Happy fall to everyone!

We have had snow in my part of Saskatchewan since the first week of October which was not good news for many farming neighbours and friends. However it is out of our control and we move forward.

I shared a quote at 2016 AGM that I would like to share again:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead USA anthropologist, author.

When I read this I think immediately of Royal Purple members across Canada and how we have changed the world for so many others and ourselves. When we think of all our donations and labour to help with school lunch programs, recreation programs and facilities, nursing homes, museums, and families in need, we can all be very proud of how we have changed our communities for the better. Well done and thank you for your continued hard work and your generosity as members of the best volunteer organization in Canada!

The Board of Directors has continued to move forward with the work of maintaining and promoting Canadian Royal Purple. We have had conference calls and many emails working through our committee recommendations. Discussions are great and there is much work to do yet. Our Website is updated almost continuously, and we look forward to getting our inventory of supplies and clothing available, the directory updated and forms for member use loaded in. Keep checking it out – the website committee is learning lots and making us look good to anyone who may want to know who we are and what we do.

Marketing has been working on new items and with the survey from the AGM, we already have new pens available and are looking into travel mugs, note books etc. (Continued on page 2)
The membership form has been updated with our new information and will be on the website soon. R and R, Judiciary and Finance have all been working on their projects and goals for the year and planning for the team meeting in Edmonton in March 2017 is underway.

Don’t forget about the fundraiser for the CRPS! Purchase the Canadian Royal Purple pin and you get a chance at a cash prize to be drawn for at the 2017 AGM. Every little bit helps so please consider each lodge purchasing 10 to sell. Contact Regina at the National Office for yours.

You can also have the name of a loved one or Royal Purple member who have passed placed in the Purple Book of Memories for a total donation of $100.00. The book will be available for viewing at the National AGMs and is a beautiful remembrance of the Sisters and Brothers in Royal Purple, and our family members whom we love and miss.

To date I have attended a parade in Mannville, the Blueberry Festival in St. Walburg, Cut Knife’s regular meeting, Beechy Provincial get together, the SK Brain Injury Saskatoon Brain Boogie, and helped at Saskatoon Royal Purple’s Fowl Supper. I am looking forward to attending Radisson’ Royal Purple Christmas tea and hope to hear from more of you for a chance to come and meet you.

All the best in your endeavours as Canadian Royal Purple members,

Respectfully

Terri Paziuk, National President

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS, & 1st VICE PRESIDENTS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT BEECHY MEETING 2016
As BCRPA President, my September was quite busy. First on the agenda was a meeting in Beechy Sask., with the presidents and 1st vices from across Canada. It was an informative set of meetings. I was able to meet and chat with many Royal Purple members. The information imparted to us was a lot!

The next event was our BCRPA Executive and Committees meeting held in Salmon Arm. We have several new and enthusiastic chair persons this year. All meetings were very productive. One important issue was the Terms of Reference for all officers and Committee chairs. The executive combed through them all and forwarded them to our Judiciary committee who have almost completed the task of doing all the corrections needed.

The last item on my list was to attend the BCGCA Fall Symposium and AGM. This too was very worthwhile both locally (because I put together the Gaming application for our lodge) and provincially because many of the workshops were applicable to both. While there I met and talked with several people about their organization and shared information about us. Not one I talked to had heard about us. So mission accomplished, I did spread the word a bit about our existence.

Next week I begin my first lodge visits by heading to Lillooet. They have a great group of members and I am looking forward to visiting with them.

Regards,
Merrilyn Pennanen
BC Royal Purple President

News from ARPLAS – October 31/16

Our Alberta group has been very busy with lodge visits. We have 29 lodges in Alberta and we plan to visit most of them. Every lodge is unique to visit. They are all doing different projects or being just as busy as their members wish. A few neat items: Manning bakes over 50 dozen cookies and then presents them to the service groups (police, ambulance drivers, bus drivers, town office etc.). Mannville has muffin day at the local school. Ft Saskatchewan presents certificates and cash awards to 3 girls to celebrate the “Year of the Girl” on October 11 each year. I am sure there are lots more of these special projects being done.

