

Robert (Bob) Berthiaume (Regina)

Robert (Bob) Berthiaume is many things – father, husband, veteran, leader, coach, mentor and volunteer. An accomplished professional with more than 30 years of experience in the Canadian Armed Forces, educational institutions, and management consulting, Bob is perhaps best known for his decades of service to the children and youth of Regina and his work in building community connections through recreational soccer. In reflecting on Bob’s life as a professional and volunteer, one sees a person who gives of himself tirelessly and without reservation. Recognized for his skill in vocational school development and management, Bob was sought out by the Ministry of Education in Brunei Darussalam, a small country in Southeast Asia, to develop a 5-year plan for national education reform, and a new vocational-technical education system to guide the country towards development. The skills as negotiator, conciliator, communicator and leader that have made Bob successful professionally are the same that have made him such a respected and valued member of his community. He has been an active volunteer for more than 25 years, serving on the boards of numerous community organizations. His many other achievements include:

- President, Project Management Institute, Regina Chapter
- National Board of Directors, Professional Development Initiative for Culture
- Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Association for Lifelong Learning
- Chair, City of Regina Inter-Zone Committee
- Co-Chair, City of Regina West Zone Indoor Soccer Association
- Co-Chair, City of Regina West Zone Soccer Association
- Member of Council of Advisors, Community Action Co-Operative
- Board of Directors, Community Health Services Association of Regina
- Vice-President, City of Regina Coronation Park Community Association
- City of Regina North Zone Recreation Board
- Past President, Nature Saskatchewan / Saskatchewan Natural History Society
- Board of Directors, Regina Natural History Society
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- Canadian Nature Federation
- Canadian Wildlife Federation
- Canadian Geographic Society
- Royal Canadian Legion

Dale Ebert (Prince Albert)

After convocating from the University of Saskatchewan, Dale became heavily involved with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and other related associations. Building on the spirit of volunteering, Dale's altruism has extended to a wide variety of groups and organizations. A sample cross-section of those include: the Saskatchewan Association for Community Living, Prince Albert Victim's Services, the Prince Albert Health Region (comforting terminal patients), President of the Evergreen Good Sams and sports related involvement, especially curling. His well-rounded participation is evident in his volunteerism service list, spanning local, provincial and national arenas. Dale's commitment to others has extended to his children, as his son and daughter also actively serve in their respective communities, following in their father's altruistic tradition. His many other achievements include:

- Wakaw School Division sports committee member and chairperson
- Lions Club Member (Bruno, Central Butte and Wakaw)
- Knights of Columbus member since 1961
- Saskatoon West School Division councilor to Sask. Teachers Federation
- Saskatoon West School Division Teachers Association member and president
- Thunder Creek Progressive Conservation Association Member
- Candidate for PC party in Redberry Constituency
- Herbert School Division STF Councillor
- Herbert School Division Teachers Association president
- Herbert School Division negotiating committee member
- Chairman of Southwest Teachers Convention
- Wakaw School Division Teachers Negotiating Committee (Chairperson)
- Member of Wakaw curling club executive
- Coach of Wakaw School girls curling team
- KIN Enterprises Board member (16 years, 5 as chairperson)
- Prince Albert Senior Curling board member (3 years as President)
- Member of Waldhorm German Club (3 years as president)
- Board member of Canadian Association for Community Living
- Member of St. Joseph parish council

Jeannette Eddolls (Prince Albert)

Jeannette Eddolls is a humble, hardworking, role model whose leadership in volunteerism exemplifies the qualities of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. Jeannette received the 2014 Prince Albert Citizen of the Year Award. She volunteers at a wide range of organizations, including Catholic Family Services, Tutor Learner Connections Program, and the Prince Albert Food Bank. She works tirelessly with literacy training, collects quilts for families in need, is active with foreign exchange students and established “Operation Christmas Store” to provide underprivileged children the chance to “buy” gifts for their family at a nominal price. Jeannette Eddolls has contributed greatly to life in the community of Prince Albert. Her many other achievements include:

- Regional Manager, Saskatchewan, Global Partners Institute
- Sessional Instructor at SUNTEP Prince Albert Campus
- Assisted Prince Albert Multicultural Council over the years
- Past Board Member, Saskatchewan Education Councils
- Current Board Member, St. Michael Parish Council
- Awarded Woman of Distinction by Prince Albert YWCA in the area of Education in 2005
- Travelled to Ghana as an educational volunteer for Project Overseas in 2003
- Awarded Administrator of the Year by Saskatchewan Council for Exceptional Children in 1993

Harold Empey (Saskatoon)

