



Here we are over halfway through January. Time seems to be flying. Canadian Royal Purple is flying too. We are settled into our new home. A big change but one that will grow more ideas and help us all, across Canada.

Congratulations and Welcome to our new Lodges, Dauphin, Man. and Shellbrook SK. We also have very exciting news about a REBUILD in Outlook SK. I look forward to meeting you either at the Provincial Conference or National Convention in Regina.

My motto “Changing Gears” is definitely in progress. March, the Board will be meeting in Saskatoon and we will all meet our new Office Administrator Tracey. Welcome Tracey. Great to have you on board!

Membership is our toughest challenge across Canada. We need an incentive to welcome persons to join our fantastic organization. Does your Lodge do projects at your meeting? Do you always have the same kind of meeting? Do you invite speakers who would be of interest to your Members? Will you try? Will you let me know what you try and how it works. Helping each other is a big way to get ideas across Canada.

For the Convention are you bringing items for a Silent Auction table? Each Provincial Association is asked to bring retail items with CRP logo that would be of interest to everyone across Canada. What will you be bringing?

This year our Convention is in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan; with the theme of “Our Vision is 2020”. Remember the date, July 12th to July 14<sup>th</sup>, looking forward to seeing you all there. More info will be coming so keep a watchful eye.

In closing, the National Directors, thank you all for all the hard work you do in your communities and your continued support in these communities

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*President, CRPS*

**CHANGING GEARS**

"Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same."-- *Carlos Castaneda*