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## YOUR ORGANIZATION

# The Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians

Who we are and what we stand for

As individuals, former members of Parliament and senators mirror the values and expectations of the citizenry. We are a dependable source of practical experience in government and are the keepers of a vast store of knowledge and parliamentary wisdom.

Canada has the highest turnover of MPs in the world, averaging 30% and ranging to as high as 60%. The Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians acts as a stabilizing resource for the good order of government.

The goal of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians is to put this collective experience at the disposal of Canadians and their replacement representatives. CAFPP is here to:

1. Preserve and promote Canadian democracy at home and abroad.
2. Preserve the corporate memory of Parliament and serve as a resource for serving, retired and incoming members.
3. Advise and inform young people about the processes and exercises of power and good government.
4. Encourage democratic participation by new generations.
5. Provide the public with non-partisan information and experienced analyses of how government works.

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Our programs include:

1. **Beyond the Hill.** The magazine carries informative and inspiring stories about political life and situations from the past.
2. **Parliament to Campus program,** speaking to schools and universities.



3. **Speaker's Bureau.** Participating with the media and speaking to groups about the Canadian Parliamentary system.

4. **Overseas Election Observation** Fielding members to do work in other countries.

5. **School of Public Service.** Members provide advice to new federal recruits.

6. **Equal Voice.** Members provide the mentorship to encourage women to become involved in politics.

7. **Parliamentary Interns.** CAFPP has supported this and many other initiatives supporting democracy.

8. **Website and Social Media.** CAFPP is an active participant on the Internet and on social media platforms to engage in debate, provide information and serve as a resource for the community.





Dorothy Dobbie.

# Update from the President

## Growing together

**T**his past year has been a year of change. As most of you are aware, our former executive director, Francis LeBlanc, has stepped down. We wish him well and I would like to thank him for all his hard work.

Due to finances, we will not replace the executive director until we have stabilized our funding. In that regard, after the election, I will continue to seek the reinstatement of the third staff member that was removed from us some years ago. Secondly, we are looking at ways to raise more funds.

### Think Tank

We held a think tank session at the end of our Annual General Meeting in June. From this, some additional committees were established. A synopsis of their deliberations accompanies this article.

### Transitions

Meanwhile, Francis LeBlanc and our vice president, Hon. Eleni Bakapanos, continue to work on the transition committee which is chaired by John Bosley and includes former Clerk and honorary member, Audrey O'Brien, and others. They were working to make improvements to the way retiring members can access their small benefits. This work will continue.

The committee has been creating a mentoring network for those who do not return after this fall's election. If you would like to be involved, please let Céline or Susan know.

Thank you for all your calls and emails about the story in the last issue outlining the trauma many of our members go through at separation from the House. Even senators go through this to some degree. We need to be strong for each other and support those who will be going through this after this fall's election.

### Partnerships

This past year, while he was E.D., Francis negotiated a group travel insurance plan with the Johnson Group. Details are available from the staff at the office.

We are in the process of developing a stronger relationship with the Hill Times which is offering our members a 50 per cent discount on subscriptions to their digital publication. This is a great way to keep in touch with what's happening on the Hill.

### Website up date.

### Visit us on Facebook.

You can now pay for events and your annual membership dues on the website, thanks to our summer and continuing part-time helper, Carina Legault Meek, who has worked wonders with the site, keeping it current and learning more every day about how to operate it efficiently. Also visit us at [facebook.com/ex-parl](https://facebook.com/ex-parl).

We have also set up an online group where you can post your questions, talk to one another and just stay in touch. This can be accessed through our Facebook page.

### Thank you to the fund raisers

Resources continue to be tight for the Association, and if it weren't for the fund raising efforts of our past president, Léo Duguay, we would be in very difficult straits.

Léo has agreed to continue as the chair of our fundraising committee. He is looking for new ways to raise money, to make it more formalized as opposed to a series of ad hoc events.

Our warm thanks and congratulations to Léo, who, along with the help of Hon. Eleni Bakapanas, The Hon. Jean Bazin, The Hon. Marie Charette-Poulin and Merv Tweed, plus some dedicated volunteers in Montreal, organized a wonderful dinner in honour of Jean Charest this April. We raised about \$250,000 and

netted \$150,000, thanks to their careful management of the event.

I would like to thank CN for being our generous presenting sponsor. I would like to thank Susan Simms and Céline Brazeau Fraser for all their hard work – they put in many extra hours to help make this happen and to conserve as many of the funds as possible for the Association.

### Criteria for Nation Builder Award

As you may know, it has been our practice to give the Lifetime Achievement award only to non-prime ministers. In spite of this rule, a desire to honour former prime ministers has frequently been expressed over the years. We want to thank and honour these individuals for their sacrifice and very hard work, and it is also a great way to raise funds. Therefore, your board has created the Nation Builder Award. The criteria for this may be found on our website at <https://exparl.ca/>.

At the end of the day, there is only one thing that can make an association such as this successful and that is your participation and our ability to attract new members.

I have heard from members across the country that promoting democracy both at home and abroad is a top priority. We also need to be a stronger resource for retired members. With these imperatives in mind, your board is working to build a stronger relationship with our provincial counterparts. We also want to continue to strengthen ties with our neighbours across the border.

Finally, I am working on a plan to develop a higher media profile. If any of you have ideas or can help, I would be very happy to hear from you.

**Best regards,  
Dorothy Dobbie  
President**

# Think Tank session at the AGM

At the AGM, members took the time to look seriously at four compelling issues that will affect our association as we go forward. Below is a synopsis of their conclusions.

Each of the leaders of the four groups has agreed to chair a committee to examine the various topics that were under discussion.

You will note that a number of the workshops came to similar conclusions, particularly with regard to developing a higher profile in the community through the media and through participation with local groups and educational institutions. Currently, the Foundation, under its new chair, Ian Waddell, is examining ways to recreate the Parliament to Campus program which saw members speak at various universities and colleges across the country.

In October, your president will attend the meeting of the former MNAs in Quebec City, where the topic of a stronger alliance between provincial associations and our national association will be on the agenda.

If you have additional ideas or would like to serve on any of these committees, please contact our office or me personally. (Dorothy@pegasuspublications.net or 204 940 2716).

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## How do we support new retirees?

**Hon. Eleni Bakopanos**  
(for the Hon. John Bosley)

- Create a committee to look at the benefits package.
- CAFP needs to ask for mandatory review and update of staffing needs and allotments from the House.
- Ensure that the Committee consults the CAFP so that we can have more input
- Should we change the name of the Association from "Formers" to "Alumni"?
- We need to do a better job at communicating, in order to get more resources: financial and human.

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*Members put their heads to work on the issues facing CAFP during a Think Tank session at the most recent AGM.*

## How do we grow the association membership?

**Hon. Bill Blaikie**

- Only 25% of our potential membership pays dues.
- Everybody should get a free one-year membership when they retire (CAFP already does that).
- We need to organize more informal local meetings.
- Need more involvement from our former party leaders to come to CAFP events. (Joe Clark is the only one who shows up from time to time).
- Only former members from the '80s and '90s participate at CAFP events. We need to recruit retirees that are more recent.
- If former leaders came to our events, it would attract more of their former members to attend and pay their memberships.

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## How can we stabilize our financial situation?

**Léo Duguay**

- It's getting harder and harder to organize fundraising events.
- It was easier at the last event in Montreal to sell individual tickets than corporate tables.
- It's easier to get one company to give a bigger amount than a bunch of small companies who give small amounts.

• No one is sure what product we are selling/what CAFP does to interest corporations. We must better define who we are and what we stand for.

- We should look at organizing smaller events across Canada.
- We should continue to do the Life Time Achievement Awards outside of Ottawa

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## How can we safeguard and promote democracy at home and abroad?

**Hon. Julian Fantino**

- Internationally – our members are not seen as a resource for any government to draw on, yet who has more experience?
- Election monitoring – we need more horse power.
- We need to move our product ... what is it? Can we define and sell?
- We need decision makers of the day to help gov't deliver international policies.
- Where are the current Senators and MPs, when we are in town?
- We need to sell ourselves.
- Domestically: we need a good education piece.
- Young people's education system: they don't know what's going on!
- Why aren't we going to high schools with structured packages?





*Special guests, Teresa Riera Madurell and Hon. Cliff Stearns.*





# CAFP Board Members



*Dorothy Dobbie.*



*Hon. Eleni Bakopanos.*



*Hon. Andy Mitchell.*



*Hon. Julian Fantino.*



*Marcel R. Tremblay.*

## **Dorothy Dobbie President**

Dorothy Dobbie was the Progressive Conservative MP for Winnipeg South from 1988 to 1993. She served as a parliamentary secretary for the ministers of Indian and Northern Affairs, Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Environment. She co-chaired the Joint House Senate Committee on the Renewal of Canada, which led to the Charlottetown Accord.

She is a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal, the Commemorative Medal for the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, the Distinguished Service Award from the Former Members of the Manitoba Legislature, YM-YWCA Women of the Year, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Outstanding Business Citizen of the Year and Community Service Award of Winnipeg.

## **Hon. Eleni Bakopanos Vice President**

The Honorable Eleni Bakopanos, P.C., proudly represented, as the Liberal Member of Parliament for the electoral ridings of Saint Denis (1993-1997) and Ahuntsic (1997-2006). She was the first female born in Greece to be elected to the House of Commons. She was Assistant Deputy Speaker and served as the Parliamentary Secretary to a number of Ministers including Justice and Social Development, as well as chairing a number of Committees of the House of Commons.

## **Hon. Andy Mitchell Immediate Past President**

Andy Mitchell was elected as a Liberal MP from 1993 to 2006. He served eight years in the federal cabinet where he held several portfolios including Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Secretary of State for Parks, Secretary of State for Rural Development and Secretary of State for FedNor. Andy was elected President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians from 2014 to 2018.

## **Hon. Julian Fantino Secretary**

Julian's distinguished career in law enforcement and government, as the Toronto, York and London Police Chief and Ontario's Commissioner of Emergency Management culminated in his appointment as the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner. He then was elected to Parliament as the conservative member for Vaughn from 2010 to 2015, becoming Minister of Veterans Affairs, National Defence and International Cooperation.

## **Marcel R. Tremblay Treasurer**

Marcel R. Tremblay graduated, in 1966, from Laval University in Quebec City with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce (B.Sc.C.) and, in 1967, with a Master's degree in Accounting (M.Sc.C.). He went to the University of La Sorbonne in Paris and that of Ljubljana in Yugoslavia. Elected as the Progressive Conservative MP for

Quebec East in 1984 and re-elected in 1988, he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, to the Minister of Finance and to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Canada. Marcel was recently appointed as the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Ivory Coast.

## **Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn**

Jean-Pierre Blackburn, PC was the Progressive Conservative MP for Jonquière-Alma from 1984 to 1993, then from 2006 to 2011. He served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence and later as Minister of Labour and Housing, Minister of National Revenue and Minister of Veterans Affairs. Newly elected to the board of directors of our association, Jean-Pierre Blackburn told us how much he appreciated his meeting with his former colleagues.

"A beautiful moment ..."

## **Hon. Marjory LeBreton**

Senator Marjory LeBreton, who was summoned to the Senate in June 1993, has held many positions in her decades long career in the Conservative Party, including Deputy Chief of Staff to The Prime Minister, Chief Senate Opposition Whip, Chair of the Ontario Conservative Senators Caucus, Cabinet Minister in the Stephen Harper government as Leader of the Government in the Senate (2006-2013) and Minister of State, Seniors (2007-2010). She retired in July 2015.

## **Hon. Don Boudria**

Don was elected as a Liberal MP five





*Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn.*



*Hon. Marjory LeBreton.*



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*Peter Stoffer.*



*Hon. Diane Ablonczy.*



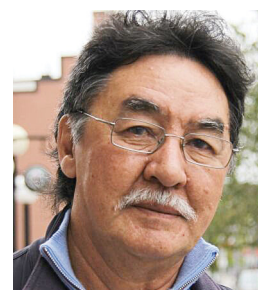
*Merv Tweed.*



*Hon. David W. Price.*



*Brian F. P. Murphy.*



*Peter Ittinuar.*

times from 1984 to 2005. Appointed Chief Government Whip 1995, Minister of International Cooperation 1996, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House 1997, Minister of Public Works and Government Services 2002, Minister of State and Leader of the Government and Chair of the Special committee of Council 2002. Retired in 2006. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2018 by CAFPA and the City of Ottawa named a large city park in his honour in 2019.

#### **Hélène LeBlanc**

Hélène LeBlanc was NDP the Member of Parliament for LaSalle-Émard from 2011 to 2015. She was the official opposition critic for Science and Technology, Industry and of Co-operatives. She was the Vice-Chair of the Industry, Science and Technology Committee and of the Special Committee on Co-operatives. She was elected Chair of the Status of Women Committee in 2014. She is currently partner-manager of Minister's House B&B in Picton, Prince Edward County in Ontario.

#### **Peter Stoffer**

Peter Stoffer was the NDP member for Sackville–Eastern Shore from



*Hon. Kerry-Lynne Findlay.*

1997 to 2015. He was Opposition Critic for Veterans Affairs. "Being a parliamentarian was by far the most enjoyable employment I have had. Working and meeting with some wonderful people was something I wish all Canadians could experience. Now I am blessed to be able to volunteer for a variety of organizations and most importantly to share time with family and friends."

#### **Hon. Diane Ablonczy**

The Honourable Diane Ablonczy was privileged to represent Calgary as the Reform, Conservative Alliance and finally Conservative MP for over two decades. Ms. Ablonczy served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance. She was Minister of State (Small Business and Tour-

ism), Minister of State (Seniors), and Minister of State of Foreign Affairs (Americas and Consular Affairs).

#### **Merv Tweed**

Merv was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in Turtle Mountain in 1995 to 2004. In 2004, he was elected as Conservative MP for Turtle Mountain from 2004 to 2013 for the constituency of Brandon-Souris.

