

W. Allan Bailey
2011 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Retired Yorkton entrepreneur, municipal leader, philanthropist and community volunteer, Allan Bailey in his quiet unassuming way has made a significant imprint on the mosaic of Saskatchewan. He has supported the arts in every genre for decades and promoted Yorkton as a cultural hub of activity. He served as national vice president of the Canada Jaycees (a global network of young active citizens), and as president for the Yorkton Short Film and Video Festival, Yorkton Rotary Club, the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce and the Westview United Church. His accomplishments to our province include:

- Business owner, Bailey's Funeral Home in Yorkton, Melville and Ituna and Yorkton Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Crematorium and Family Centre
- Mayor and Alderman, City of Yorkton
- Instrumental in the application for cable television in Yorkton, Melville, Esterhazy, Canora and Kamsack
- Charter member and President of the Prince Albert Jaycees. Served as the national vice president for two terms in which he drafted and implemented the commission system. Recipient of a J.C.I. senatorship
- Jaycee representative on a federal government committee on biculturalism and bilingualism.
- Chair, Yorkton Short Film and Video Festival: credited with saving the festival and earning the distinction of Festival Ambassador; active role in developing and purchasing the internationally acclaimed Golden Sheaf Awards
- President, councillor and life member, Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association; a member of the Funeral Service Association of Canada, Selected Independent Funeral Homes (by invitation), Canadian Independent Funeral Homes, Western Canada Cemetery Association, and the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association
- Honorary centennial chair, City of Yorkton
- Director, Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- Board member, Yorkton Union Hospital.
- Spearheaded interested individuals in the formation of the Parkland Regional Library and served as chairman for more than 25 years
- Member of Yorkton Public Library Board and honoured as a life member of the Saskatchewan Libraries Trustee Association
- Supported community projects including the building of Yorkton Regional High-School, in particular, the Anne Portnuff Theatre for Performing Arts; city bus transportation service and the building of a sports and agriculture complex
- Supporter, Moose Jaw Festival of Words, Yorkton Arts Council and in 2011 was made Honorary Lifetime Member of the Saskatchewan Craft Council

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Yorkton

Marcel de la Gorgendière, C.D., Q.C.
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Retired lawyer, Marcel de la Gorgendière of Saskatoon, has made significant contributions to our province through his community and military service. He was elected to the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors and was a member of the University's Senate. He served as President of the Saskatoon Board of Trade, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, and the Saskatoon Riverside Rotary Club. A further area of his impact was in advancing French-language education in Saskatoon by supporting the Saskatoon French School in its initial organization as a parent and as a director, as well as serving as director of the founding board of the national organization Canadian Parents for French. His service to his province and country includes an exceptional career in the capacity of law, securities regulation, and investor protection. His many accomplishments include:

- Chair, University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors, Chair and member of the University of Saskatchewan Senate, serving on Issues and Options Study and Governance Committee and as a member of the Board of Audit, Finance, Buildings and Grounds and a number of selection committees, including those of two of the University's Presidents, and Chair of the Academic Health Sciences Committee
- Chair, Saskatchewan Securities Commission, 1988-2001
- Lieutenant Colonel, North Saskatchewan Regiment, 1972-1976, including the occasion of the presentation of Regimental and Queen's Colours to the regiment by His Excellency Governor General Jules Léger
- Saskatchewan representative, Canadian Chamber of Commerce Board, and a member of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
- Secretary and board member, North American Securities Administrators Association
- Board member, Saskatchewan Research Council
- Board director, Canadian Investor Protection Fund and Chair of its Audit Committee
- Director, Saskatchewan Expo 86 Corporation
- Supporter of Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, hosting students from abroad
- Board Chair, Chair Ministry and Personnel Committee and President, Knox United Church Choir
- Appointed Queen's Counsel, 1985
- Recipient: Canadian Forces Decoration and the North American Securities Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award