Provincial President Anita Kitz has visited lodges in Slave Lake, Manning, Lac La Biche, Camrose, Ft Saskatchewan, Myrnam and Wainwright. Several more visits to be made.

1st Vice President Joan Turner toured to Ponoka, Hardisty, Sundre and Heisler. She will soon go to Bentley.

2nd Vice President Yvonne Borrowman visited Bassano, Ft MacLeod, Crowsnest Pass and Medicine Hat.

3rd Vice President Barb Schmidt went to Lloydminster, Elk Point, Edgerton and Caroline/Red Deer.

Lodges in Slave Lake, Camrose, Ft Saskatchewan, Hardisty, Medicine Hat have all welcomed new members. We congratulate these lodges and wish the most recent members the best and sincerely hope they enjoy their Royal Purple experience.

Many of our executive attended the National Convention in Saskatoon and reported a very good time and all really enjoy getting together with old friends and acquaintances. We feel that all Royal Purple members should experience attending a conference or convention. It seems to revive our LOVE for Royal Purple.. (Continued on Page 4)
We held our Fall meeting in Fort Saskatchewan at the Lakeview Inn & Suites Hotel – the site of our 2017 conference. It is a really great hotel. Make plans to be there on June 2, 3, & 4 2017. The conference information will be sent to the Alberta lodges in January.

Provincial President Anita Kitz has raffle tickets available for a beautiful pansy picture that her granddaughter painted special for her. Contact Anita at 780-349-3260 to support this raffle.

We plan to run our RECYCLE CLOSET again at conference. We are asking for lodges to donate clean royal purple blazers or other regalia clothing items. It was quite successful last conference and the left overs were taken by President Terri to the national convention and as I hear it they sold out. Way to go members and support both ARPLAS and CRPS!!

We have lodges in Alberta that will be celebrating anniversaries this year. Edmonton will be 90 years, Medicine Hat will be 60 years and Lac La Biche will be 50 years. Vermilion will celebrate 70 years next fall. We congratulate all of these lodges and trust we will hear about more special anniversaries soon.

We wish all Royal Purple members many successes and the best for the next year!

Submitted: Dawn Hodgins---secretary for ARPLAS

Thank You!

Two small words that always mean so much when heard.

So we want you to hear them directly from us.

The Saskatchewan Royal Purple Provincial Association wants to say “THANK YOU!”

THANK YOU to our Convention 2016 Committee Co-Chairs

Sandi Lougheed (Beechy, SK) and Sue Kraft (Cut Knife, SK)

THANK YOU to the National Board of Directors

THANK YOU to the National Committee Members

THANK YOU to the Provincial Associations

THANK YOU to All Lodges and Members across Canada Together we truly embody a mission that states “Your Cause is Our Cause!”

We thank you ALL for your support, volunteerism, dedication, donations, fun and sense of humor. The list is truly endless. We look forward to seeing everyone again for the next convention in Sault Ste. Marie! Check out our new fancy LOGO!!!

Annual General Meeting April 22, 2017
MANITOBA ASSOCIATION

Our motto is Purple with a purpose. MANITOBA Royal Purple Association send our very best to all Lodges in Canada. My hope is that we can keep increasing our membership & start new lodges.

I will be making my second lodge visit to Wpg #12 on Monday 14th. I am scheduled for more visits as weather permits. Winter can’t be far behind all this great weather we are having.

Lodges in Manitoba are busy with many projects to assist their communities. We are presently looking into the Brain Injury program and re-instating the “Healthy Choices” poster contest for Manitoba.

This a great opportunity to wish everyone the Merriest of Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. All the best to purpeldom through out Canada.

Maureen McDonald
Manitoba President

Greetings to all from Lake of the Woods Lodge #268!

We held the second meeting of our fall sessions on October 12/16. Provincial President Maureen McDonald made her official visit. It was interesting and informative. She encouraged us to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in Winnipegosis, Manitoba on April 29, 2017.

We had installation of two officers. Shelly Cameron as Associate Royal Lady and Dwight Cameron as Third Vice President.