#### **Hon. David W. Price**

David Price was Conservative MP from 1997 to 2000 and as a Liberal MP from 2000 to 2004 for the constituency of Compton–Stanstead. He was parliamentary secretary to the minister of national Defence among other duties.

#### **Brian F.P. Murphy**

Serving as Member of Parliament from 2006 to 2011 for the riding of Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe, Brian was the Atlantic Caucus Chairman, Critic for Democratic Reform and Critic for Justice as well as a member of the Official Languages Committee and the Vice-Chair of the Justice Committee.

#### **Peter Ittinuar**

In 1979, Peter Ittinuar ran in the federal election, winning the seat for



*Hon. Irwin Cotler*



*Hon. Bill Blaikie*

the newly created riding of Nunatsiag as a member of the New Democratic Party (NDP). He was the first Inuk member of Parliament.

**Hon. Kerry-Lynne Findlay**

She represented the electoral district of Delta—Richmond East as a member of the Conservative Party. Kerry-Lynne was appointed and sworn in as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice on June 1, 2011 and as Associate Minister of National Defence on February 22, 2013. She served as the Minister of National Revenue from July 15, 2013 until November 4, 2015.

**Hon. Irwin Cotler**

He was the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal from 1999 to 2015. He served as the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada from 2003 to 2006. Irwin Cotler is the Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, an Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and an international human rights lawyer.

**Hon. Bill Blaikie**  
**Ex-officio Member**

Bill Blaikie was first elected as an NDP member for Elmwood-Transcona in 1979. He retired after nine Parliaments in 2008. From 2009 to 2011 he served in the Manitoba Legislature as Minister of Conservation, and later at the University of Winnipeg as adjunct professor of theology and politics.

**Léo Duguay**  
**Ex-officio Member (See Education Foundation Board Members)**

# CAFP Educational Foundation Board Members



*Ian Waddell*



*Hon. Gerry Weiner*



*Francis LeBlanc*

**Hon. Ian Waddell**  
**President**

Ian Waddell was an NDP MP for Vancouver Kingsway and Port Moody Coquitlam from 1979 to 1993. He was MLA and BC Cabinet Minister from 1996 to 2001. He has published two books: “A Thirst to Die For” and “Take the Torch; a political memoir”.

He is also a film producer, and one of his films, titled “The Drop: Why Young People Don’t Vote”, which went on to win first place in the Beverley Hills Film Festival.

**Hon. Gerry Weiner**  
**Vice President**

A pharmacist educated at McGill University and the Université de Montréal, Weiner became mayor of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec in 1982. He was elected as a Progressive Conservative MP in 1984 for Dollard. He was re-elected as MP for the new riding of Pierrefonds—Dollard in the 1988 election. In 1989, he became Secretary of State for Canada. From 1990 to 1993, he was Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship.

**Francis LeBlanc**  
**Immediate Past President**  
Francis was first elected in 1988 as Member of Parliament for the Nova

Scotia constituency of Cape Breton Highlands-Canso and served as critic for Trade, Atlantic Development and Fisheries in the Official Opposition. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University, an M.A. in Economics from Queen’s University, and has studied economics at the doctoral level at l’Université de Laval. Francis LeBlanc was President of the CAFP Educational Foundation and served on the Board of the Association before becoming Executive Director in May 2016.

**Léo Duguay**  
**Secretary**

A former Conservative Member of Parliament for St. Boniface, Manitoba from 1984 to 1988, Léo served on the House of Commons Standing Committees on: Health & Welfare; Transport; Official Languages; and Employment and Immigration. He also served as Canada’s representative on the Human Rights Committee at the United Nations 40th Assembly. He served as President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians for five years.

**Hon. Marie Charette-Poulin**  
**Treasurer**

Marie-Paule Charette-Poulin was a Liberal senator for Northern Ontario from 1995 to 2015. She was the first





*Léo Duguay.*



*Hon. Marie Charette-Poulin.*



*Corneliu Chisu.*



*Alan Tonks.*



*Hon. David Kilgour.*



*Hon. James Cowan.*



*Russ Hiebert.*



*Joyce Bateman.*



*Malcom Allen.*



*Bonnie Hickey-Ashley.*

Franco-Ontarien Senator. She served as president of the Liberal Party of Canada from 2006 to 2008.

#### **Corneliu Chisu Member at Large**

Corneliu Chisu is a Professional Engineer a retired Major (Engineers) from the Canadian Forces and served as MP for Pickering Scarborough East. Corneliu has been recognized for his efforts and achievements with several awards both for his military service in the Balkans and Afghanistan (Kandahar), community service, and his volunteer work with the Professional Engineers Ontario; receiving the Officer of the Order of Honour, and induction as a Fellow of Engineers Canada.”

#### **Dorothy Dobbie Ex-officio (See previous page)**

#### **Alan Tonks**

Having successfully completed the course offered by the Institute of Corporate Directors, Alan continues to sit on The Learning Enrichment Foundation and The Weston Lions Club. Both organizations, through their fund-raising and volunteerism, support those same local, national and

international needs as the CAFPP and the Educational Foundation of which Alan is also a member.

#### **Hon. David Kilgour**

David Kilgour was the Liberal MP for south-east Edmonton 1979 to 2006 over eight parliaments. He was Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa (1997-2002) and Asia-Pacific (2002-2003). He and David Matas were nominated in 2010 for the Nobel Peace Prize for their book, “Bloody Harvest”, and campaign to end party-state-run organ abuse across China.

#### **Hon. James Cowan**

A Canadian lawyer, Jame Cowan was a Senator from Nova Scotia from 2008 to 2017. He was Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 2008 to 2015 and leader of the Independent Liberal caucus until June 15, 2016. He retired from the Senate on January 22, 2017, having reached the mandatory retirement age for senators.

#### **Russ Hiebert**

Russ served as Conservative MP for South Surrey–White Rock–Cloverdale from 2004 to 2015. He served as Parliamentary Secretary for Defense

and later Intergovernmental Affairs. He is currently an owner/advisor to a variety of private and public companies involved in real estate development, nutraceuticals and environmental solutions.

#### **Joyce Bateman**

Joyce Bateman was Conservative MP for Winnipeg South Centre from 2011 to 2015. Joyce’s Private Members’ Bill on Rail Safety was unanimously approved by the House of Commons and the Senate. She served on the standing committees for Finance and Public Accounts. She currently serves on the Public Sector Accounting Board for CPA Canada.

#### **Malcom Allen**

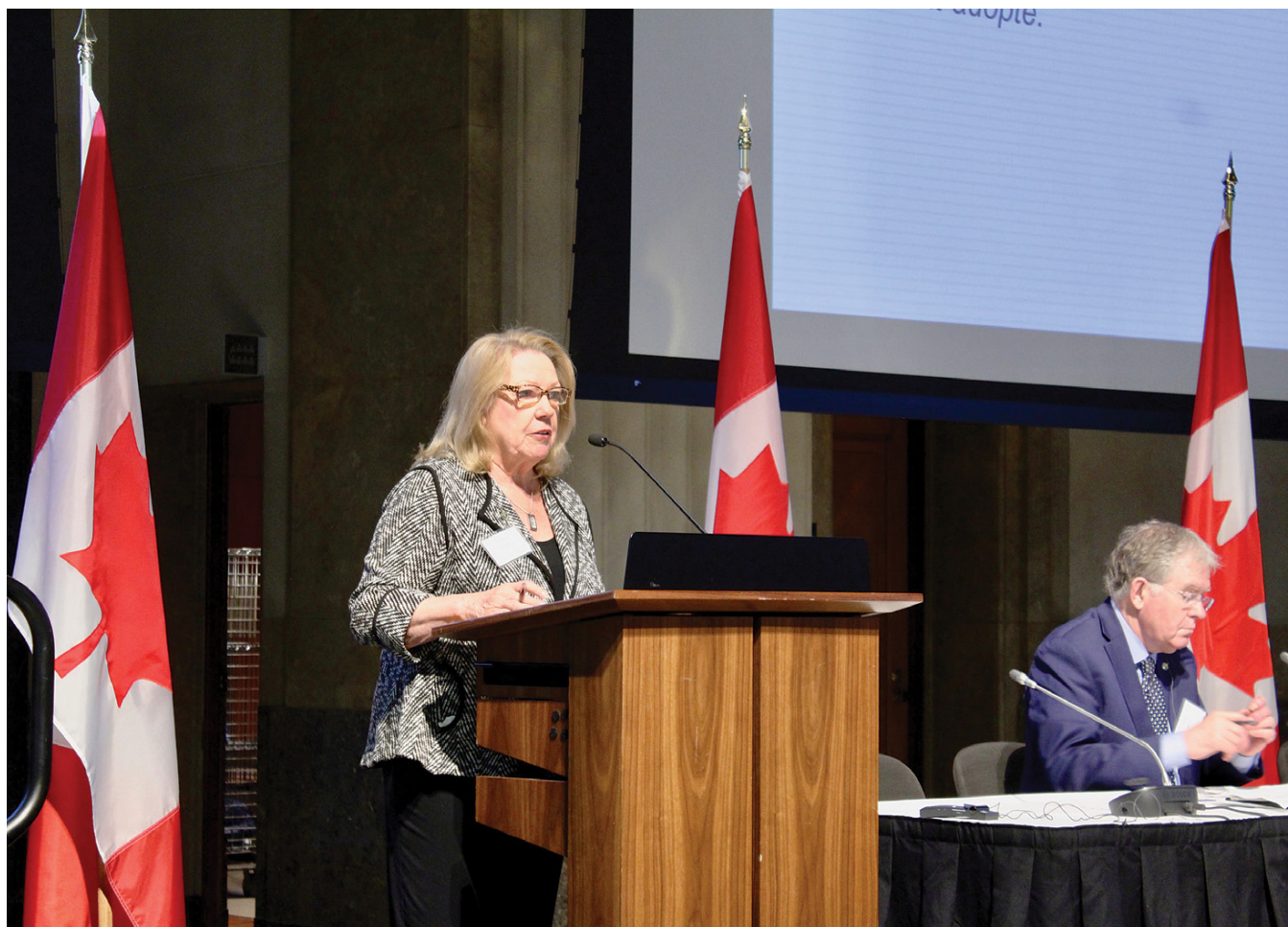
Malcom Allen represented the riding of Welland as an MP New Democratic Party. He served as Critic for Agriculture and Agri-Food in the Shadow Cabinet of the Official Opposition.

#### **Bonnie Hickey-Ashley**

Bonnie Hickey-Ashley was the Liberal MP for St. Johns East from 1993 to 1997. Parliamentary Service included serving on the Standing Committee on Health.

# 2019 Annual General Meeting

Story by Ellie Sabourin, photos by Christian Diotte



*CAFP President Dorothy Dobbie addresses the AGM.*

The Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians Annual General Meeting was held on Monday June 3, in Ottawa. President Dorothy Dobbie opened the meeting by calling 2018 “a year of change.”

A big warm thank you was extended to Executive Director Francis LeBlanc who announced his retirement. He was met with an immediate standing ovation from all the members in the room. Over the past year, Francis has worked hard for the association, notably for securing the new travel insurance.

Another change announced was our new working relationship with The Hill Times. We will be sharing writers, story ideas, and our members will receive a discounted subscription to

the publication.

In terms of fundraising and thanks to the efforts of Léo Duguay, the Lifetime Achievement Award dinner recognizing former Quebec premier and former member of parliament, Jean Charest, raised \$250,000 this year. We have also just introduced The Nation Builder Award to honour former Prime Ministers, which will also help fundraising efforts.

This year’s study tour to Malta was a grand success, and next year we propose Vietnam.

Another date to mark on your calendars is September 8-10 for the Regional Meeting which will be held in Saint Johns, NL. The theme will be around Newfoundland and Labrador’s 70th anniversary in Canada. It will also be

a tremendous opportunity for some travel in the East Coast.

Special guests Teresa Riera Madurell, representing the European Parliament Former Members Association, stressed the strong relations between Canada and the European association. “I can tell you that after my trip here, I have many new friends in Canada.”

Similar sentiments were shared by former congressman Cliff Stearns, from the United States Former Members of Congress Association. “In the long term, the US and Canada will always be very close,” he said.

David Warner from the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians spoke about the association’s new educational programs which will be modelled after the Canadian Association





*Past-President Léo Duguay.*



*The Hon. Nicole Eyton, Senator.*



*Guest Speaker Laura Rance.*



*The audience was interested to hear about agricultural realities.*



*Past Executive Director Francis LeBlanc is thanked for his service.*



*Guest speaker Laura Rance shared some surprising statistics.*



of Former Parliamentarian's successful initiatives.

After the official agenda was closed, members broke off into smaller groups for a productive Think Tank Session, which addressed some of the concerns on the association's mind.

Some concerns addressed and insights provided from the Think Tank Session were as follows:

How do we support new retirees? Ideas floated about new pension

packages, better communication, and even a potential name change for the association - as Parliamentarians should not be known as "formers," but perhaps "alumni."

How do we grow the association membership? Members identified a need for more informal local meetings, more involvement from former party leaders, and recruitment of more recent former parliamentarians.

How can we stabilize our financial situation? Suggestions included

organizing smaller events across Canada, as opposed to one larger fundraising event. As well as seeking donations from larger companies.

How can we safeguard and promote democracy at home and abroad? A key suggestion was that we need to continue to help educate youth. They need to know what's going on, a high school structured package was suggested. Moreover, scheduling meetings with current Senators and MPs when they are in town.