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Saskatoon

Joseph L. Dubielewicz
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Joseph Dubielewicz' endless volunteer work has changed the face of the community of Kerrobert. He was a founding and executive member of the Kerrobert and District Wildlife Federation, helped to remodel the CPR station for the federation's clubhouse and instructed Hunter Education to over 1,300 students over the last 42 years. He planted over 125,000 trees in various locations around town and spearheaded a committee to help raise money for the local fire department to purchase much needed "jaws of life" equipment. However, a most memorable achievement was serving as chair and publishing Kerrobert's Echoes from the Tower history book. His service to his community includes:

- President, secretary and executive member, Kerrobert Royal Canadian Legion Branch #88
- Royal Canadian Army Reservist and member of the North Saskatchewan Regiment serving during the Cuban crisis
- Founding member, Elks Lodge #567 in 1977
- Executive member, Kerrobert Museum and Historical Society
- Member Board of Steward, United Church, helped to upgrade the church and manse
- Member, Tramping Lake Regional Park Board
- Member, Marry Rodney Committee, helped to raise funds for new furnaces, gyproc and fire proofing buildings to pass fire inspection
- Past member, Kerrobert Recreation Board, responsible for building ball diamonds, remodelling the swimming pool, curling rink, preparing for artificial ice and assisting with security at hockey games
- Volunteer, Meals on Wheels for 15 years
- Volunteer Kerrobert Community Hall and helped to build a new hall
- Volunteer, Kerrobert Fair and Annual Jamboree, 25 years
- Volunteered to build a number of gun ranges, keeping them up to date to pass inspection
- Volunteer, federal weather watcher
- Volunteer, helping to build the Catholic Church in Major, Saskatchewan
- Volunteer, helping to build the curling rink in Superb, Saskatchewan
- Recipient: Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, the Royal Canadian Legion Meritorious Service Medal and the Royal Canadian Legion Lifetime Membership

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Kerrobert

Clarence Johnson
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Volunteer extraordinaire, Clarence Johnson goes the extra mile to help anyone in need. He is the embodiment of a good neighbour, always willing to lend a hand. He has a heart of gold and is known in his community to be a passionate and kind individual who takes care of everyone, especially those that are ill or elderly, even though he himself is 80 years old. He chauffeurs those persons needing transportation to medical appointments no matter near and far. His many accomplishments to the well-being of his community are as follows:

- Drives seniors, as well as those that are ill or injured to the hospital and medical appointments and to pick up prescriptions
- Volunteers his time to assist community residents with home repairs including fixing appliances and plumbing problems and yard maintenance
- Clears snow from the walkways and driveways of seniors and digs out wells in the winter
- Mows lawns in the community in the summer
- Assists community residents with their jobs when they are ill and runs errands
- Visits sick community members in the hospital and those who move into retirement homes
- Visits veterans living alone
- Brings firewood into the homes of neighbours
- Cares for people's pets and plants while they are away
- Delivers Meals on Wheels
- Offers financial and volunteer support for community projects and events
- Volunteers his time at the Honeywood Heritage Nursery, including repairing equipment
- Feeds and cares for abandoned animals

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Parkside

Dr. Anne Leis
2011 Recipient
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Professor, cancer researcher in Community Health and Epidemiology, and Speech-language pathologist, Saskatoon's Anne Leis is a woman of vision, with remarkable energy. She works tirelessly to advocate for the development of the Francophone education system. She has served as president of the provincial *Association des parents Fransaskois*, president of the local parents' association of *l'École canadienne française de Saskatoon*, including the preschool and the early childhood education centre *Félix le Chat*, president of the *Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon*. She serves as the president of the *Réseau de santé en français de la Saskatchewan (Saskatchewan Network for Health services in French)*. She continues to ensure visibility, vitality and the growth of the French-speaking community in Saskatoon. Her accomplishments to her province include:

- Instrumental in the establishment of a provincial network for health services in French, and serving as a representative at the national level
- Instrumental in moving forward the *Village Urbain Francophone*, that works to strengthen the francophone community's institutional infrastructures and visibility in Saskatoon
- Instrumental in the creation of *Félix le chat* early childhood education centre at *l'École canadienne française de Saskatoon*
- Takes a leading role in fundraising efforts to support the daycare and preschool
- Founding member and board member, *Société Santé en français* and co-chair of the joint research commission on the health of Francophone communities in minority situation
- Chair of the advisory board, *Institut français*, University of Regina
- Co-chair of In Motion Early Years Strategy and Canada in motion national research network
- Played a key role in the *Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon* purchasing its own community centre
- Initiated meetings with the Consul General of France in Toronto, advancing the visibility of French and francophones in Western Canada
- Volunteer at the Francophone pavilion at Saskatoon Folkfest
- Member, Federal Minister of Health Consultative Committee on the health of Francophone Communities in minority situations
- Represented Saskatchewan's Francophone parents on national bodies
- Promotes French and education in French at the University of Saskatchewan in her role as professor

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Saskatoon

Donald S. McDougall
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Retired Regina Public Schools administrator, Donald McDougall, has been an ambassador for Saskatchewan's hospitality and an outstanding volunteer for amateur sports in our province, emphasizing the positive impact it has on health care, economic development, and tourism, building community and provincial pride. Through his efforts, thousands of disadvantaged children have benefited from participation in sports. A leader in all of his endeavours, he has served as president of Sask Sport Inc., the Regina Rams Football Club, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the WA WA Drum Corps, and the WA WA Shriners as well as the Regina Principals and Vice-Principals Association. His service to our province includes:

- Founding member of board of trustees, Communities Initiative Fund, Sask Sport Inc.
- Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation
- Provincial chair, Kids Sport, Sask Sport Inc.
- Chair, Catch for Kids program, SaskEnergy and Saskatchewan Roughriders
- Director and board member, Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club
- Senate Member, board member and chair of the Ranch Erhlo Society Education Committee and was instrumental in the building of a new school and receiving endorsement by the SIAST Board as an accredited independent school
- Board member and chair, Building Committee, Saskatchewan Express
- Produced and co-chaired All-Stars Awards Dinner and on field youth events for the Canadian Football League Players' Association.
- Member, Rendezvous Regina, a committee that travelled to various Grey Cup Championships to promote Regina
- Member, Silver Broom Special Events Committee and the Labatt Brier Ceremonies Committee
- Regina Public School Board representative for the United Way Committee
- Member, Order of DeMolay, and the Masons
- Recipient: Canadian Merit Award for Outstanding Young Man, 1978, the Cross of Honour, 1972, the Regina Minor Football Midget Coach of the Year Award, 1967 and the DeMolay Knights Coach of the Year Award, 1961

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Regina

Marlene Nedelcov (*posthumous*)
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Former city councillor, Marlene Nedelcov was committed to the betterment of her community and made a positive difference to the people in Weyburn, while encouraging others to do the same. An advocate for parks and green space, she was a founding member and president of the Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks and Conservation Areas, served as chair of the Weyburn Parks Board and was instrumental in the creation of the Tatagwa Parkway. She worked with the Wakamow Valley Authority to create an environmental report card that measures the impact of volunteers and their preservation of conservation areas. She also led the way for the Battleford River Valley to join the Urban Parks Association. Her accomplishments to community include:

- Chair, Weyburn Crocus Festival and Weyburn Wheat Festival
- Chair, Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Program
- President, Knox Women and member, Knox Presbyterian Church, serving as co-chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, senior choir member, choir instructor, organist/pianist, and children's group leader
- Chairperson, Weyburn Senior Summer Games Committee
- President and treasurer, Weyburn's Alzheimer's Family Support Group
- Secretary, Weyburn Music Auxiliary and Weyburn School Music Auxiliary
- Secretary, Heritage Village and Cub Scouts leader
- Board member and manager, Weyburn Oil Show
- Member, Weyburn Police Commission
- Member, Accreditation Committee, Souris Valley Care Centre
- Member, Regina Airport Community Consultative Committee
- Member, Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan
- Member, 2004 Summer Games Ceremonies Committee
- Member, Weyburn and District Triple C Centre Committee
- Member, Weyburn and District Recreational Building Corporation
- Member, TISASK
- Meals on Wheels volunteer
- Recipient: Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Award, Weyburn Chamber of Commerce's Golden Spike Award, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Award of Merit, Optimist Club Respect for the Law Shield, received an Honorary Lifetime Membership with the Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Weyburn Rotary Club

