

Shirley Andrist
2006 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Shirley Andrist of Estevan has worked for the betterment of her community and the province through her interests and knowledge of literature and music. Founding member of the Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA), she was editor of *The Medium*, the official publication of the SSLA and served as the association's archivist in her retirement years. Her contributions to community life include:

- President, Vice President and Member, Saskatchewan Book Awards
- Instrumental in organizing the first Saskatchewan Book Awards Reading Tour
- Instrumental in starting the Author's Banquet and silent auction of Saskatchewan writers' books in Estevan; volunteer for the Estevan Literary Dinner
- Member, Estevan University Women's Association and convenor for monthly excursions to attend the Globe Theatre, Centre of the Arts and art galleries in Regina
- Member, University of Regina Board of Governors
- Member, Northwest – Southeast Chorus, a joint choir from Estevan and area and Crosby, North Dakota for over 30 years
- Member, Beta Sigma Phi, Estevan, starting the musical program called "Music in Colour"
- Member, Estevan Music Festival
- Member, Saskatchewan Writers' Guild
- Volunteer at the Festival of Words, Moose Jaw
- Member, St. Paul's United Church; Organist (40 years), Choir Director (20 years)
- Teacher-Librarian, Estevan Comprehensive School starting "Book Festival Day" in the 1980s, inviting authors to come to present readings; this continues to be an annual event
- Member, Estevan Retired Teachers' Association and representative to the Board of Estevan Art Gallery and Museum
- Awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005, the Rotary Paul Harris Medal in 2003 and an Honorary Membership in the Saskatchewan School Library Association in 1990

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Estevan

Graham G. Barker
2006 Recipient
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A leader in the field of advertising, Graham Barker of Regina has a long and distinguished history of giving back to his community. He founded the Phoenix Group Charity Classic, which has generated over \$100,000 to help Saskatchewan children with cancer attend summer camp, and helps provide food supplements for Romanian orphans. His caring extends beyond the walls of his agency into the community. His accomplishments include:

- Chairman of the Board, Saskatchewan Roughriders, conceiving a province-wide campaign to save the franchise in the late 1990s
- President, Royal Regina Golf Club, presiding over a campaign to build a multi-million dollar clubhouse and pro-shop
- Founder of the Phoenix Group Holiday Dinner, which has provided over 3,000 Christmas Dinners to the less fortunate during the last decade
- Marketing Chair and Board Member, YWCA Capital Campaign; Marketing Chair, 2002 Memorial Cup; Marketing Vice President for the RCMP Heritage Centre; and Marketing Chair, Dilawri Grand Gala in support of the Hospitals of Regina Foundation
- Member, Canadian Football League Board of Governors
- Volunteer, St. Michael's Retreat, Souls Harbour Mission, Carmichael Outreach, 1995 and 2003 Grey Cups, and the Romanian Orphanage Hospital Action Committee
- Recruits, motivates and supports volunteers donating over 3,000 hours a year to non-profit groups such as the Kid's Help Phone, SaskEnergy Share The Warmth, Canadian Cancer Society, and the Saskatchewan Firefighters' Association
- Instrumental in the development of fundraising campaign for a new Centre for Mother Baby Care, Regina General Hospital
- Awarded the 2005 Paul Mulvihill Award recognizing philanthropic contributions by the Canadian Advertising Industry, and the Chamber of Commerce Paragon Award for Business of the Year, 2002; inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame for softball in 1972

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Regina

Irene Deck
2006 Recipient
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Irene Deck, Regina business owner and entrepreneur, gives her time to many deserving social, humanitarian, business, sporting and cultural organizations. Her contributions to her community include:

- President, Saskatchewan Express, as well as committee work on membership, special events, fundraising, building and human resources committee
- President, Executive Board Member and event coordinator for the Women of Influence Dinner and Trade Show for the Regina Women's Network
- Volunteer, YWCA, organizer for national conference and coordinator of fundraising and awareness events
- Volunteer coordinator for CKCK Radio Reunion, CKTV 50th Celebration and CK Children's Fund, and organizer for the CKCK Miss Teen Pageant
- Volunteer for Christian Women's Groups, Breast Cancer Awareness and the Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan
- Volunteer for Registration and Hospitality, 2003 Grey Cup Organizing Committee
- Event coordinator and fundraiser, Canadian Cancer Society
- Event coordinator and fundraiser, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan
- Event organizer and fundraiser, Saskatchewan Hall of Fame
- Event organizer, Regina Exhibition Fashion Show, Trade Show, and Art Show
- Event organizer, Regina Chamber of Commerce
- Event coordinator, Regina Junior Service League
- Board Member, event organizer and fundraiser for Regina Home Builders' Association
- Member, Hospitality Committee, 2005 Jeux de Canada Summer Games
- Member, MacKenzie Art Gallery, and worked on fundraising, ticket sales and silent auctions
- Board member, Regina Rotary Club, serving on several committees including club service, Salvation Army and the Rotary Carol Festival
- Fundraiser for Saskatchewan Liver Foundation
- Fundraising organizer and alumni awareness, Dr. De Groot School

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Regina

Lorne G. Gelowitz
2006 Recipient
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Saskatoon Police Officer, Staff Sergeant Lorne Gelowitz has contributed his time, enthusiasm and support for a number of charitable and community-based organizations and enriched the lives of individuals with disabilities. A leader for fundraising and creating awareness of the Special Olympics, he has brought provincial, national and international recognition to our Province. His achievements include:

- Founding Provincial Chairman of the Law Enforcement Guardians, raising funds and awareness of our Province's Youth in Need
- Provincial Chair, Regional Coordinator, Media Liaison and fundraising Director for the Guardians of the Flame which raises funds and profiles the benefits associated with participating in the Saskatchewan Special Olympics
- Provincial Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Regional Coordinator, Media Coordinator and Sponsorship Director for the Saskatchewan Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics
- Board Member representing Law Enforcement, Saskatchewan Special Olympics
- Board Member, Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference Planning Committee
- Board Member, Saskatoon Referees Association and Director of the Mentorship Program
- On-ice official, instructor, supervisor and mentor to young officials involved in hockey
- Member, Leadership Saskatoon
- Member, University of Saskatchewan Alumni
- Volunteers with local, provincial and national events including: Canada Remembers Air Show, Season4Change, World Junior Hockey Tournament, Special Olympics National Winter Games, Ducks Unlimited, Canadian Progress Club, Kidney Foundation, Crisis Nursery, National University Hockey Championships, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police National Convention, Saskatoon Catholic Schools and numerous local fundraisers supporting local charities and projects
- Awarded the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in December 2006; Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005; Police Exemplary Service Medal, 2004; Saskatoon Volunteer of the Year Award, 2003; the Special Olympics International Achievement Award, 2001; recipient of the Canadian Police Association's "Citation of Merit"; inducted into the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Hall of Fame, 1998 and was a nominee for the Canadian Police Association's Top Cop Award of Excellence in 1997

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Saskatoon

Keith Knox
2006 Recipient
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Regina born historian Keith Knox has dedicated much of his life to Saskatchewan history and heritage organizations. He was founding member of Heritage Regina, the Saskatchewan Architectural Heritage Society and the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society and has a passion to preserve and share the province's social history. His accomplishments include:

- President, Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society Inc., (SHFS); instrumental in establishing the first joint conference between SHFS and the Historical Society of Alberta
- President, Regina Plains Museum
- President, Transport 2000 Saskatchewan and member of the National Board of Directors, Transport 2000 Canada
- President, Regina Astronomical Society, and member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
- Vice Chair and Member, City of Regina's Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
- Founding Chair, City of Regina Transit Advisory Committee
- Founding Member of the Regina Lyric Light Opera Society, Biographies Regina, Bell Barn Society of Indian Head
- Archivist/historian and Past President, Regina Male Voice Choir
- Member, Regina and District Old Timers' Association
- Member, Board of Governors (Saskatchewan), Heritage Canada Foundation
- Member, Regina Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society
- Board Member, Government House Historical Society
- Member, Claybank Brick Plant Historical Society
- Former Chair, Monarchist League of Canada, Saskatchewan Chapter
- Designed and conducted some of the early heritage tours in Downtown Regina and the Old Warehouse District
- Awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005 and the Silver Medal for Exceptional Service, Monarchist League of Canada in 1985