# Tour of the interim House of Commons





# Understanding Canada's food policy with Glacier Farm Media's Laura Rance

By Wade Morris



*Laura Rance (above) recently addressed the 2019 AGM of the CAFP to discuss "Agriculture and Trade in the New World (Dis-)order".*

The Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians was fortunate to have Laura Rance as a guest speaker at the annual general meeting. Rance gave a keynote speech titled "Agriculture and Trade in the New World (Dis-)order", addressing issues faced in agricultural communities in Canada. Rance is the editorial director of Glacier Farm Media, and she regularly writes columns about agricultural issues for the Winnipeg Free Press – her keynote speech laid the groundwork for some of the columns she has published this summer. Rance is a long-time journalist who picked up agriculture as a beat after she noticed that many issues facing farmers would often go unreported.

Much of Rance's recent writing has referenced an important document to the agricultural community: The Food Policy for Canada. The federal government unveiled the policy in June 2019. Not to be confused with Canada's Food Guide, which provides nutritional recommendations to consumers, the Food Policy for Canada is a massive multi-year project aimed at improving several components of Canada's production, consumption and distribution of food. The government has allocated \$134.4 million to the policy, which will be dis-

tributed among the following projects: the Local Food Infrastructure Fund, the Northern Isolated Community Initiatives Fund, the Buy Canadian Promotion Campaign, reducing food waste, and tackling food fraud.

Though the United States and the United Kingdom have both had similar policies for years, Canada is only now getting one. Rance explains that the European Union's agriculture policy grew out of problems they faced during World War II.

"The purpose of that policy was to make sure they would never be faced with food shortages again," Rance explains. "In Canada, our policies have always focused on supporting the needs of an export-driven agricultural economy."

Though Canada is notably an exporter, the country has problems relating to food within our borders: poor access to food in the North, a shortage of farmers and an abundance of food waste. The new policy aims at helping all parts of the food system run smoothly.

"It's an extraordinarily complicated task," says Rance. "This is the first time they've tried to put all the pieces together. I think that's an important first step."

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture quickly indicated their support for the policy. Rance explains that the policy gives farmers a chance to be heard.

"The number of active farmers in Canada has declined," she says. "Their voice and their sense of influence has been diminished as well and they have felt that as Canada has become a largely urban society, they are not well understood. They see this as an opportunity to increase the dialogue with non-farming Canadians and come up with a solution that meets everyone's needs."

The effects of the policy likely won't emerge immediately. But if the project's ambitions are realized, Canadians on all sides of the food system will be able to grow, buy and eat food more easily. At the very least, the project will encourage discussion.

"The biggest impact this new strategy will have is the fact that they're setting up a food policy council that will include all the voices interested in agriculture and will have them regularly discuss current issues and long-term strategies," Rance explains. "I think they've included a much wider, more diverse group of stakeholders in the discussion."



# Annual Memorial Service

Honouring 28 Canadians who contributed to making Canada a better place

Story by Ellie Sabourin, photos by Bernard Thibodeau

**I**t was a grey, mournful morning in Ottawa as the Peace Tower flag flew at half-mast while former parliamentarians accompanied by their families and loved ones came together to honour the 28 Former Parliamentarians who passed away this past year.

Former parliamentarians are more than just a community, they are a family. They are closely bonded by their shared experience of working in parliament. As remarked by Speaker, Geoff Regan, “Parliamentarians are a community. I’d even call them a family. In times of joy or sorrow, we come together as one. And those we have lost are still part of that family.”

For many years, a tradition of Parliament has been to publicly acknowledge the death of a former parliamentarian with a few words from all parties. In order to make recognition more appropriate and solemn, in 2000, the party house leaders invited the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians to organize a memorial service to recognize all parliamentarians who have died in the period since April 30 of the previous year.

The 2019 Memorial Service took place on Monday, June 3, in the new Senate chamber.

The ceremony was opened with a traditional southern Indigenous honour song. Michael Wade said that he chose two songs for the occasion. “In my culture, we always acknowledge life along with death,” he said. “Even though many have passed, there are still many of you here. So I will also sing a secondary victory song to honour you.”

Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians president, Dorothy Dobbie, assisted by Hélène LeBlanc read the names of the 28 former Parliamentarians who passed this year. The reading highlighted the more personal side of these late Canadians. They remembered their notable



*The Hon. Geoff Regan and The Hon. Senator Patricia Bovey.*

smile, their sense of humour, their love of books and orchids, their passions for photography.

Throughout the service, the Ottawa Children’s Choir sang songs such as We Rise Again, Chanter, and the Royal Anthem. Their songs brought tears to several eyes in the Senate chamber.

“Reading the twenty-eight names reminds us all of the fragility of life,” said the Senator Pat Bovey,

acting on behalf of the Speaker of the Senate. “As someone who participated as family a few years ago, I remember how it affected me then, how it benefits all of us to remember and give thanks to each one of these parliamentarians who have served from coast to coast to coast.”

Each of the late Parliamentarians has left a lasting legacy. Our parliament and country is better because of them.





*Hon. Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons.*



*Hélène LeBlanc and Dorothy Dobbie.*



*Jean-Manuel de Bané, son of Hon. Pierre de Bané.*



*Hon. Senator Patricia Bovey.*



*Anne Simpson, granddaughter of Hon. Peter Adams.*



*The Ottawa Children's Choir.*

**Those who were honoured during this service were:**

Hon. Peter Adams  
Roy Bailey  
Eugène Bellemare  
Hon. Eric Berntson  
Garnet Bloomfield  
Hon. Erminie Cohen  
Hon. Pierre De Bané  
Paul Dewar

Clifford Downey  
Hon. Jean Eudes Dubé  
Hon. Trevor Eyton  
Melbourne Gass  
Hon. Alastair Gillespie  
Pierre Jacob  
George Alexander Jupp  
Hon. Wilbert Keon  
Hon. Donald S. Macdonald  
Paul-André Massé

Frank Maine  
Robert Pennock  
Robert H. Porter  
Hugh Poulin  
Marcel-Claude Roy  
Thomas Suluk  
Jacques Tétreault  
Myron Thompson  
Hon. Michael Wilson  
Hon. William Winegard



# Marlene Catterall: A deserving and dedicated Parliamentarian

Story by Wade Morris, photos by Christian Diotte



*Marlene Catterall with Dorothy Dobbie.*

An eventful Annual General Meeting closed on June 3 with the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award. This year's recipient was Marlene Catterall, who is known for her long and impactful presence in Parliament. Catterall was presented the award by Dorothy Dobbie.

Following her acceptance of the award, Catterall spoke about her career achievements at Sir. John A. MacDonald building to a crowd of CAFP members and other attendees.

"It's a credit to the association that no matter what party we come from, we've been able to come together to work towards a better democracy, at

home and abroad," she said of her time in Parliament.

There is no single defining moment or role in Catterall's career – since the 1970s, she has contributed to Canada's political system from many angles. She worked as an alderman for the Britannia Ward on Ottawa's City Council between 1976 and 1985. She also ran for mayor in Ottawa's 1985 municipal election, earning 35,000 votes and placing runner-up to Riverside Ward alderman, Jim Durrell. The loss would hardly damper Catterall's political career, and she would go on to have many victories in future elections. In 1988, she was elected MP for Ottawa West-Nepean riding (called Ottawa West at

the time), and was re-elected four more times until her retirement in 2006.

As she accepted the award, she cited her father as an inspiration. He was an immigrant without much money who would go on to join the RCMP.

Catterall was a Liberal party member, but found harmony across party lines: "Every party moved the government forward to the amazing country we live in today," she said as she accepted the award.

During her lengthy time as a Member of Parliament, Catterall had many roles. She served as the chair of a handful of committees, including the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. In 2001, she became the Chief Gov-





*Marlene Catterall.*



*Marlene Catterall and Bruce Stanton, MP, Deputy Speaker.*



*Dorothy Dobbie, Marlene Catterall and Hon. Eleni Bakopanos.*



*Hon. Doug Roche with Bruce Stanton.*



*Hon. Gerry Weiner with Hon. Sheila Copps.*



*Marlene Catterall with Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn.*

ernment Whip – notably, she was the first woman to hold this position in the House of Commons. This milestone has earned Catterall respect as someone who has marked the increasing ability for women to be respected in political spaces.

“The one place a week where I knew I could say not only what I thought but what I felt was at women’s caucus,” she said.

Ultimately, Catterall looks back on her time in Parliament fondly, saying that her “most important time” was spent in the constituency office on Friday afternoons. “Helping people kept me grounded,” she said. Among things she most appreciated, were the ability to learn about Canada, travel, and have an influence on change.

Though her political career ended many years ago, Catterall’s impact is

not forgotten. In 2018, Ottawa councillor Mark Taylor moved a motion to name a park in the Michele Heights neighbourhood after Catterall. The motion cited Catterall’s “ongoing efforts to support the Michele Heights and wider community today in engaging in civic participation, growing the representation of women in community leadership and strengthening community bonds.”



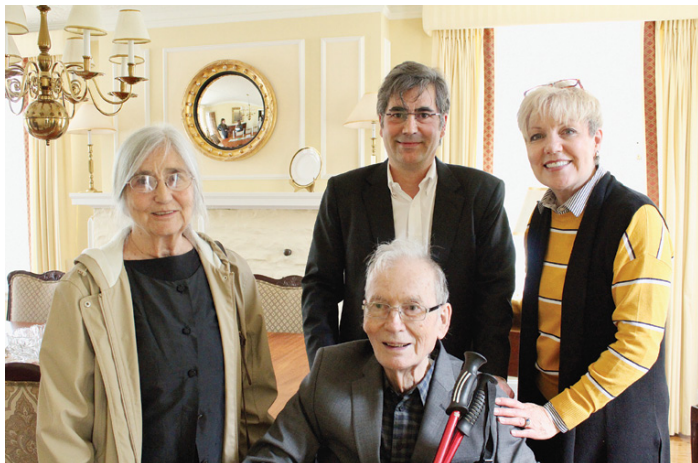
# Afternoon at Kingsmere

Affectionately known as “The Farm”, the official residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons is a journey into history. Maintained by the National Capital Commission, Kingsmere is seldom occupied on an ongoing basis, these past few years, although speakers will often retire there for a few days of recreation away from the hectic life on the Hill.

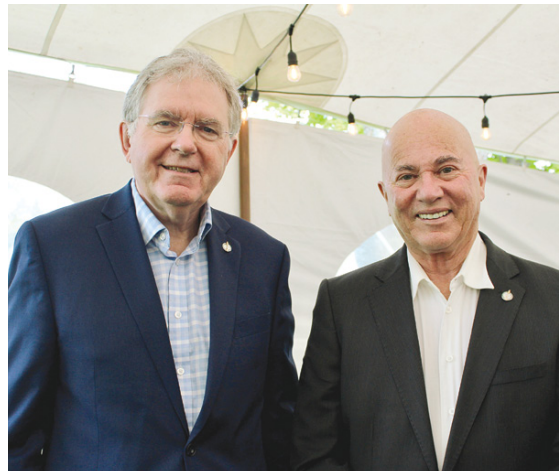
The members of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians were delighted to spend an af-

ternoon under a big tent already set up for a parliamentary reception later. It was a real treat as many of the members had never been there. They were given tours of the house by our generous patron, Speaker Geoff Regan and his wife, Kelly.

Kingsmere was built in 1850 by an early settler, Henry Fleury, in 1850 and purchased by William Lyon Mackenzie King in 1927. He left the house and the grounds to the people of Canada when he died. It became the Speaker's residence in 1955.



*Monique Watson, Mark Watson, Ian Watson and Kathy Hays.*



*Jack Harris and Claude Bachand.*





*Patricia Warner, Teresa Riera Madurell, Laura Rance and David Warner.*



*Brenda Morrissey, Keith Penner and Hélène LeBlanc.*



*Hon. Julian Fantino, Ian Waddell, Dorothy Dobbie, Darryl Grey, Marlene Catterall, Ron Catterall and Geoff Scott.*



*Corneliu Chisu, Hon. Steven Fletcher and Hon. Consiglio Di Nino.*



*Hon. Anne Cools and Hon. Daniel Hays.*





*Hon. Raymond Setlakwe.*



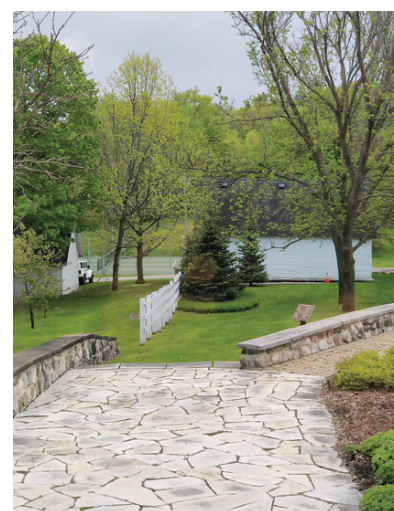
*Hon. John McDermid.*



*Hon John McDermid, Ron Catterall and Marlene Catterall.*



*Geoff Scott.*



*Hon. Julian Fantino and Ian Waddell.*



*Teresa Riera Madurell, Secretary of the European Parliament Former Members Association.*



*Hon. Anne Cools.*





*The reception tent was set up on the sprawling grounds of The Farm. This rural property consists of a renovated farmhouse and five outbuildings, surrounded by 1.74 hectares (4 acres) of fields and forests.*



*Anthony Merchant, Hon. Pana Merchant, Mary Ann Boudria, Doug Rowland, Hon. Don Boudria.*