A new member was also initiated. We welcome, Mary Jane White.

We will be selling our “Microwaveable Bowl Holders” at three local craft sales on November 5, 19, 26.

The evening ended with coffee and a special cake decorated with a Royal Purple theme in Lady Maureen’s honor.

Sincerely,
HRL Ainsley Brinkman

Volunteer National Administrator

Congratulations to all the Member and Lodges as you have worked so diligently to support the Canadian Royal Purple with new ideas, new members, new articles in the office/stores and new positive and gracious contacts. Please keep moving forward with the awesome positive phone calls, emails, faxes and mailings. They are so very much appreciated – You make my day!

Thank you for being Royal Purple!

Please contact the office as you wish with questions, orders and whatever.

Take care,

Hugs, Regina MacLean,

Volunteer National Administrator

*Canadian Royal Purple*  *Your Cause is Our Cause*
Greetings from the Ontario Royal Purple Association!

I don’t know where the time is going but it seems like only yesterday I was in Saskatoon at the 2nd Annual CRPS AGM/Convention! What a great event! Lots of enthusiasm and positive energy!

Back in Ontario at my home lodge Sault Ste. Marie 155, preparations are well under way to host the 3rd Annual CRPS AGM/Convention! You can book your room at the Quality Inn where the CRPS executive will be staying. Price is $99.99 per night which includes a free hot breakfast! Phone # 705-945-9264 Address: 180 Bay Street Sault Ste. Marie, ON

On a sad note Past Provincial President Margaret Nicholson passed away August 22 2016. She was a very active member up to a year ago and I believe had 35 year’s perfect attendance! She always enjoyed attending the Royal Purple Conventions!

I am asking you to have Past Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Joyce Hall in your thoughts and prayers as she has had several falls and recently cracked her tailbone.

We are also thinking of Past Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Joyce Spilchuk as her husband has been ill.

Echo Bay Lodge 333 hosted their annual Corn Roast pot luck dinner. Members from Sault Ste. Marie Lodge 155 were invited and gathered early and played cards before the delicious meal!

Sudbury Lodge 148 hosted our District Fun Day on Saturday October 1st. Lots of Hallowe’en decorations, great games, prizes, food, fun and friendship! After PSHRL Anne Marie Helferty assisted by Vice President Lorraine Pezzutto installed Cindy O’Neil as an Ontario Director. We welcome Cindy as she calls herself an “idea’s person”! We had a brief meeting with Directors Paula McKinnon, Linda Brauner, Cindy O’Neil, Vice President Joanne Edwards and our supporters Anne Marie and Lorraine absent was Director Muriel Dixon. Our next meeting is in Espanola the end of this month.

Again this year our Association had a membership table with a free draw at the G7 FASD (fetal alcohol syndrome disorder) Conference! This time the question was more clear as we asked if they wanted to JOIN the Royal Purple. We received 20 positive responses which we will be following up on. From as far away as Moose Factory, Mississauga, Timmins, Sudbury, Wawa and the Sault. Many remembered us from last year and a lot had never heard of Royal Purple. So we still have a lot of work to do to get the word out to be known. At one interesting session I attended they were looking for a group to partner with as they had a pair of SHANIA TWAIN’S red shoes. Red shoes are recognized as symbol of support for FASD. Shania has donated these shoes to help raise money for families in need of financial help to get an assessment. Costs can be up to $5,000.00. One of the presenters was from Thunder Bay and the other (with the shoes) from Timmins. Of course I told them of our purpose and interest in helping. Who knows where this can go. They were looking for fundraising ideas that would reach the most people. If any one has any ideas for a fundraiser with Shania’ shoe’s, please let me know.

“Working together—Having fun”

Sisterly love; Betsy Radke

ORPAP 705-946-2182 betsyrad@shaw.ca
Hi all,

We have opened a new website: canadianroyalpurplesociety.org.

You have to be stubborn with your browser to make sure it is this website you are accessing.

What you will find is a site featuring a slide show home page. Click on the menu and it will open the list of the pages that are available to date.