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Regina

Om Kochar
2006 Recipient
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Om Kochar of Saskatoon is devoted to voluntarism and is focused on promoting multi-culturalism. He was a founding member of the NORSASK Cultural Association and Tapestrama. His contributions to community life include:

- Co-founder and host, cultural music station, CJVR Melfort and host for the East Indian program “Sangeetmala” broadcast by CFCR Saskatoon; and member, radio committee for India Canada Cultural Association
- President, India Canada Cultural Association and Pavilion Manager, India Pavilion
- Regional Co-ordinator for “Sense of Belonging”, United Nations Association in Canada project aiming at the elimination of discrimination of racism and promotion of diversity
- Vice President, Silverwood Heights Community Association
- Vice President and Member, Board of Directors, Saskatoon Folkfest
- Member, Board of Directors, Hindu Society of Saskatchewan, Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple
- Member, Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Forum for Racialized Canadians
- Member, television committee for program “Kala Bharti”
- Member, Sikh Society of Saskatoon and Pakistan Canada Cultural Association
- Member, Board of Directors of Child Find Saskatchewan
- Vice Chair, Traffic Safety Committee, City of Saskatoon
- Member, Community Education and Action Committee (Race Relations); Vice Chair, Cultural Advisory Committee and member, Social Services Cash Grant sub-committee, City of Saskatoon
- Member, Citizen Patrol, and volunteer for Community Watch
- Volunteer for the United Way, Open Door Society, Salvation Army, Juvenile Diabetes, Saskatoon Police Service and Riverfest
- Strong proponent for “Kids Are for Keeps”
- Recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005; the Spirit of Volunteerism Award, Saskatoon, 2004; India Canada Cultural Association Award for community voluntarism, 2004; Labour Community Service Award, Saskatoon & District Labour and Saskatoon United Way, 2003; and recognized in Saskatoon’s Centennial initiative “100 People, 100 Reasons”, 2006

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Saskatoon

Jean Miskiman
2006 Recipient
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Jean Miskiman of Nipawin has given countless hours to her community, including supporting persons with developmental disabilities. She has served as Chair of the Nipawin Special Olympics and of Handi-Works, a member organization of the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Councils, ensuring the inclusion of individuals with special needs. Her accomplishments include:

- Treasurer, Special Olympics, Zone 8
- Board Member, Provincial Special Olympics Board
- President, Zone Coordinator, Member, Kinettes
- President, K-ettes
- Treasurer and Member, Boy Scout/Girl Guide Association
- Member, Assessment Appeal Board, Town of Nipawin
- Member, Zoning Appeal Board, Town of Nipawin and Village of Tobin Lake
- Volunteer for minor baseball, minor hockey, and ringette
- Volunteer, Nipawin Donor's Choice Campaign
- Volunteer, Pineview Lodge Nursing Home, reading to the sick and terminally ill
- Involved with planning to send team members to Zone, Provincial, Canadian and International competitions in speed skating, floor hockey, snow shoeing, track and field, curling, and has accompanied athletes to the annual Sports Celebrity Festival Dinner in Toronto
- Treasurer and fundraiser for Bridging Waters Pastoral Charge and the United Church
- Awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002; Kinetite Life Membership; Saskatchewan Public Speaking Award; National Diamond Award; Mary Grant Speaking Award; Bob Pedde Memorial Award; and the Town of Nipawin Builder Award for outstanding and dedicated service to the development of the Special Olympics in Nipawin

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Nipawin

Donald J. O’Hearne, C.D.
2006 Recipient
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Vintage aircraft restorer Donald O’Hearne of Moose Jaw has directed and guided the creation of an exhibit of aircraft at the Western Development Museum. Mr. O’Hearne’s commitment has given significance to Saskatchewan’s air transportation history for the museum’s many patrons, including educational tours from local schools. His many accomplishments include:

- Volunteer to the Royal Canadian Air Force Association and the Aircraft Restorer’s Group of the Western Development Museum restoring 9 aircraft and several projects including a Cessna Crane, Link Trainer, Avro Anson Mark I, Fairchild Cornell (2), two-seater Funk, Tiger Moth, the cockpit of an Airspeed Oxford, Tutor cockpit, and a JB Piper Cub that was part of the 2005 Centennial Exhibit
- Volunteer, 15 Wing Moose Jaw, preserving the history and heritage of military aviation in the Saskatchewan Military Aviation Heritage Museum
- Instrumental in the British Commonwealth Air Training Display at the Western Development Museum
- Instrumental in establishing the Walter Murray Collegiate Aviation Studies class in Saskatoon
- Member, Moose Jaw Masonic Organization and Moose Jaw Shrine
- Member, Royal Canadian Legion, 45 years
- Volunteer at schools, educating young students about airplanes
- Recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005; the Distinguished Service Award by the Royal Canadian Air Force Association in 2000; the Moose Jaw Heritage Award, 1994; and the 99’s Women’s Canadian Aviation Award, 1987; was inducted into the Saskatchewan Aviation Hall of Fame in 2000

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Moose Jaw

Miriam Spenrath, O.S.U.
2006 Recipient
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Retired teacher and principal, Sister Miriam Spenrath of Muenster is an advocate for children, families, culture, justice and her profession. Her achievements include:

- Co-founder and key organizer of SEARCH for Christian Maturity, adult support for teenagers helping teenagers
- Member, CADAC (Carlton Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee)
- Founding member, secretary and volunteer for Partners for Rural Family Support Centre
- Past Board Member and volunteer, Humboldt Good Neighbour Store
- Member, local and provincial levels, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
- Board Member, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Humboldt
- Instrumental in development and organization of regional Bowl for Kids' Sake
- Board Member, Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery
- Executive Member, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and Superannuated Teachers' of Saskatchewan, Humboldt
- Member, Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation, Ursulines of Bruno, and Canadian representative for North American Ursuline Sisters
- Leadership Council, Ursuline Sisters of Bruno
- Member and volunteer, German Heritage Society
- Volunteer, Earthcare Connections and Genesis Land Conservancy
- Volunteer, Spiritual Care ministry at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Volunteer, local Seniors' Complex
- Project Overseas volunteer teacher in Ghana, West Africa
- Volunteer, Caravan of Hope, collecting vehicles and supplies and driving them to Central America on four trips
- Volunteer, Lincoln Memorial Hospital, AIDS Floor, The Bronx, New York
- Recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005 and awarded the Global Citizen Award, Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation in 2000

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Muenster

Gordon A. Wilson
2006 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Founding Vice Chair and President of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan, Gordon Wilson of Saskatoon has been in many organizations and volunteer initiatives contributing his leadership to Saskatchewan agriculture, education, and history. His accomplishments include:

- Royal Regina Rifles Regiment, 1940; President and member, Royal Regina Rifles' Association
- Royal Canadian Air Force, 1940-1945
- Founding Member/President, Saskatchewan Fighter Pilots
- Chair, Veterans' Memorial Committee, Saskatoon's Woodlawn Military Cemetery
- Member, Royal Canadian Legion; Civilian Chair, R.C.A.F. Cadets
- Executive Director of the Western Development Museum and responsible for the upgrading of four museum structures in Saskatchewan
- Founding Member, Associate Museums of Canada
- Founding Member, Association of Cultural Executives of Canada
- Board Member, University Senate
- President, University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association; Vice-Chair, Place Riel Committee; Fundraiser for the College of Agriculture Building and Fundraiser for the College of Agriculture Class/48 Bursaries
- President and Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon
- Founding Executive Member, Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame
- Founding President, Saskatchewan Psoriasis Association; Director and Vice President, Canadian Psoriasis Association
- President, Saskatchewan Tourist Association
- Instrumental in the fundraising and development of the Veterans' Village at Sherbrooke Community Centre
- Chair, The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and The Salvation Army Advisory Board.
- Director, Saskatoon Housing Authority
- Awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005; Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002; Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, 1977; Canada 125 Commemorative Plaque, 1992, Meewasin Valley Authority Volunteer of the Year Award, 2006; recognized in Saskatoon's Centennial initiative "100 People, 100 Reasons", 2006; Royal Canadian Legion 50 Year Service Medal; Royal Canadian Air Force Operation Wings and Bar for distinguished service, and Campaign and Service Medals; Kiwanis Lieutenant-Governor (Honour) Award, 1982; and was named Kiwanian of the Year in 1984

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