*Hon. Bill Blaikie and Darryl Gray.*

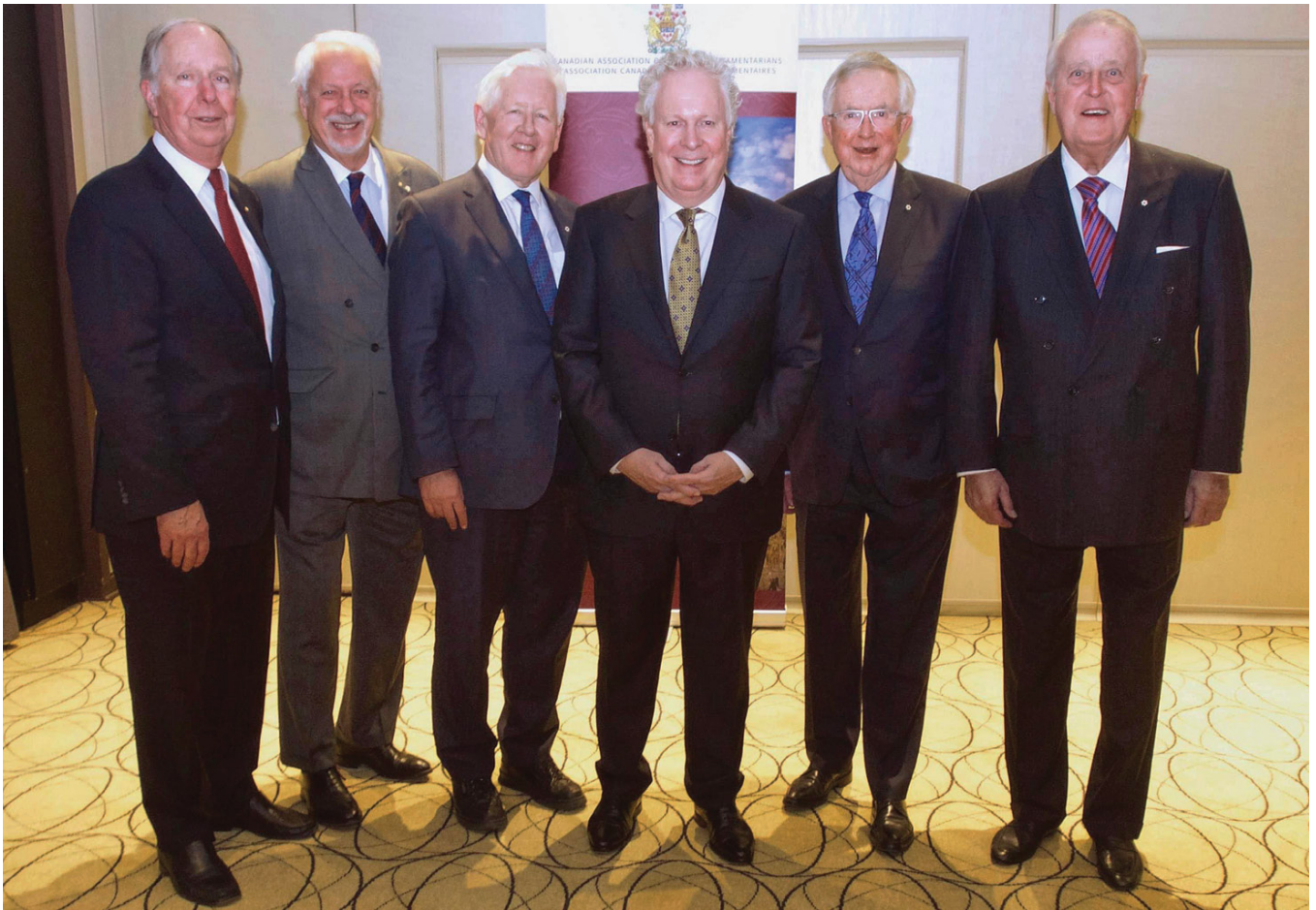


*Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Hon. Kelly Regan and Elizabeth Wilfert.*



# Dinner with Jean Charest

By Dorothy Dobbie



*History was made when this six posed for a photograph. Left to right: former premier Pierre Marc Johnson, former premier, Daniel Johnson Jr., former premier, Bob Rae, former premier Jean Charest, former prime minister Joe Clark and former prime minister, Brian Mulroney.*

**T**he Lifetime Achievement Award this year went to the Honourable Jean Charest at a packed house in Montreal. It was a glittering affair where Liberals and Tories came together in support of the man who had served both parties so well at both federal and provincial levels.

The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark and the Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney were there in person while the Rt. Hon. Jean Chr tien sent a video message of support. Former Quebec premiers Daniel Johnson, Jr. and Pierre Marc Johnson were also in attendance along with previous Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, former Ontario Premier Bob Rae. All came to pay respect to a man who has given his life to Canada and Quebec. As his former 1997 election campaign manager, Jodi White said, "Like Bob

Stanfield, Jean Charest was the best prime minister Canada never had." But perhaps the best tribute came from former Prime Minister Jean Chr tien when he remarked with his usual wry humour in his video tribute, "Jean was very good in opposition – too good for my liking . . ."

Jean was elected to Parliament at the tender age of 26 in 1984 and soon became the minister of State for Youth. Ten years later, he followed Kim Campbell as the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada after surviving the largest rejection of a government party ever. In the 1993 election, the PC Party won just two seats, that of Jean Charest and neophyte Elsie Wayne.

Jean led the party for the next five years, electing 20 MPs in 1997, as he

struggled to revive the Progressive Conservative party against the incursion of the Reform Party. In 1998, he succumbed to public pressure to leave his post and take on the leadership of the Quebec provincial Liberals. Five years later, he took office as premier of the province and served in this capacity until 2012, winning three consecutive elections.

This dry and abridged recitation of the facts does not reflect the man, his humour, his heart and his ability to connect with Canadians on every level. Jean Charest's commitment to national unity, his steadfast love for his home province and his support for the environment were all hallmarks of his leadership. He was also the very first leader to appoint a gender equal cabinet of fifty percent men and fifty per





*"Don't speak too long," former prime minister Brian Mulroney advised him. Jean regaled the audience in French and English for an hour. Nobody was bored.*



*CAFP president Dorothy Dobbie with vice president Hon. Eleni Bakopanos, who helped Léo organize the event.*



*The Queen Elizabeth ballroom in Montreal presented a glittering venue.*



*Getting ready for the audio/visual part of the evening.*

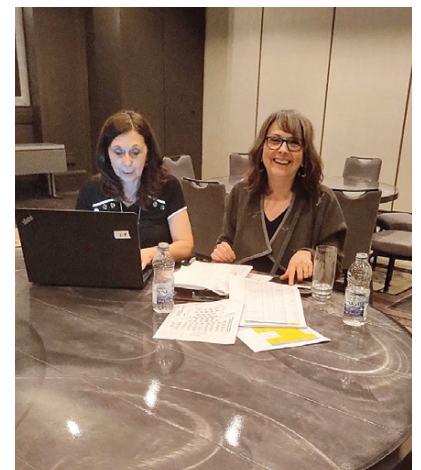
cent women. However, it is probably the many small but caring things he made happen that will be remembered best by those who came into contact with him.

Through it all, his wife Michèle has stood by his side. They met as teenagers – she 16, he 15, and Michèle decided that Jean was the One. They married in 1980 after a work and study separation proved too much. He proposed to her by phone. Together they raised three children through the ups and downs of their political lives (politics was like a family business, states *The Montrealer* in a story written in 2016).



*Past president Léo Duguay did a masterful job of organizing the dinner.*

Since leaving office, Jean is now a partner in the law firm of McCarthy Tétrault. He provides strategic advice to clients all over the world.



*Susan Simms and Céline Brazeau Fraser worked many hours on the seating arrangements and other details.*





Dorothy Dobbie.

# The obligation to provide governance to administrators

Don't abrogate your responsibility to your staff.

By Dorothy Dobbie

There has always been and probably always will be a certain amount of tension between those elected and their administrators. This is true whether we are talking about a not-for-profit board or a government.

It is understandable. Those elected look to their administrators for support and expertise. They must do. The elected people do not have the time to delve into every corner of every issue that arises and, in government, this can cover a very wide swathe. Therefore, they need trusted people on their team to do the background work, to provide objective advice and sometimes to even create vision, although this is precarious terrain.

Often in the doing, however, the administrators begin to see themselves as the leaders. They sometimes develop a sense of contempt for their bosses who may be very good at relating to people, generally having what we call a high "EQ" or emotional quotient that leaves them little time to do complex mental gymnastics. It doesn't mean they are not very capable or "smart". It does mean that they are more than willing to leave much of the book learning to others. Often, however, those very same EQers have excellent judgement in politics. Given the right information by truly disinterested and objective advisers, they can be very successful leaders.

Where this breaks down is when neither the elected nor the adviser has the ability to manage complex issues. It may be that the leader is fuelled by emotional considerations, in which case, it can only be hoped that his or her chief advisers will be coldly rational. What often happens, though, is that the elected one chooses someone they feel at home with – someone just like themselves.

The other place this breaks down is when the elected one is served by a strong and willful administrator who

has no respect for the boss, but is happy to play toady when necessary in order to garner power to self. This is the person who brings only one option for consideration to the boss because they have already made the decision for them. This is the person who sets up guard rails all around the leader so that no one but he (or she) has access that can influence decisions. They often speak in the name of the boss, handing out decisions and favours like candy, when the boss has no idea that a request was even made.

This is dangerous stuff that happens much more frequently than we would like to imagine. Given a few years of weak leadership, it can do serious damage to a democratic system. I have seen many instances of destruction where the administration overrode the wisdom of the elected. This can happen in the simple governance of a non-profit organization up through municipal, civic, provincial and national systems.

The administrator(s) begins to feel in charge. They write the agenda, guide the ship and eventually carefully weed out the stronger volunteers or elected people, in favour of the weak and those who can be manipulated. Many of these administrators are strong and capable, but there is one big missing ingredient. When in power, they answer to nobody. Those who are elected or who serve as volunteers have an objective or altruistic reason for being there; they may be passionately committed to the cause or in the case of government, have been elected and are answerable through their actions and their need to be re-elected. They have been given a mandate which can be withdrawn by the electors.

While this is also true of the administrator, the withdrawal of the mandate usually comes from his elected person. The wily administrator does his best to keep the boss happy, if ill-informed. This imperative adds a bit

of a balance, although it sometimes gets in the way of making good things happen.

When it comes to the civil service, the manipulative behaviour is often isolated to a department and so is even harder to weed out. If a weak minister is appointed, everyone appears to be happy and it is business as usual – no boat rocking, nothing extraordinary (or at all) happens. It is when a strong minister is appointed that the winds begin to blow and stormy weather appears on the horizon.

The first line of defence by the administrator may be to discredit the minister in the eyes of the leader or, if that doesn't work, in the eyes of the public – hence "leaks" to the media.

This is not to undermine the work of our many fine and disinterested civil servants, executive directors, city managers or others. It is simply to say that there are narcissists in the population and, as elected members, one of your jobs is to be aware and stay in charge. Former members will know what I mean. If you are a new MP, then here is a simple bit of advice:

1. Insist that you see or are briefed on every message that comes to your office and decide for yourself whether or not to answer it personally. You are the person with the judgement.

2. Always ask for more than one opinion backed up by the reasoning that went into the proposals.

3. Get more than one opinion. Make your own decisions based on as much information as you can gather.

4. Always ask questions, questions, questions. Don't accept half answers or repetitions of statements that have already been put before you.

5. Don't take it for granted that anyone, including the media, is telling the whole truth. Get your information and be true to yourself.

That is what you were elected to do.

Dorothy Dobbie was the Progressive Conservative MP for Winnipeg South, 1988-1993.



# A leader is supposed to carry people...

The Hon. Anne Cools

By Wade Morris

After 34 years in the Senate, Anne Cools finally retired. She was a tireless champion for family matters and she also fought for fairness for fathers. As an historian, she supports a partisan senate as the “government in waiting”.

Anne Cools wastes no time thinking about what she would have done if she never became a Senator. Instead, the 75-year-old prefers to focus on reality. That reality is quite impressive, considering her monumental, unique career.

Born in Barbados, Anne eventually moved to Canada and worked her way into the political sphere. She was appointed to the Senate in 1984, and would go on to have one of the longest careers as a Senator in Canada, with nearly 35 years under her belt. She eventually retired in 2018, as Senators must do when they turn 75. Among other accolades, in 2004 CBC named her one of the 100 greatest Canadians of all time, and she is lauded by many as the first black female Senator in Canada. Even in her retirement, she is still receiving recognition: in June, she received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies at York University, being made a Fellow as well.

Anne grew up with a family of active politicians, including an uncle who, as a cabinet minister, worked on lowering infant mortality rates in Barbados. At an early age, Anne did not know she would grow up to work in politics, but she recognized the importance of helping others. She recalls a story in which her mother asked her to give her chocolates to others who had never tasted them before.

“I never thought, ‘Why should I?’” Anne explains. “I had a duty to make these people’s lives better.”

This trait followed her to Canada. Before her career in the Senate began,



*Anne Cools, the “Dean of the Senate”, retired last summer.*

Anne was known as a front-runner on fighting against domestic abuse. She kept regular appearances on television programs to discuss the issue, and opened women’s shelters under the name Women in Transition.

Anne caught the attention of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who recommended her appointment to the Senate. Anne’s rise to Senator happened quickly, she recalls.

“It was a Friday. I was having lunch with a friend who told me that Trudeau had been raising my name regularly in Cabinet,” she says. “There was a meeting of Liberals at Harbour Front. I was told I should speak to the senior minister for the region.”

After that, she got in contact with Trudeau. She was sworn in the following Monday.

Over the next three-and-a-half decades, Anne was a notable participant in Canadian legislature. Notably, she worked on a bill to ensure fairness towards fathers regarding child support payments. Anne says she appreciates Parliament for its function to move Canada forward by collaboration, and she has “great respect” for many who she worked alongside.

“I served with the greatest senators there ever were,” she says. “I got to respect them and cheer them on.” She speaks fondly of Allan MacEachen, who, among other roles, was Deputy Prime Minister in Pierre Trudeau’s cabinet.

“He was a brilliant leader,” she says. “I supported him with great zeal because he was so skilled. He worked on difficult bills with cutting-edge issues.”

An avid reader, Anne has a long-time interest in exploring Canadian history. She explains that history demonstrates how people improved their circumstances, and we can rely on its lessons to improve our own circumstances. John A. MacDonald and John Graves Simcoe are cited by Anne, as figures who demonstrated the leadership needed for a successful senate.