Our “About Us” page tells a modern story about our mission, vision statement and tagline. Use the information when you are telling folks about us. It’s our brag page.

Our “Slide Show” page will feature pictures of fun and activity – not too much posing - and eventually we’ll have a promotion show on as well.

We have a “National Events” page so you could e-mail me your dates: blackstrap99@yahoo.com and we’ll add them. It will be exciting to see all the activity we have to offer.

Our “Press Page” will have press releases and advertising that you can copy and use.

The Constitution and Directory are on in pdf so you can both read and print them.

Drop into the “President’s Page” and catch Terri’s latest message.

Check in to the website often as it is constantly being updated and new features are being added.

It won’t be long before the store items are on, electronic forms, links and electronic communication links.

Since “Your Cause is Our Cause”, our aim is to make the website fun, friendly, and easy to access wherever you are. Be sure to send your comments.

Sandi Lougheed, Chair

Ann Walsh

Doug Bailey

- WEB SITE— canadianroyalpurplesociety.org.
- Newsletter submissions—Lynda.paul.nolan@gmail.com
- National Office—canadianroyalpurple@gmail.com
All of you would have read on the website or in a mailout this new tagline. How appropriate for all the lodges across Canada. We all help in such fantastically separate ways according to the needs, the causes within our communities.

I’d like to challenge you to share what cause in your community that your Royal Purple Lodge helps out with. Drop us a line or send a picture to the National Office.

Our Judiciary Committee has spent hours updating and revising the Lodge Resource Manual. This Manual is for Lodges to use. It provides the basic information and duties of the officers, Parliamentary Procedures, and copies of the yearly forms that have to be completed. Each newly installed officer should be aware of the manual and read their pertinent parts. Committees should also be able to read what their duties are. There is a calendar of events that your lodge can fill out for all your members to keep track of projects and meeting dates. Copies of the Manual should be available on the National Website canadianroyalpurplesociety.org. This committee has also worked on the National Policy Manual.

The Restoration and Rejuvenation Committee have completed a section of their Manual on Instituting and Rehabilitating a Lodge. They have worked on the Member Services Committee Responsibilities as well as the Module on Membership Awareness Activities. Parts of these are in the R&R Manual as well as the Lodge Resource Manual.

Did you know that you can approach your Provincial Association for help with a Membership Awareness Campaign? They should be able to provide you with brochures and posters and a helping hand in organizing this kind of event.

Our Marketing Committee has been considering items that members of the Royal Purple would like to have. Some are things to wear and promote Royal Purple. Their job also must consider what items are needed to promote Canadian Royal Purple to the public. This will be a challenge. Royal Purple Week in May will be promoted as well as the idea of “giving days”.

After mentioning the National Website so many times I can now ask -- have you visited it? canadianroyalpurplesociety.org. This is our tool for the public to know about us and decide if they want to join us. On your posters, letters, and brochures advertise this website address.

As your Vice President, I ask that you look beyond your lodge to find the resources you could be using to promote your Lodge in your community.

Lorraine Pezzutto

National Vice President

JOIN THE TEAM

There are 6 National Directors, one national Volunteer Administrator and 5 committees—Finance, Restoration and Rejuvenation, Judiciary, Marketing and Website.

These Volunteers are all a part of a team dedicated to promoting and growing Canadian Royal Purple Society.

I have been a member for 46 years. Through those years, I have taken the opportunity to be involved in Lodge, District and Provincial levels. Over 25 years I have been involved in National Committees. Accepting those positions has give me friends across Canada. It has given me leadership skills.

I invite YOU to accept the opportunity to be involved Nationally on any one of the 5 Committees.

The Application Form is on line at canadianroyalpurplesociety.org. Any questions can be directed to me at ldpezz@bell.net. Join the Team!

Lorraine Pezzutto—Committee Coordinator
Have you bought your pin which includes a ticket for the National Draw at Convention 2017. Chance to win $300.00, $200.00, $100.00.

Tickets available from your National Director, Provincial President or the National Office.

Immediate Past National President Anne Marie Helferty installing new member in Ontario with National 1st Vice Lorraine Pezzutto.