Harold Empey is a distinguished community and business leader, and has helped improve the lives of people at the local, municipal-rural, provincial, national and international levels, dedicating himself to the highest ethical leadership standards. Harold has celebrated and promoted all that is Saskatchewan, acting as a provincial ambassador. He is a model for the citizens of the province of Saskatchewan through his community, business, entrepreneurial and volunteer leadership. During Mr. Empey's very successful business career, he also shared his expertise and knowledge for the betterment of many organizations and commissions. As a great role model, advisor and mentor, his contributions have had a positive impact on the lives of people around him. He is a community leader dedicated to making improvements within our province. His many other achievements include:

- Chairman of the Board, Cooperative Superannuation Society
- Provincial Director, Good Sam Saskatchewan
- Created "The Just in Case" Program, to help people deal with loss
- Board Member, Craik Hospital Board
- Board Member, Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member, St. Andrews College
- Volunteer fundraiser for Oliver Lodge for over 30 years
- Notary Public and Marriage Commissioner
- Chair, Boy Scouts Building Committee, Portage la Prairie
- Scout Leader, Saskatoon and Vice-Chair, Manitoba Scouts
- Councillor, City of Melville
- Mayor, Resort Village of Shields
- Recipient, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
- Recipient, Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal 2002
- Recipient, The Saskatchewan Leadership Award
- Recipient, The Rotary Distinguished Service Award 2001
- Rotary Service Above Self Award 1999
- Recipient, The McClure Foundation Golden Heart Award
- Recipient, The Saskatoon Community Foundation Cornerstone of the Community Award

Doug Hodson Q.C. (Casa Rio Estates)

Doug Hodson has leveraged his professional integrity and reputation to the countless community organizations over the years with which he has acted as Volunteer Chair providing his leadership or just being part of the volunteer team in itself. His leadership involvement and hours of unselfish time spent in the community can be characterized as pillars that address funding needs required by the Arts and Culture, Hospital Foundations and attraction of national sporting events for tourism to our province. His community involvement is widely recognized by the many awards, accolades and gratitude he has received. His many other achievements include:

- Chair, Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan \$20 Million Capital Campaign
- Chair, Graham DeLaet 2014 Charity Golf Event for the Children's Hospital Foundation
- Chair, St. Paul's Hospital Board of Management (2008-2010)
- Chair, Mike Weir Miracle Golf Drive for Kids (2008)
- Chair, Saskatoon District Planning Commission (2007-2012)
- Chair of Board and Campaign Chair, United Way Saskatoon
- Chair, Royal University Hospital Foundation
- Chair, Riverside Country Club
- Co-Chair, Royal Care Campaign, raising \$15 million for healthcare
- President, Heart & Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan
- Vice-President, Sponsorships, 2013-2014 University Cup Hockey Tournaments
- President 2000 Brier and Vice-President 2004 Brier
- Member, Organizing Committee, 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships
- Lead counsel provincially as well as before the Federal Court and Supreme Court of Canada
- Commission Counsel, Inquiry into the Wrongful Conviction of David Milgaard
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (since 2007)
- Recipient, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
- Recipient, Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005

Phyllis Johnson (Shell Lake)

Phyllis Johnson is a very caring, friendly, kind, and loving person. Throughout her 69 years of living in the Shell Lake community, she has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of everyone she meets. She has a special gift to be able to get to know new people who come to town. She is one of the most beloved and respected teachers to have taught, first in the nearby “Heart of Wheat” country school and later “Shell Lake School” in Shell Lake.

She was one of the core people who organized the sponsorship of an immigrant family from Bosnia during the war years there. The family was taught English, given housing, clothes, an income and a new beginning. Most importantly she provided friendship that lasts to this day, even though the family has moved to another province and has a successful independent life in Canada.

She has served her community through her work in the church, her work with community groups, and her involvement with Shell Lake Housing as a member and chairperson of the Board. Her many other achievements include:

- Treasurer, Ladies Church Group (over 30 years)
- President and Vice-President, Senior 50 plus Club
- Member, Community Choir
- Member, Partners in Worship
- Member, Seniors Club
- Past Member, Curling Club
- Member, Quilting Club
- Past Member, Golfing Club
- Founding Member, Editor and Chair, History Book Committee “Partners in Worship”

Anthea Loran (Swift Current)

Anthea willingly shares her talents and time to organize group projects. She schedules and participates in member readings at senior residential complexes and at the Canadian Mental Health Drop-in Centre. She has shared her poetry during Poetry Week at City Council meetings, and as a choir member at programs presented by the Swift Current Oratorio Choir.

Anthea has self-published two books, “Two Peas in a Pod” for young children, promoting a healthy self-image and diet, and “War Games” describing her life as a child in England during World War 2. Copies of each have been read and distributed to schools. Proceeds from any sales are donated to The Mildred Eating Disorder Clinic, and Saskatchewan Agencies helping newcomers and refugees coming to the province.