“(History) is something I love so much,” she explains. “When you read this, you see leadership, not ego. A leader is supposed to carry people because it’s in the human makeup to be fearful and cautious. It’s very easy to break after one disagreement. You need people with strong determination to keep moving.”



# Staying in touch

By Wade Morris

Former members keep on serving, once they leave office.

## Darryl Gray

Darryl Gray served two terms as a Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for the Bonaventure–Îles-de-la-Madeleine riding in Quebec, before being defeated in 1993. After that, he became heavily involved in election monitoring overseas in coordination with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Darryl's job was to, without bias, ensure that the democratic vote was being held with fairness to all candidates, and without errors. He recommends this work to other exiting parliamentarians: "Once we are out of office, if we truly believe in democracy, the partisanship should be left outside," he says. "We can go and help other people to make sure the [election] process is legal and accurate."

Darryl has participated in election monitoring in Kazakhstan, Georgia, Jordan, and Palestine, and has returned to Ukraine several times.

"I'm very attached to the Ukrainian people because they are a part of our Western background," he says. "I say that as a compliment, because they're very friendly. The unfortunate thing I've noticed from being there is that young people would prefer to come to the Western world rather than be involved in the struggle for their own democracy. In order to rebuild a strong country like Ukraine, they need young people."

Darryl now resides on the Gaspé Peninsula in southeastern Quebec, located between the St. Lawrence River and New Brunswick. "I've travelled all over the world, but this is the nicest spot on the planet," he explains. "The scenery is beautiful, we have small mountains and the best salmon rivers in the world. It's paradise."

There, he operates a 25-acre campground, rents cottages, specializes in seasonal trailers, and gives overnight tours. Darryl calls woodworking a hobby, sharing a portable sawmill



*Darryl Gray.*

with his neighbor. He makes furniture as well, though "these things have a lot of flaws," he jokes. "I am a flawed artist."

## Hon. Arthur "Art" Eggleton

When he reached the mandatory retirement age in 2018, Ontario Liberal Senator Arthur "Art" Eggleton felt that "retirement" did not adequately describe his exit from senate. Instead, he called it a "graduation."

Art remains busy, which should be no surprise considering his career. Before becoming a Senator, he was an MP for the York Centre riding between 1993 and 2004. Prior to that, he was Toronto's mayor from 1980 to 1991. He was also involved with many federal government projects and held interest in a number of social issues while on the Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

Even after "graduating" from the Senate, Art keeps an interest in those social issues, which include poverty, homelessness, health care, forced adoption and basic income.

"When you become involved in com-



*Hon. Arthur Eggleton.*

mittee work, you can choose the things you care about," he says, "and I chose those issues."

Art – who held chair and deputy chair positions on the committee – talks about these issues at committee meetings.

He's also contributed to a book about basic income. The book, called *The Poverty, Inequality and Job Challenge: The Case for Basic Income in Canada*, began as a research project from the Senate, and included work completed while on the committee. The book is a collaboration between Art and four professors, who Art says are "quite knowledgeable about the subjects they wrote about." Art wrote the book's preface and conclusion, the latter in which he explains the benefits of basic income, describes how it would work, and addresses potential questions and concerns.

Art also sits as the Interim Chair of the Canadian Group of Liberal Internationals. The organization promotes the advancement of liberal democracy and values, and includes past parliamentarians, Art says.

It may seem that Art is too busy to



## The “flawed artist,” the author, the peace and human right activist, and the B&B operator.



*Hon. Consiglio Di Nino.*



*Hélène LeBlanc.*

relax, but retirement has allowed Art to have more time to spend with his wife and the rest of his family. You won't find Art on outdoorsy vacations – “We're not cottage-goers,” he admits, – but he enjoys the balance of work and relaxation that he's found.

The Poverty, Inequality and Job Challenge is free to download as an e-book on Art's website, [senatorarteggleton.ca](http://senatorarteggleton.ca).

### **Hon. Consiglio Di Nino**

The Honourable Consiglio Di Nino has kept busy since his retirement in 2012. The Italian-born Conservative had worked as a Senator for Ontario for nearly 22 years before retiring. In the Senate, Con dedicated his efforts to global human rights issues in places like Tibet and Hong Kong. His desire to help others has not disappeared since retiring; he involved himself in fundraising for the development of two mobile health units after Italy was hit with a pair of destructive earthquakes. Con's major passion project has actually been in the works since 2004. Con created “Peace Through Valour”, an initiative

aimed at commemorating the 93,000 Canadian soldiers that fought in Italy in the second World War. That group of soldiers suffered many casualties, of which 6,000 never came home.

“Few things have impacted me in that matter,” Con said. To commemorate these soldiers, the initiative (or committee members) worked at creating a book titled *Peace Through Valour: Canadians in the World War II Italian Campaign*. The book, authored by Virginia Williams Ariemma, features stories, photographs, and excerpts from notes taken during the war.

Additionally, Con spearheaded a campaign to raise funds for a monument dedicated to these soldiers. The campaign, helped by the City of Toronto, led to the development of a sculpture in Nathan Phillips Square. Sculptor Ken Lum built a 49-square-foot model town, given the appearance of a landscape destroyed by war. The monument was unveiled in 2016.

Con notes that the project wouldn't be possible without its benefactors, who contributed heavy financial donations to the project. A full list of benefactors,

called “heroes” by Consiglio, is available in the book.

The veterans honoured through this project meet regularly – they first held a dinner in 2013, and followed with an event honouring an instance in which a young boy was saved by a soldier. Though many have passed away over the years, they still make efforts to meet – six of them met this past summer, says Con.

### **Hélène LeBlanc**

After Former Member of Parliament Hélène LeBlanc lost re-election for the Quebec riding of La Salle-Emard in 2015, she found herself missing the community involvement her job afforded her. The NDP member had kept busy while in office, having spent a year as Shadow Minister for Industry, and two years as a Chair on the Standing Committee on Status of Women.

Luckily, Hélène has found a new community to brighten: Prince Edward County in Picton, ON.

With a partner, she opened a bed and breakfast called Minister's House in 2018. The house had been owned by the Pentecostal Church, and gives the impression of staying in a Heritage home. It features three gorgeous rooms: the ‘Trillium Room’, the ‘Fleur de Lys Room’, and the ‘Acadie Room’.

Hélène calls herself “very lucky” for the experiences she's had in Picton. “I was in politics because I love meeting people,” she says. Operating the bed and breakfast gives her that joy, as well as the ability to apply her creativity. Minister's House is 20 minutes from Sandbanks, a popular summer vacation site with a camping ground and beaches.

Aside from that, Hélène has many ways to stay busy. She quickly joined the Prince Edward County's Chamber of Commerce. She also volunteers at a local library, running hour-long sessions for attendants to practice speaking French. Additionally, she leads visitors on historic walking tours in Picton.

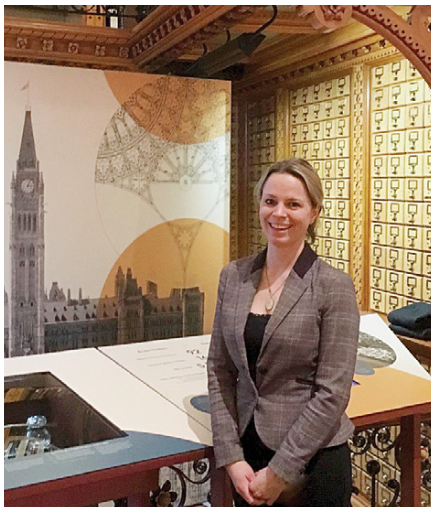


# Staying in touch: Beyond the Hill Interns

By Ellie Sabourin



*Amélie L. Dugas.*



*Jenny Ford.*



*Harrison Lowman.*

**B**eyond the Hill magazine is produced by the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians with the help of several student interns. Interns are given the chance to pitch stories, attend events on the Hill, interview prestigious Canadians, and work on all aspects of the editorial.

Over the years, interns have gone on to do many amazing things. They are workers on the Hill, reporters on TV and for newspapers, communications professionals, and more.

For a fun new twist on our regular Where Are They Now feature, we caught up with some of our past interns to see where their hard work and dedication has taken them.

**Amélie L. Dugas**  
**Executive Assistant to Senator**  
**René Cormier**

“Ten years ago, as I was finishing my journalism studies and my year as a senior writing intern for the magazine, I had no doubt that my professional career would continue on the Hill.

While journalism jobs were scarce, I was recruited as a legislative / research assistant on the team of the Honour-

able Frank W. Mahovlich. During those years, I witnessed, among other things, countless hours of exchanges and negotiations in the House, in committees and during diplomatic missions. I was impressed by the commitment of Senators and their dedication to the well-being of their community and the country.

These years of exploration allowed me to discern my ambitions and motivations. Thus, with the retirement of Senator Mahovlich, I chose to realign my professional aspirations to work for the durability and development of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs) by lending a hand to the Francophonie Assembly of Ontario and the Federation of Francophone and Acadian Communities of Canada. I gained knowledge of the issues and the reality on the ground in all provinces and territories, the strength of networks and the determination of organizations and committed individuals.

In 2016, my community involvement pushed me to take the leap to the Hill again as Executive Assistant for the Honourable René Cormier, a passionate Senator who is very active

in official languages issues.

I can say that Beyond the Hill was the instigator that allowed me to lift the veil on the Canadian political scene and sparked my interest in the legislative role of our political institutions, essential institutions for shaping our society, and our identity.”

**Jenny Ford**  
**Sr. Officer, Virtual Experience,**  
**Library of Parliament**

My time at Beyond the Hill magazine has come full circle! I interned at the CAFP from 2009-2010, where I had the opportunity to interview many inspiring former Senators and Members of Parliament, and even travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Annual Regional Meeting. It gave me a deeper appreciation for the work of Parliament and the work of parliamentarians.

Although I graduated with my Bachelor's of Journalism in 2012, I soon realized my true career passion lay elsewhere. After living in France for a year, I returned to Canada to pursue a career in museums and cultural heritage. I worked for Parks Canada managing two historic sites and interned



on the Royal Ontario Museum's exhibition team. In 2016, I received my Master's in Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. That same year, I was offered a job at the Library of Parliament in the education programming department. I've enjoyed working on a great variety of projects including exhibits, education programs and video shoots – each of which has allowed me to combine my love of museums and Parliament.

**Harrison Lowman**  
**Producer at *The Agenda***

I was assistant editor from 2013-2018. I was also an editorial intern from 2012-2013.

I had the wonderful opportunity to interview MPs who sat on the committee that created the design of the Canadian flag in the 1960s. The debate surrounding the flag was incredibly contentious. These parliamentarians sifted through 7,000 flag designs, scribbled on paper, cardboard and cloth. Canadians from all across the country were called on to send in their suggestions. The drawings were then pinned to the committee walls. Those that didn't make the cut were tossed to the floor.

My time at *Beyond the Hill* had a tremendous impact on my career. The people that hired me at TVO told me one of the main reasons they brought me onboard was because of my time with the magazine. *Beyond the Hill* gave me access to some of Canada's most prominent political figures as well as those that toiled outside of the spotlight. It also gave me a better understanding of how the gears of democracy on the Hill turn (albeit slowly).

I'm currently a television producer for TVO's flagship current affairs program *The Agenda* with Steve Paikin. It's my job to pitch interesting ideas affecting the lives of Canadians and develop them into interviews. More recently, I've had the chance to appear on-air.

I generally cover provincial and federal politics and foreign affairs. In the last year, I've looked at everything from negotiations with the Taliban over Afghanistan, to Premier Doug Ford's first year in power.

I am a member of the Queen's Park Press Gallery at the Ontario Legislature. This fall I'll be helping to produce a podcast that will look at the upcoming federal election.

I was the person who wrote "Political Passages" – our obituary section. In doing so, I learned intimate details about the lives of hundreds of former parliamentarians. I often cried while writing it. These people came from a tremendous array of occupations and communities across the country and all had some impact, however small, on the form Canada has taken today. It was fascinating to examine the dif-

ferent driving forces that brought each of them to Parliament Hill.

I was struck by a quote I recently read in a *Maclean's* article, from political advisor Robin Sears, who said while speaking about how we treat former politicians in this country, "I find it so distressing that when we have a former leader pass from the stage we put them on the iceberg and let them float gently out to sea." In my opinion, former parliamentarians remain an untapped wellspring of knowledge that could help guide us through these historically divisive times. CAFPP is helping to tap that wellspring.

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# Congressional District Directors visit Canada

It appears that the Former U.S. Congressmen do commissions for the sitting congress. What services could we supply the House or the Senate that might benefit everyone?

In the last week of July, 2019, a bi-partisan group of eight District Directors for eight sitting U.S. congress men and women visited Canada. The visit was sponsored by the Association of Former Congressmen and was co-ordinated by the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians. District Directors are the important constituency liaison officers for Congress reps, managing local affairs for their representatives. Their tour included Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary.

This study tour focussed on cross border trade, indigenous issues and energy. Their tour was co-ordinated in Ottawa by Francis LeBlanc, Winnipeg by Dorothy Dobbie and in Calgary, our member on the ground was Diane Ablonczy with help from Darryl Gray's daughter, Stacey.

Many thanks to U.S. Sharon West Witiw, Community Outreach Director, Haley LaTourette, Program Officer for the FMC for co-ordinating the delegation..

## Congressional tour representatives

Robert Aery, Office of Hon. Kevin Hern (Republican, Oklahoma), Committee on Small Business, Committee on Natural Resources; Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, Indigenous People of the US Subcommittee.

Susie Byrd, Office of Hon. Veronica Escobar (Democrat, Texas), Armed Services Committee, Judiciary Committee; Immigration and Citizenship Subcommittee; District is on the US-Mexico Border.