Prince George Royal Purple at Remembrance Day Parade 2016.
The Marketing Committee has been working hard looking for new ideas for the Canadian Royal Purple Stores. BUT...we need to hear from YOU!! What do YOU want to see in the stores to buy?

We have: Pens, T-Shirts, Hoodies, Luggage Tags, Car Magnets, CRP Stickers, Credit Card Demagnetized Holders.

Does your Lodge have these in stock to buy? Contact the National Office or ask your Provincial President or National Director if they have or can get them.

We need promotional products to:

- Grab Attention
- Grow our Membership
- Say “thank you”
- Raise Awareness
- Spread the Word

We need these products to:

- Sell to the Public
- Sell to our Members
- Thank our Members
- Use for identifying our Members
- and to help identify participants at Conferences, Walk-a-Thons, Booths etc.

Contact the Marketing Committee with your ideas and suggestions. We would love to hear from you!! Hopefully, your Lodge filled out the survey...if not, please fill out at your next lodge and send to us. Just one from the Lodge with all their ideas would be GREAT!!

Lynda Nolan – lynda.paul.nolan@gmail.com

Colleen MacDonald – crmacdonald@sasktel.net

Kelly Christman – christmank@newellmail.ca

TO ALL LODGES FROM THE NATIONAL R&R COMMITTEE:

Does your lodge wish to host a MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS CAMPAIGN?????? If so – please contact your PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION for assistance.

THEY CAN HELP!!

They have lots of ideas and will help you promote ROYAL PURPLE in your community.

Funds are available for assistance - if needed.
Vermilion lodge celebrating a birthday. DD Pruess visiting along with

CRP Sticker

Our "tag line", Your Cause is Our Cause explains our approach to our communities and to our members. We roll up our sleeves to assist families and our Communities wherever the needs arise. Every lodge can discover its own community's needs and address them.

No cause is too big or small, we'll honor them all.
Baby quilts for maternity wards
Equipment for our kid's parks
Scholarships for our high school graduates
Sharing caring meetings and gatherings
Fun times - Darts, Sports, Crib. Ladies Nite Out!
Add your Cause to the List!!

Canadian Royal Purple Wine collection

Look on website for ordering info
Mannville, Alberta
Ladies, with DD
Shirley Pruess

National President Terri visits the Mannville AG Fair

Choiceland SK. With Provincial President Penny Young

Past National Presidents Honoring President Anne Marie with Director Kelly Christman escorting her at 2016 Convention.
PURPLE BOOK OF MEMORIES

When Contributions are $100.00 or more the name of the Deceased is entered into our Purple Book of Memories. They do not have to be a member of Royal Purple. Send your contribution and information of the deceased to the National Office.

CANADIAN ROYAL PURPLE WEEK

The 3rd week in May BE VISIBLE in your Community. Wear purple and white and go for coffee, lunch, visit a shut in, picnic in the park. Be VISIBLE!! Put a poster in the Library, Office, on Facebook and let everyone know what you are doing. Talk to the Mayor, local TV. This May 15-21, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9, 10, 11
National Spring Meeting, Edmonton

April
Saskatchewan Provincial Conference
Manitoba Provincial Conference
Ontario

May
Canadian Royal Purple Week May 15 – 21
BC Provincial Conference May 28 – 30

June
Alberta Provincial Conference

July 16th—17th
Convention, Sault Ste Marie, ON
THE SOO’S THE SCENE IN ’17

WHO: Canadian Royal Purple

WHEN: July 16th thru 18th, 2017

WHAT: 3rd AGM/Convention

WHERE: Sault Ste Marie, ON

Hotel of choice is The Quality Inn & Suites Bay Front, rooms at $99.00 (plus applicable taxes) and it is just a few steps from the Elks Hall, and walking distance to Shopping Mall, Waterfront Boardwalk, Casino and many other points of interests.

More information will follow in the New Year and keep in mind we will be looking for advertising.

Please note that we are a border city and if you wish to visit the United States, please bring appropriate identification.

Thanks for allowing us the privilege to host this event.

Ann Lundy
Chairperson