C. Royal Purple Conference Raffle Winners

1st Prize - Lottery Wreath - Allison Jelley, Williams Lake

2nd Prize - Afghan - Bill Hammer, Salmon Arm

3rd Prize - Mantle Clock - V. Smith, Prince George

4th Prize - Lee Stalsbey, Vancouver Elks #1

5th Prize - Conine Anderson, Victoria

Fund Raising Ideas

Keremeos Lodge #83: Once again served Mexican food at the annual Similkameen Sizzle held on the third Saturday of September. This event provides much fun and entertainment for the entire family and provides the Royal Purple with an opportunity to be seen in the community. Hot pepper eating is the main attraction but you really have to prepare yourself for that one. Taste chili and vote on the chef you think has concocted the best tasting. A fun time for all!

North Kamloops Lodge #277: Craft Fair being held in Little Fort October 29th
Craft Fair in Cache Creek December 2nd.

Service Awards

We would like to congratulate

Lillooet Lodge No. 274

Maureen Frantzen for 11 years perfect attendance and Helen Rackow for 5 years perfect attendance.

North Kamloops Lodge #277

Ruth Kerpan for 15 years and Eleanor Vernon for 40 years

Special Thoughts for our Sisters

Victoria Lodge #5: birthday greetings to Jerry Morris - Nov. 4 & Laura Irving - Dec. 19

In Loving Memory

North Kamloops Lodge No. 277:

We have been saddened by the loss of several members in the last while. Past District Deputy Mabs Allison on May 21. Shortly prior to her passing several ladies made a trip to Clearwater and presented her with her 55-year bar. Mabs served as District Deputy two terms. She was known for her wonderful baking.

Charter Member Sadae Kobayashi in August 17. Sadae was not an active member the last years but was one of the founding members of the Lodge.

P.D.D. Velita Allcock, March 18, 2006

Victoria Lodge #5: P.D.D & L.M. Kay Best passed away Aug. 18/06

These ladies are being missed.