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Sandra R. Wankel
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Founder and Executive Director of the Regina North Central Family Centre, Sandra Wankel is committed to empowering the quality of life to at risk youth and those less fortunate. Being totally hearing impaired is not an obstacle and her ability to communicate is inspirational. A passionate leader who embodies the Saskatchewan spirit of reaching out to help one's neighbour, she has given a lifetime of contribution to her local and global community and reaches out to make a difference. Her service to others include:

- Instrumental in the development of the Freedom Writing Program, bringing inner city students together to share their stories and create awareness of living in the inner city environment
- Instrumental in establishing the North Central Family Centre (NCFC) Marathon Running Team, beginning with 17 at-risk youth - a team that now runs nationally and internationally - teaching young runners about the benefit of physical activity, teamwork and dedication to reaching a common goal
- Organizes grocery shopping trips for inner city seniors and drives inner city children to and from swimming lessons at the Lawson Aquatic Centre
- Instrumental in recruiting and encouraging new volunteers at NCFC
- Leads fundraising events for NCFC including the Casino Regina Charity Royale Gala
- Marathon runner and has run in approximately 24 international marathons
- Works with immigrants from all over the world who arrive in Regina, assisting them with employment, housing and settlement, and hosts a Canada Day celebration
- Volunteer, working with Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity in India
- Volunteered to build houses and education facilities in Africa
- Initiated fundraising events for children in Africa and India
- Fundraising coordinator for international initiatives in India, Egypt, Syria and the Caribbean
- Recipient: Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005, the YWCA Woman of Distinction in 2009 and Regina Kiwanis Club Mother of the Year, Regina Kiwanis Club in 2009

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Regina

Evelyn Wojcichowsky
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Cultural advocate Evelyn Wojcichowsky has worked tirelessly with the Kyiv Youth Labor Centre in Ukraine and personally in assisting over 500 skilled workers from Ukraine as well as immigrants from Ethiopia, Serbia, the Philippines and Russia to move through the Saskatchewan Immigration Nominee Program. Through her leadership and personal involvement, she has helped to expedite processes for families to be reunited and finding employment for spouses. An individual who always goes above and beyond, she has provided guidance with settlement issues, including banking, education, church and extra-curricular activities. Promoting the value of skilled immigrant workers, she has played a key role in speaking engagements to Saskatoon's business community. She has served her community in the following ways:

- Founding member, Oberih Social Services, Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society
- Instrumental in the development of the Saskatoon and Tisdale Handbook for Ukrainian Immigrants
- President, treasurer, and fundraising coordinator for touring, performances for the Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble and was key in bringing the artistic director to Saskatoon
- Obtained over \$35,000 in grants in the past year to support the Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble
- Successfully lobbied SGI for interpreters for immigrants wishing to take their driver's tests, and served as a Ukrainian interpreter
- President, All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Ukrainian School; member, Ladies Aid; and volunteer for the senior's complex
- Chair, 50th Anniversary for the Yevshan Reunion Gala Performance and Celebration
- Key in forming partnerships with First Nation dancers through the White Buffalo Lodge
- Member of the National Board of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, member and chair of the Standing Committee on Immigration - Saskatchewan Provincial Council, and member and cultural chair - Saskatoon Branch
- Member, Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association – Saskatoon
- Member, Ukrainian Day in the Park and the Karpathy Pavilion at Saskatoon Folkfest
- Driving force to obtain donations to offset costs and translations for new immigrants
- Organizes and participates in the donation of goods to new immigrant families
- Works as a translator, with embassies, notary public and commissioner of oaths
- Recipient: YWCA Women of Distinction, 2007

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Saskatoon