Debra Detmers Fansler, Office of Hon. John Shimkus (Republican, Illinois), Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Chris Flores, Office of Hon. Dan Kildee (Democrat, Michigan), Com-



*Francis LeBlanc co-ordinated the group in Ottawa, where they met with all the luminaries in government and the media.*

mittee on Ways & Means; Trade Subcommittee.

Michele Gargiulo, Office of Hon. Steven Palazzo (Republican, Missouri), Appropriations Committee, Commerce Subcommittee.

Jesse Garza, Office of Hon. Sean Duffy (Republican, Wisconsin), Financial Services.

Peter Jenks, Office of Hon. Rob Bishop (Republican, Utah, Committee on Natural Resources, Indigenous People of the US Subcommittee; Armed Services Committee.

Jessica Mier, Office of Hon. Susan Davis (Democrat, Californian, Education and Workforce Commit-



*In Winnipeg, Robert Falcon Ouellette met the group with a trumpet rendition of Yankee Doodle Dandy and ended with a drum song.*

tee; Armed Services Committee; Administration Committee; District close to US-Mexican Border.





*Tired but happy after a long day on the road in Manitoba going to the International Peace Garden, visit to see MP Larry Maguire in Brandon, meeting the day before at the Aboriginal Centre with local Indigenous leaders and dinner at the Manitoba Club with oil patch and manufacturing biz . . . Tall guy, second from left is Simon Resch who briefed them on Port Authority proposal.*



*Tour members were treated to a Manitoba tradition on the way to the International Peace Garden: an ice cream cone from a roadside stand in Treherne.*



*Meeting with MP Larry Maguire in Brandon. MP Larry Maguire, Eric Bjornson and MLA Doyle Pivniuk, back row, last three on right.*



*Standing on the border at the International Peace Garden, the only garden in the world that straddles an international boundary, You can wander seamless from country to country.*



# Youth Action Now

## The legacy of Paul Dewar

By Ellie Sabourin

On February 6, 2019, Member of Parliament for the New Democratic Party, Paul Dewar lost his battle with brain cancer. In his last years, he was heavily involved with youth projects and initiatives in Ottawa. Even as he was facing the end of his life, Paul Dewar didn't seem to have lost any of his cheerful idealism or optimism.

He began an organization called Youth Action Now in 2018 as a way to give back to the community. Youth Action Now aims to bring together young people from diverse backgrounds to support their collective leadership and increase their impact in making positive change within their communities. In a letter written by Paul, published on the organization's website he says: "As many of you are aware, in February I was diagnosed with grade 4 glioblastoma which is terminal brain cancer. On that day, many things changed and like so many who have been given this diagnosis, I have taken on this journey with serious contemplation about how to live the rest of my life. What I have discerned is that notwithstanding the urgency to live as much life as possible, I see this path I am walking as a gift to realize the beauty of life itself. Each one of us is capable of contributing something to make a difference with our family, friends and in our community. Sometimes cynicism, isolation and fear hold us back from truly contributing and participating in making the world around us a better place."

The organization works with young leaders to hone their skills, deepen their insight, expand their networks and build their confidence so they can model responsive, resilient leadership. Although Youth Action Now has only been around for about a year, they already have a long list of accomplishments under their belt that have created significant impact in the community and would make Paul proud.

Currently, with their Start Up NOW grants, they are awarding up to \$1,000



Paul Dewar.



to youth-led, collective, grassroots initiatives of 2 or more young people (under the age of 25) making a change in their community.

Vicky Elliott who works at the organization says that "We are looking for projects to kickstart steps to a better, more inclusive, equitable and sustainable world, based in Ottawa-Gatineau. We accept applications on a rolling basis and all the applications from one month are considered at the start of the next month by our committee of 5 people. We have no limit to the number we can say yes to each month."

Youth Action Now has also begun offering a quarterly networking event, where young leaders met and engaged in meaningful discussions surrounding their challenges, successes, changes and inspirations when it came to their organizations.

In the coming year, Vicky says "we plan to give out \$50,000 worth of micro-grants." So far, they've given 7

grants totalling \$6,800, to such projects as: the West-End Youth Motivators' 'Balling for our Brothers' tournament last weekend, a new group formed of young men (all teenagers) building community and challenging anti-black racism called Project X, a Sexual Health Education Summit being organised by three members of the Ottawa Youth Engagement Committee, and a group called Empower'em who provide safe spaces for young women of colour and newcomers to Ottawa. They're hoping to keep the momentum going and keep finding innovation youth-led organizations to support.

Youth Action Now just celebrated their first-year anniversary in June and they say they can't wait to keep working towards Paul's mission of inspiring young people in Ottawa. As Paul says: "A better world is possible. I believe in the power of the next generation of change leaders to get us there. I want to do my part in unleashing that power. I hope you'll also be a part of it."

You can find out more about the organization and upcoming events at their website: [www.youthactionnow.ca](http://www.youthactionnow.ca).



# That little voice inside our heads

## Can you love yourself too much?

By Dorothy Dobbie

When did the concept of service lose its meaning? We are overflowing with tears for the plight of our fellow man – until it comes down to giving of ourselves.

It is really kind of sad when the most popular ad on TV is one that features a person having a relationship with themselves. The “little voice” ad shows an intimate relationship that is totally internal. The soulmate, the wise counsellor, the balancing ego belonging to a life mate seems to have less and less of a place in the current world.

This didn’t start today. Watching a replay of a Sex and the City movie from 20 years ago, we see Samantha giving up a man, a much younger one at that, who dotes on her. In ending the relationship, she says, “Yes, I love you—ah, f\*\*\* it—I’m just gonna say the thing you’re not supposed to say: I love you, but I love me more. And I’ve been in a relationship with myself for 49 years and that’s the one I need to work on.”

### **I love you, but I love me more**

That is the kind of thinking that we have nurtured in many of our millennial generation. They are warm and kind, but they personally come first. Ironically, it is sort of true to Ayn Rand and her views in the Fountainhead written in the early part of the last century. Her point was that if you don’t save yourself, you can’t save others – the same view that prescribes the airline advice: Put on your own oxygen mask before that of the person you wish to help, because you can’t save others if you are dead. But somehow, that thinking, meant to be altruistic back in Ayn Rand’s day, has been contorted into a sort of narcissism that has no ultimate good end.

We now spend hours taking “selfies” and baring our selfie souls on Facebook. It’s a one-note song based on me, me, me, me.

### **Is self-full-ness promoting lawlessness?**

Is it this self-full-ness that has led to the lawlessness we are confronting in some places today? Could our self-interest lead to the beginning of ultimate anarchy?

In my home town of Winnipeg, security guards and others are counselled by well-meaning unions not to put themselves in harm’s way if a thief tries to steal armloads of liquor. They are supposed to stand by, dumbly, and allow it to happen rather than expose themselves to danger. Thieves are not stupid. They have immediately seized upon the opportunity to grab everything they can.

This philosophy of self-before-service led to the death of Kevin Anderson near Ponton, Manitoba when he was trapped in the derailment of a train carrying some not so-dangerous-goods, a few years ago. First responders took nine hours to extricate him from the wreck, rather than rescuing him immediately. Why? It was thought that there might be some danger to the would-be rescuers from the spilled diesel fuel. Due to the delay, Kevin Anderson bled to death.

Going into the police force or being a firefighter or even a security guard is about self-sacrifice and service. However, workers are being taught that the preservation of self transcends the sacrifice that is supposed to motivate the securing of these careers. So why choose that line of work? Because it pays well? Not a good motive. Service means sacrifice.

Anyone going into politics knows that – or should know that. It is not for those who serve to whine about

how hard they work or that they have to sacrifice friends, family and self to do the job. It was what has always been understood, yet in the current Parliament there were some who complained loudly about the amount of work they had to do!

### **Self-before-service?**

If self-before-service became the prevailing school of thought in all nations, perhaps it could end war, because why would a soldier stand in the line of fire when self-preservation is the only goal? Problem is, most other cultures don’t have the same view. So taking this mantra on to ourselves would make our Canadian way of life very vulnerable. In reality, rather than ending war, refusal to serve others over self simply provides a licence to the exploiters of the weak and defenceless.

Many who talk about community and collective action, really mean only to preserve their own interest. Individual sacrifice is often not high on their agenda, even though it appears to be. What they are inevitably saying is that I, personally, want to benefit from your labour, from your sacrifice, and I deserve to do so. It seems that this philosophy currently prevailing among our young people.

Our generation worked hard. We didn’t think of self or sacrifice. We thought of tomorrow and of our children and of the wonderful world we were building. We knew the strong must step up, but the weak must do their part. Preservation of the species sometimes meant self-sacrifice.

We are social animals. Being self-full can be isolating. It would be a very lonely life if the only voice we had to consider is that little one inside our heads.



# The hacking of the human brain and how it affects voting

By Hon. John Reid



*Hon. John Reid.*

**M**uch of human history and our well-being is the result of laborious concentrated thinking; and of accidents from time to time, that provided opportunities. Our ancestors were adaptable and had to be able to cope with serious changes in their circumstances. To do the kind of thinking that Einstein and the large numbers of scientists who cracked the mysteries of Quantum Mechanics did, requires deep concentrated thinking and very hard brain work over a long period of time.

There has always been a mystery as to how individuals can be so focused on certain tasks and yet are unable to understand other matters. There have been many theories put forward but the one that holds centre stage now is called “Thinking Fast, Thinking Slow”. Daniel Kahneman won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2002 for this theory, developed with Amos Tversky.

Simply put, the theory says that there are two modes of thinking. There is the fast, emotional gut reaction decision. Current brain research states that whenever any matter comes up, our first response is emotional; we have to fight to think slow, to think logically and rationally about the event. We must concentrate to be successful. But this is tiring work, and so we come home to relax, to forget and to re-charge, to binge watch TV or just “hang out.”

About ten years ago, countries, led by the US, started to do coordinated research on the human brain. In my youth, it was said that we only use 10% of the brain’s capacity and that

the focus had to be to increase that percentage as quickly as possible. But it became known rather quickly that the brain was a very busy organ, using all of its capacity. It demands about 20% of the resources of the body (the most of any organ) and it is very active, always.

Our world is so much more complicated – it is weirder than what anyone believed when we were young or even now. But with all the advances in our technology, we are confused, stressed, upset and resentful. We like the gadgets that the careful thought of Einstein and his successors brought us but dislike many of the results. We are upset when the world we live in is not the world we grew up in, when there is too much change coming faster than we can individually or collectively absorb it. And we have no power to change these alterations to our world.

## Elections

These rapid changes seem to be speeding up, making it more difficult to find our moorings. Too much change, too quickly, makes it difficult to make personal decisions or decisions in common, such as elections at all levels. The problems legislatures face and which governments must deal with are always pressing – this is a problem, this is an action, let us do the action – whether the action actually deals with the problem or not, but it gives a sense of response and control.

The theory of Canadian democracy rests on a number of propositions – one person, one vote; freedom of speech, privacy and the ability to create organizations under the rule of law, that election spending is limited and transparent; that issues can be known by the elector, that a logical debate takes place; that a consensus develops to deal with the issues; and that there is a legislative mechanism to execute that agreement; then a system to administer the decision; and that the decision is after proper process is accepted in good faith. All these propositions are

under attack, in one way or another.

Recent brain research says it is very difficult for individuals to be logical and rational all the time. It takes great energy to dampen down our emotions. With the internet, it takes a great deal of intelligent search to find information that is “real” as opposed to “fake” news – and there has always been “fake news/information”. It is difficult to change your opinion on an issue because to do that, it often means you may lose friends and status. “If so and so is for it, then I am against it” is a common position in politics these days.

But even when the information is provided that would permit intelligent debate, there is often little interest in it. The Brexit referendum process was riddled by outright lies and scams, admitted to after the referendum. But individuals decided to believe in what they wanted to believe. Logical debate was not important.

The problem is within ourselves. Richard Dawkins, made the following comment in an article called Snake Oil:

“The human mind is a wanton storyteller and even more, a profligate seeker after pattern. We see faces in clouds and tortillas, fortunes in tea leaves and planetary movements. It is quite difficult to prove a real pattern as distinct from a superficial illusion.”

We appear to make our public decisions by thinking “fast” that is without thought or consideration, but based on emotions and faith.

Our brains developed a long time ago, when thinking fast was a reliable way to ensure you did not become something’s dinner. In our ordinary life, it is still useful and necessary for minor decisions. But our society is now so complex that these immediate emotional reactions only create confusion. Research demonstrates that our memories are very fragile, that each time we reconstruct a memory, we change, embellish and alter it. We indulge in nostalgia of olden times but



It is easier to believe absolutely in one's position than to debate it, to look at alternatives and to make factual judgements. In our weird world, it is hard to think "slow".

our memories of those events are usually uncertain.

What does this mean for our democratic systems? Over the past 14 years democratic systems have been declining, and so is the quality of those democratic systems. The stress of trying to cope with our speeding world has meant that many electors are looking for a "strong" leader, someone to make the decision for them. People are dropping out of democracy because it takes considerable effort to make it work. It is easier to believe absolutely in one's position than to debate it, to look at alternatives and to make factual judgements. In our weird world, it is hard to think "slow".

#### What can we do?

It is difficult to find final answers to these systematic human problems. There is no political structure that provides an easy way out. For the fault is not in the political systems, but in us humans. We have not been able to design a system that takes into account not only the demonstrated irrationality

of humans but the inventive, rational and logical side of humans. But there are actions that can be taken by individuals. Thinking "slow" about public decisions is a good place to start.

We should tone down the rhetoric. An individual who disagrees with you is not your mortal enemy. Trying to understand the other's position is helpful for it may help you deepen your understanding of the issue. Remember that politics is about community building, not war; and political action like personal decisions, is always an experiment. No one can predict the future.