Anthea is blessed to having a loving husband, six children and many grandchildren. She’s a regular contributor to local editorial pages when she sees a need to laud or question our city’s plans for change, and as an example of her generous spirit, she and her husband recently donated a sizable sum to Great Plains Regional College.

Anthea Loran has devoted her life to helping those less fortunate, working towards positive change, and fostering cultural activities in Swift Current. Her many other achievements include:

- Member, Prairie Quills Writers’ Group
- Founding Member, Friends of the Walkway, which received the Community Achievement Award during the 2013 Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) awards banquet
- Founded and ran the Adapted Aquatics Swim Programme for children and adults with special needs for 25 years
- Helped Spearhead the Culture Days Puppet Show presented at the Lyric Theatre, Swift Current
- Donated \$92,000 to the Great Plains College Fund for two scholarships. The scholarships are for Registered Nursing or Practical Nursing and Engineering or Surveying
- Volunteer Recognition Award, Swift Current District for Recreation and Sport

Agnes Parisloff (Regina)

Agnes Parisloff is well known among the refugee and immigrant community of Regina as a true friend. She worked with the Regina and Area Refugee Support Group from its inception in 2002 and continues to assist newcomers in the present time. As Co-Chair of the Holy Child Parish Social Justice Committee, Agnes was instrumental in the group sponsoring a family from Afghanistan in 2004, hosting a Karen family from Burma in 2006 and recently sponsoring a teenaged girl from Somalia. Her Committee has also assisted families in co-sponsoring their family members and she is an active member of the Archdiocese of Regina's efforts in sponsoring refugees from Iraq. Agnes reaches out to newcomers from many countries, such as Bhutan, Eritrea, the Congo, and Ukraine.

She assists in gathering "gently used" furnishings for their homes, tutoring them in English, registering children in schools and offering rides for shopping, doctor's appointments and various other appointments. Her support of newcomers goes well beyond the one or two years expected of hosts and sponsors. With Agnes, families know they have a trusted Canadian friend for life. Her many other achievements include:

- Organized fundraising campaigns to cover \$1500 bursaries awarded annually at World Refugee Day
- Has played a major role in making Regina a more welcoming community for refugees and immigrants
- Participant in Refugee Sponsorship Training Workshops
- Helps refugee families on their first Christmas in Regina
- Helps to support schools and mobile clinics in the war-afflicted areas of Karen State, Burma

Neil Robertson Q.C. (Regina)

Neil Robertson, Q.C., is a genuine, sincere gentleman who is community minded and always giving of himself as a volunteer. For thirty years, through his work with the Phoenix Society, he has been a voice for individuals who are disadvantaged and marginalized. As a member of the Board of the Phoenix Residential Society, he has been truly instrumental in helping individuals who might otherwise fall through the cracks and end up in the justice system.

Apart from his volunteer service with the Phoenix Residential Society, he has served as a volunteer with Scouts Canada, the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, and many other professional and community organizations.

His dedication to his country, province and home community is truly admirable and worthy of commendation. His many other achievements include:

- Saskatchewan Council Legal Advisor, Scouts Canada
- Director of Scouts Canada Saskatchewan Inc.
- Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Sherwood No. 159
- Inquest Coroner, Government of Saskatchewan
- Chair, Saskatchewan Police Commission
- Chair, Phoenix Residential Society
- Recipient, President's Award, Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police
- Recipient, Saskatchewan Centennial Medal
- Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal
- Recipient, The Bruce A. Noble Award for a Distinguished Canadian Municipal Lawyer
- Recipient, Alumni of Distinction Award, Campion College
- Recipient, Community Service Award, Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Jeanne Walters (Saskatoon)

At age 93, Mrs. Jeanne Walters is one of Saskatoon's longest serving and energetic volunteers. In fact, when the Mendel Art Gallery celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014, they also celebrated a half-century of Jeanne Walters' volunteer service to the organization. Over the years, Jeanne has been a tour guide and led many fundraising initiatives.

Jeanne's volunteer service goes beyond her support of the Mendel Art Gallery (now known as the Remai Art Gallery of Saskatchewan) to the Saskatoon Symphony, the Saskatoon Opera, the Saskatoon Music Festival, Heritage Society of Saskatoon, and with all the amateur Saskatoon Theatre companies including as President of Theatre Saskatchewan and as a Governor of the National Theatre School of Canada.

Jeanne has performed volunteer work for 70 years since her return from service during World War 2, and has also been involved with over 40 different associations including:

- 70 year Member, ANAVETS
- Consumers of Canada
- UNICEF
- Meewasin Valley Authority
- Council of Women
- City Parks and Recreation
- Saskatoon Exhibition
- Rotary Club
- Council on Aging
- Century Club

Jeanne turns 94 on April 28th.