

Media Release:

Five Years of Steady Growth

The Canadian Royal Purple Society (CRPS) will celebrate its first five years this July in Prince George, BC. The gathering will mark the fifth annual convention and annual general meeting of one of Canada's newest and most successful not-for-profit societies.

"Our first five years have seen many firsts for us," commented National President Kelly Christman. "We established five new community lodges in three different provinces with more to come and we're initiating new members in every province. Unlike the story for many service organizations, CRPS's story has become one of growth."

"We have built on our historical ties to the Royal Purple of Canada and modernized to meet the needs of the 21st Century volunteer," expanded Christman. "Our volunteer service is dedicated to the needs of our children and our community in a spirit of fun. In a more formal setting, we have a partnership with provincial and local brain injury associations to assist in the poster promotion of Brain Injury Awareness month every June. We have a great organization to offer every man and woman who wishes to volunteer or start a service club in their community."

"It has been exciting to watch our organization work its way through a new constitution, new purpose and establish its business ties," said the organization's first president, Regina MacLean of Kamloops, BC.

"We had to start from scratch to develop our five provincial associations, over 65 individual lodges and over 1000 members, " said MacLean. "The past five years have seen many improvements including establishing a national office in Kamloops, creating an exciting website and social media program, welcoming new members and lodges and modernizing our direct communication system with our members."

"We deserve to take the time to celebrate," both women agreed.

The five presidents – Regina MacLean, Kamloops, BC, Anne Marie Helferty, Sault Ste Marie ON, Terri Paziuk, Cut Knife, SK, Lorraine Pezzutto, Sault Ste Marie, ON and Kelly Christman, Bassano, AB – will be part of the gathering featuring a mixture of meetings and get-togethers.

The 5th Annual General Meeting and Convention will take place in Prince George, BC July 12 to 15th. Most of the events will occur at the local Elks hall.

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