When you come to participate in party politics, support those who agree with you, but even more, support those who are rational and logical. In an election, support the candidate and party of your choice, but ensure that the party and candidate are as understanding and logical as possible. Politics is a "blood sport" in many ways, so we have to accept that reality. Remember as well that all good politics is an attempt to find agreement. "Results

are what you expect; consequences is what you get". There is a myth that governance is easy; in reality, governance is difficult in any case; but good governance is always difficult and time consuming. The search for consensus is laborious and not easy.

Our politics have always had a focus on the leader as a way of uniting the party and country. When you come to vote, ensure you use your "thinking slow" method. Vote for leaders and candidates where their argument is on issues, treated fairly, and where personal attacks are few and far between. If a candidate or party uses questionable tactics, that too may mean voting against your candidate or party. The Parliament or Legislature or Council we elect is a representation of us. When you have the power, select those who meet the highest standards of decency, reasonableness and logic. It is the only way to preserve what we have.

Hon. John Reid was a Liberal MP for Kenora-Rainy River from 1965 to 1984.

## We live in a complex, complicated world we don't really understand

By Hon. John Reid

I recall a meeting with Margaret Sommerville about 2004, then a Professor at McGill University. She told me that the DNA transfers of information from parents to child was elegant design, but that it was complicated, and subject to distortions in information received from the parents. Our DNA is always being attacked by our environment, cosmic radiation, chemicals, disease, lifestyles. DNA has means of repair but it is not always totally successful. She said those changes in DNA are what drives evolutionary change; those that do not work are discarded, and those that have some success remain and develop. We have difficulties in understanding these difficult concepts, even though our species is based on them.

An example of a bizarre DNA complexity is the story of Lydia

Fairchild, a mother of two boys, expecting a third child. There was a breakdown in her relations with the father of her children. She sought welfare, and was told she would have to have a DNA test to prove she was the mother of her two boys. To her shock, the DNA test came back indicating there was no match between her and her sons, but there was between the sons and the father. She was accused of welfare fraud and was hauled before a court. However, she went into labour; the birthing room was filled with doctors, nurses, police and lawyers. The baby was taken immediately away and given a DNA test. Again, the mother and the child shared no DNA. But this time, there was no question that she was the mother. The new baby shared DNA with his father.

After considerable testing, and a few other cases similar popping up on the internet, an explanation surfaced. Lydia Fairchild was "a tetragametic chimera", meaning that she carried two strands of DNA, the result of two sperm implanting two eggs. That means that she was destined to have been one of a pair of fraternal twins. But one twin was absorbed by the other twin, and the survivor twin carried two separate cell lines. In the case of her three children, they carried the DNA for the twin which had been absorbed by the mother. But Lydia Fairchild, the mother, is unable to pass on her DNA to her children. It is her twin who lives on in her children. This, too, is weird.

Our world is more complicated – weirder – than what anyone believed when we were young or even now.



# Engaging China with Canadian values

By Hon. David Kilgour

Since seizing power in 1949, the party-state in Beijing has caused terror, starvation and death to millions of innocent Chinese nationals. Three deadly campaigns were the 'Great Leap Forward', 1958-1962; the 'Cultural Revolution', 1966-76; and the Tiananmen Square massacre, 1989.

The violence unleashed by president Jiang Zemin in mid-1999 against millions of Falun Gong practitioners continues today, with the government applying in recent years similar treatment to the Uyghurs in Xinjiang, interning over a million since 2017.

Worsening repression under President-for-life Xi Jinping is exemplified by a Hong Kong Legislative Council proposal to amend its city extradition laws to allow anyone apprehended, including approximately 300,000 Canadian citizens resident in the city, to be removed on request by Beijing or other governments for 'trial' on concocted charges. On June 8, an estimated one million protesters voiced their opposition on Hong Kong's streets.

Canadian Clive Ansley, who practised law in Shanghai for 14 years until 2003, observes: "China (doesn't) have a legal system in any meaningful sense... (There's) a saying amongst Chinese lawyers and judges who truly believe in the Rule of Law...: 'Those who hear the case (don't) make the judgment; those who make the judgment (haven't) heard the case'.... Nothing which has transpired in the 'courtroom' has any impact on the 'judgment'".

## New policy directions

Jonathan Manthorpe's *Claws of the Panda* details China's campaign of influence and intimidation within Canada, chronicling how the party-state has infected our politics, media, academia and business. He concludes that Ottawa "(should) listen more closely to public disquiet than to fantasies ... by the CCP's agents .... Interference by the

CCP in the public life in Canada, coupled with the intimidation and harassment of individual Canadians, demand a response...(Both Australia and New Zealand) have been much more ... vigorous than Canada in exposing and countering the CCP campaign...."

Manthorpe cites former CSIS analyst Michel Juneau-Katsuya telling a journalist in 2014 that his agency "found evidence that the Chinese Consulate in Toronto was directly interfering in elections by sending Chinese students into the homes of Chinese-language-only households and telling residents which candidates (to vote for)...." From 2006-2017, Manthorpe adds that 36 trips to China by Canadian senators and MPs were sponsored by either the Chinese government or provincial business groups, concluding that the "regime is no longer built on a viable social contract with the Chinese people."

David Mulroney, former Canadian ambassador to China wrote: "We (must) secure the freedom of ... Canadians Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor (detained), and Robert Schellenberg and Fan Wei, (facing) death sentences from a murky Chinese legal system. (Canada is) still in the grips of a misguided vision of China... (wherein) Canadian governing and business classes (naively embrace) almost everything that Beijing has on offer... We must finally be open to the idea that, when ...engaging Beijing, smarter is better than comprehensive..."

Guy Saint-Jacques, another ex-Canadian ambassador to China, says: "(Canada) should announce that (it) will no longer pursue a free trade agreement with China because of this trust that has disappeared.... (It should also) go to the WTO to file an official charge against China for what (they're) doing to our canola exports....(Canada) should put more

effort into trade diversification and consider expelling Chinese athletes training in Canada for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics ....(Canada must) be firm because this is the only language that China understands."

Charles Burton, former counsellor at the Canadian embassy in Beijing, affirms "...Politely urging Beijing to grant visas to our agricultural specialists to show the Chinese that our canola seeds (aren't) contaminated as they falsely claim ... (won't) get us anywhere... China has a million or more Turkic Muslims in 're-education' cultural genocide camps in the PRC's northwest, (with similar) plans (for) Tibetans ....(while its) own political prisoners (are) suffering ... (along with) the 'black jail' incarceration of our two citizens...Canadian concerns (aren't) ... high on the agenda of China's Communist leadership .... the practice of most Western nations, (condemning) politically while engaging economically, has enabled China to make divide-and-conquer an art form... (It) succeeds in its existential threat to pluralistic, democratic and free-thinking societies because ... we've ... looked away for more than 25 years as Communist authorities ignored international norms of human rights and fair trade.... Currently, there is no coherent multi-national strategy against Chinese influence operations. The less we respond to it ... the more China is emboldened in its practice of global disruption."

What is urgently needed from Ottawa is stronger political will and more sophistication in exerting Canadian values with the Beijing party-state on bilateral issues.

The Hon. David Kilgour was a member of Parliament for 27 years (1979-2006). He served under the Progressive Conservative Party, the Liberal Party and sat as an independent.



# The Annual meeting of the former members of Congress

Story by the Hon. Eleni Bakopanos, photos by Ellie Sabourin



It was my honour and pleasure to attend the Annual meeting of the Former Members of Congress on behalf of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians. Monday evening, I attended the Welcoming Reception at the residence of the Ambassador of Liechtenstein, His Excellency Kurt Jaeger; who is a graduate of McGill University, my alma mater and he loved Montreal. I was warmly welcomed by the FMC President, the Honorable Martin Frost (Democrat - Texas 1979-2005) and Pete Weichlein, Esq., the CEO of the FMC.

The following day, I attended the opening session of the FMC Annual Members meeting. The FMC was founded in 1970 as a bi-partisan group of former members of Congress. It has a staff of 11 people, including Pete Weichlein, CEO. It is self-financed through memberships, donations and corporate fundraising events honouring FMC members. In 2018, the FMC held 100 events and organized study tours in Germany, Japan and Korea. In addition, FMC has a national educational program, "Congress to Campus" and FMC

members visited 11 schools in 2018 to "reconnect citizens with democracy" and promote civic learning and responsibility to students. The FMC has a new logo, a new website and uses social media tools extensively.

The FMC honours one of their members at their Annual meeting. This year's recipient was former US Ambassador to the OECD, Congresswoman (Republican - Maryland 1987-2003) and former FMC President (2012-14) Connie Morella.

An informative panel discussion organised by the Congressional Study Groups, on "Space Policy: 50 Years after Apollo 11" included the Honorable Jim Bridenstine, NASA 13th Administrator, who spoke about NASA's future which includes a plan to land two women astronauts on the moon in the next five years. On the panel was Congresswoman Kendra Horn (Democrat - Oklahoma), Chairwoman of the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, who described the many challenges that space presents for all countries. Her subcommittee handles national space policy,

which tackles who has access to space, from low-earth orbit to deep space, and covers both the commercial uses, such as tourism and communication infrastructure and can include national security measures, international space cooperation and research.

In the closing session, we were led on a VIP tour and reception at the US National Archives and Records Building. During lunch at the National Archives, we were welcomed by Debra Steidel Wall, Deputy Archivist of the US, who spoke about the Archives role and responsibility in preserving history. It was wonderful to meet again and listen to FMC member, Jim Blanchard (Democrat - Michigan 1983-1991) and former US Ambassador to Canada, who spoke about his work as Chair of the National Archives Foundation, which raises millions of dollars to promote democracy across the US.

It was such an honour and privilege to represent the CAFP at the FMC Annual meeting and thank the CAFP President, Dorothy Dobbie for the opportunity to attend the meeting.



# Nation builder

Bill Davis, in this biography, is shown to be a transformative leader and one with a clearly progressive agenda.

Reviewed by Keith Penner.

**Bill Davis: Nation Builder, and Not So Bland After All** by Steve Paikin. Dundurn, 513 pages.

Steve Paikin has written an insightful, interesting and highly readable biography of one of our country's outstanding provincial premiers and probably the best that Ontario has ever had. The author is, quite obviously, an admirer of Bill Davis, but this work is no mere hagiography. Davis is accurately portrayed as a genuine human, possessing the sharp strategic skills of a politician and one who could manipulate and compromise with the best of them.

The story of Bill Davis's personal life is engaging and often profoundly moving, especially the deeply sad account of the death of his beloved first wife, Helen. In 1962, she died unexpectedly at the age of 31, leaving behind a husband adrift and responsible for four children, the oldest of whom was only six. Davis's life slowly began to make sense again, thanks to his boss, Premier Robarts, his parents and those of his deceased wife and finally by his meeting of and marriage to Kathleen MacKay. When he asked me to get married," she said, "I was aware of what need he was in and couldn't think of saying no."

William G. Davis served as Ontario's Minister of Education for eight years before succeeding John Robarts as premier. The Davis accomplishments in education are many, the foremost being the establishment of the province's community college system. Bob Rae, a good friend of Davis, has said, "He built an extraordinary infrastructure of education in the province."

Readers, who relish the details involved in the intricate game of political decision-making, will follow with rapt

attention Paikin's telling of the Spadina Expressway issue, the Suncor investment matter and the controversial policy of funding the Catholic School system, up to the final year of high school. Most revealing, is the vital role played by Davis in the patriation of the Canadian Constitution.

Those who have served in parliament will be fascinated in learning how Davis dealt with Minority Government. It may be a surprise that he held such high regard for some of those across the aisle, most markedly, his liking and respect for Stephen Lewis and Bob Rae, although the same could not be said for Robert Nixon.

Bill Davis, in this biography, is shown to be a transformative leader and one with a clearly progressive agenda, but one who also had to watch over his shoulder for those who had stronger conservative views on the role of government. This delicate task he handled with aplomb, but the pressure from the right wing would grow and eventually take over the party after his departure.

The Davis' operative skills are neatly described in the influence he exerted in having the Domed Stadium built in downtown Toronto. How he nearly single-handedly finessed this decision makes it a near classical tale of benevolent statesmanship. The author rightly notes that Ottawa should have been so fortunate in the site chosen for its arena.

Bill Davis relinquished the premiership with much reluctance. Although another Majority appeared to be in the works, he sensed that, for him, it was time to go. Once away from the political limelight, the author boldly asked the ex-premier if life was not better now for him, outside the public pressure cooker. To this question Davis replied to the effect that the very best day

working in the private sector could not even begin to compare in satisfaction with the worst day of being premier.

Premier Davis was not born with the political skills he came to possess. These he learned by dint of focused effort. He became known as a politician who liked people and enjoyed their company. On the many occasions when I observed him at public events in the constituency that I represented, I saw a man very comfortable, as it is said, "in his own skin."

As an attendee at some of the events where the Premier was present, he never failed to acknowledge my presence and then, in a nod to my constituents, would describe me as perhaps an "ok guy who is, unfortunately, with the wrong party." At one such public ceremony, I was asked to thank him. In doing so, I wished him well with the forthcoming constitutional talks, forgetting the important point that there was to be a provincial election before those talks resumed. When I took my seat, the Premier was quickly on his feet and laughingly told the news media that they now had their story – Liberal MP endorses Davis for re-election!

There are few glaring flaws in this well written biography. Unfortunately, the author has too much of a fondness for the cliché "lining up his ducks" and he has Davis biting down hard on his pipe once or twice too often. The chapter on "Post Politics" is overly long and tends to drag. Some good editing here would have improved the book. These criticisms are minor and really do not detract very much from an otherwise splendid study of an exceptional Canadian political figure. If only we had more of his likeness in the present times.

Keith Penner was an MP from Northern Ontario from 1968-88.



# Our tribute to those who have passed on

By Wade Morris and Ellie Sabourin



*Myron Thompson.*



*Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé.*



*Pierre Jacob.*



*Frank Maine.*

**Correction:** We apologize that in our last issue we made a mistake in our Political Passages. We mistakenly mixed up Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dubé's obituaries. Here they are properly displayed to give these men the proper recognition they deserve.

## **Myron Thompson January 5, 2019**

Myron Thompson passed away on January 5, 2019 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Myron was a Conservative Member of Parliament in the House of Commons of Canada. He represented the riding of Wild Rose in Alberta. He will be remembered by his friends and family fondly for his principle, toughness, generosity, and his cowboy hat. His friends have said that he represented his constituents and absolutely loomed over Alberta politics. Overall, he was a very good, hardworking and honest man who carried those abilities into the political arena. His friends have also fondly remembered that he always called it as he saw it, direct and to the point.

Myron always spoke unashamedly of the things he believed, without regard to the limitations of political correctness. Those who knew him more closely know that he was a totally authentic man; a man who articulated well what he stood for.

In January, Sundre town officials named a street after their former mayor, calling it Myron Thompson's Way. He leaves his wife, Dot; sons, Myron Jr. and Dennis; and eight grandchildren.

## **Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé. January 5, 2019**

Passed away at the General Hospital, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at the age of 92. Son of the late Albert Dubé and the late Flore Poirier. He will sadly be missed by his wife Noëlla, his children Rachelle (Duncan Hayes) and Jean-François, his grandchildren Amélia, Chloé and Justin. He also leaves his sister Alberte Dubé Daviault, as well as many nephews, nieces and friends. He was predeceased by his siblings Fabienne, Roger, André, Jacqueline and Jean-Paul.

Jean-Eudes first ran for a seat in the House of Commons of Canada as a Liberal in the 1961 by-election, but was defeated in the New Brunswick riding of Restigouche—Madawaska. He was elected from the same riding in the 1962 general election, and was subsequently re-elected on five occasions.

In 1975, he was named as a judge to the Federal Court of Canada, a position he held until his retirement in 2001.

His friends loved his great sense of humor, modern approach with a great wit and even wider grin.

## **Pierre Jacob July 21, 2018**

Pierre Jacob of the New Democratic Party sadly passed away on July 21, 2018. He was 65. Jacob represented the Brome – Missisquoi district in Quebec as a Member of Parliament between 2011 and 2015. He did not seek re-election in 2015 as he was occupied with battling Parkinson's Disease. Prior

to his political career, Jacob did some amazing work helping troubled youth. Friends, family, and coworkers remember Pierre as an open man. He was very dynamic, asked good questions, and worked for his riding. Everyone who knew him well knew the people of the region were very important to him.

He is survived by his wife, Cedalia Barbara, who resides in Lac Brome, as well as his son-in-law, Eric, his mother Mrs. Thérèse Houle, and his siblings, Christian, Teresa, Maureen, and Steve.

## **Frank Maine September 29, 2018**

Former Liberal MP Francis William "Frank" Maine passed away at the Guelph General Hospital at age 81 on September 29, 2018. Maine represented the Wellington district in Parliament from 1974 to 1979.

Frank was educated at Queen's University, earning a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Engineering Chemistry and at Churchill College, University of Cambridge with a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. He worked with plastics and composite materials in government, industries and universities, and developed new materials that would later be patented. He and his wife, Mary-Eva, would move to England, Quebec City, Toronto, and Sarnia, before eventually landing in Guelph. In addition to being a Member of Parliament, Maine was the Parliamentary Secretary of Science and Technology, Public Works and Employment and Immigration. He had also served as a councillor for Guelph's City Council.

In recent years, he spent time with his hobbies of orchids and photography.

Frank is survived by his wife, as well as his sister, four children, and six grandchildren.

**Alexander Jupp**  
**November 23, 2018**

George Alexander “Alex” Jupp, who represented the Mississauga North as a Member of Parliament from 1979 to 1980, sadly passed away on November 23, 2018. He passed at age 91 at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital in Toronto with family by his side. Born in Saskatchewan, Jupp was known for his sense of humour, his keen intellect, and love of Canada. He spent his early life in the West, serving in the Army 1944-46, teaching, completing his Masters degree at U of Calgary, working with the United Appeals in Regina and Calgary, and participating in TV programs in the CBC’s inaugural years in Regina. He served four years on Regina’s City Council and worked a long career in public affairs for the Molson organization before eventually spending a year in Parliament.

Jupp is survived by his loving wife, Norah, his two daughters Jacque and Heather, his five grandchildren, his four great-grandchildren, and his two sisters.

**Hon. Hugh Poulin**  
**October 12, 2018**

The Honourable Hugh Poulin died peacefully in Ottawa on October 12, 2018 at the age of 87. Survived by his wife Maureen and their 5 children; Fabian (Carol Wahl), John (Jacinthe Belanger), Elizabeth (Stephen Dean), Diana (Dr. Pat Murphy) and Carole (Ronald Leger) of PEI. Fondly remembered by his 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters Betty, Louise and Marie. Born, February 9, 1931 in Ottawa to Fabian and Mary Poulin.

He graduated in 1959 from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. He was called to the bar in 1960 and then commenced his law practice with Green and Poulin. Judge Poulin was a former Liberal member of Parliament.

He was first elected in the Ottawa



*Alexander Jupp.*



*Hon. Hugh Poulin.*



*Roy Bailey.*

Centre riding in the 1972 general election, and then re-elected in the 1974 election. He left federal politics to become a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. He also served as Chairman of the Pension and Appeals Board as well as to the Ministry Advisory Committee for appointments to the Immigration and Refugee Board until his retirement February 9, 2006 at the age of 75. Friends of Hugh, say that they knew of no finer, brighter, or trustworthy fellow than their friend Hugh.

**Roy Bailey**  
**December 13, 2018**

Roy Hardeman Bailey of Bengough, SK, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2018 at the age of 89. Roy was born on December 16, 1928, at Radville, SK, to John Carlos “J.C.” and Myrtle (nee Buckallev) Bailey. He was the fourth of ten children and a twin to Ray. Roy learned at a young age that hard work would be his ticket to success in life. By the age of 18, Roy was already a seasoned worker; he had herded sheep in Montana, worked in a lumber camp in Ontario, and worked on threshing crews in the Harptree and Kisbey areas. Roy worked through high school and graduated in 1948. After graduation, Roy pursued his dream of becoming a teacher and attended Normal School in Moose Jaw that fall. It was here that Roy met the love of his life, Helen Anderson. Roy and Helen taught in their first schools in the fall of 1949 and were married on August 18, 1950. After the wedding, they left for Aiyansh in northern BC where they had accepted teaching positions. With

their first child on the way, they returned to the Harptree area and resided at the Jim Lidbury farm. In August of 1951, their son, Lyall, was born. Roy and Helen were devastated when Lyall passed away three short months later. Susan was born in 1953 and Janet in 1954. The family moved to Bengough in 1955 when Roy accepted a teaching position there. A year later, they were back to teach at Harptree School with Helen helping with the younger grades giving Roy more time to spend with the older students. Roy was also farming at this time and keeping pace with an extensive refereeing circuit. In 1961, the family moved three miles north of Bengough where Roy planted trees on two yard sites – a monumental task during those dry years. Roy became vice-principal of Bengough School, and after spending a year in Saskatoon completing his Bachelor of Education degree, he became the principal of Bengough School. In 1971, Roy and Helen moved to Elrose, SK where Roy accepted the position of Director of Education in the then Eston-Elrose School Division. After eleven years in Elrose, Roy and Helen returned to Bengough where he was employed as director of Borderland School Division and later served on the executive of the Saskatchewan School Trustee Association. Roy had always been passionate about politics having his name on the ballot for the Social Credit party in the 1960s and then again in 1973 when he became the MLA for the Rosetown-Elrose constituency. Roy unsuccessfully ran for the leadership of the provincial Conservative party in 1973, but his greatest political accomplishment was to represent



*Hon. Wilbert Keon.**Robert Pennock.**Paul-André Massé.*

the people of the Souris-Moose Mountain constituency in Ottawa as their Member of Parliament first for the Reform Party and then the Alliance. Roy served two terms and chose to retire in 2005 after 55 years in public life. Roy and Helen moved to Thomson Lake where a house was built and a beautiful yard was developed. Friends and family were always welcome in their home. In 2013, Roy and Helen moved to Moose Jaw to reside at the Bentley Retirement Home and later West Park Crossing as they required more care. The family appreciates all the staff who took such good care of Roy and Helen during this time. On November 30, 2016, Helen passed away leaving Roy to struggle through the last two years of his life without his wife of 66 years. Roy came home to Bengough for the final chapter of his well-lived life. Again, the family is grateful for the loving care he received at the Bengough Health Centre. Roy's work ethic was second to none, he was generous in time of need, and his accomplishments made a difference to the people who knew and loved him. Roy's faith and Christian values guided every aspect of his life. Roy loved kids. He especially delighted in his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

**Hon. Dr. Wilbert Keon**  
**April 7, 2019**

Dr. Wilbert Joseph Keon passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the age of 83 in the Ottawa Hospital - Civic Campus.

Dr. Keon's personal accomplishments and contributions to his community and country are too numerous to list. Highlights include: founder and retired

Director General of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, retired Conservative Senator of almost 20 years (appointed by Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney), Officer of the Order of Canada (appointed by Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauv ), Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great (appointed by Pope John Paul II).

He was born in Sheenboro, QC, on May 17, 1935, the youngest of 13 children to Lawrence Keon and Loretta Ryan.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Anne Keon (born Jennings), still the love of his life after almost 60 years of marriage. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren, daughter and son-in-law Dr. Claudia Keon and Dr. Mark Field; parents of Jack (age 20), Christopher (age 15), Ethan (age 14), and Sean (age 8); son Neil and daughter-in-law Debbie Loeb, parents to Sam (age 9) and Rosie (age 3); and son Ryan and daughter-in-law Cindy Tomlinson, parents to William (age 19) and Emily (age 17).

Dr. Keon is also survived by his sisters Maisie (late Christy Gleason) and Lorna (Delbert Sloan), and was predeceased by brothers Alvin (Clarella), Clayton (Lolita), Claude (Mae), Mike (Francoise), Dr. Harold (Nora), John (Lyse) and sisters Carmel (Bill Crilly), Mardie (Frank Carroll); Donna (Don Ackehurst) and Loretta. He was a loving Uncle to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

**Robert Pennock**  
**April 9, 2019**

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, April 9,

2019. Bob Pennock, age 82 years, beloved husband of the late Lorraine Pennock. Dear father of James, Debbie (Jason Phillips) and Heather (Colin Hume). Loving grandfather of Trevor, William, Harrison, Marissa, Victoria, Jackson and Cooper. Dear brother of Ken (Bev) and the late Allan. Fond uncle of Barbara, Meredith, Darren and Kristine. Bob will be sadly missed by many family and friends.

**Paul-Andr  Mass **  
**March 17, 2019**

In Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, on March 17, 2019, at the age of 71 years, passed away Mr. Paul-Andr  Mass , husband of Mrs. Lise Letendre, son of the late Claire Mercier and the late Henri Mass .

In 1979, he became a Liberal MP in the riding of Saint John in the House of Commons of Canada. He was re-elected in 1980.

He was also president and vice-president of the "Centre des a n s Johannais".

In November 1999, he was founding President of the Canadian Forces Grievance Board.

He had a career in the Canadian Army from 1967 to 1973.

He leaves behind his children Fran ois (Genevi ve Duquette) and Martin (Agnieszka Mass ), his grandchildren Rapha l,  lodie, Alicja and Natalia, his brothers and sisters Gilles (Claire Brousseau), the late Jacques (Nicole H bert), Fernand, Claude (Lucie Fontaine), Jacqueline, Pierre (Estelle Taylor), Denise, Lucie, Louise, his sister-in-law Danielle Letendre and his brother-in-law Jean-Yves Letendre as well as many nephews and nieces, uncles and aunts, cousins and cousins friend(s).

**Leonard "Red" Kelly**  
**May 2, 2019**

Leonard "Red" Kelly, hockey player and former Member of Parliament for the Liberal Party, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the Sunnybrook-Holland Rehabilitation Centre, at age 92. Leonard was the MP for the North York riding in Toronto between 1962 and 1965. Kelly's political career was brief, as he left Parliament

to spend more time with his family.

Leonard is most known for his accomplishments in the NHL. After winning three provincial championships playing for St. Michael's College in Toronto, the Detroit Red Wings signed him; they would go on to win four Stanley Cups in six years. As their top defenceman, he would garner three Lady Byng's for gentlemanly play and the first Norris Trophy as the league's best defenceman. He would be chosen to six First All-Star teams and two Second Teams. In total, Leonard won the Stanley Cup eight times – the latter four being with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

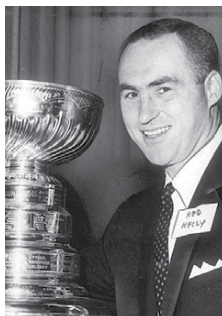
More than all the awards, nothing meant more to Red than his beloved family. Growing up on a tobacco farm near Simcoe, Ontario, the son of Lawrence "Pete" and Frances Kelly. Red loved to dance, especially with his wife of 59 years, Andra McLaughlin, and could often be found singing like Bing Crosby while he played the piano. Red was elected to the Ontario and Canadian Halls of Fame and to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1969. He would be awarded with the Order of Canada in 2002. His autobiography, "The Red Kelly Story" won the 2016 Ontario Speaker's Book Award.

**James Hawkes**  
**May 9, 2019**

Jim Hawkes, former member of Parliament for the Conservative Party, passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the age of 84 years. Jim was the MP for the Calgary West riding between 1979 and 1993, and served as Chief Government Whip from 1988 to 1993.

Jim was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, predeceased by his wife of fifty-six years, Joanne Hawkes. Jim is greatly missed by children, Terri Hawkes and Robert Hawkes (Susan Cullen); grandchildren, Andrew and Michael Hawkes, and Alexa and Jake Hawkes-Sackman; brother Roger (Lisa); brothers-in-law, Bill and Jim Herriot; and extended family and friends. Jim was a native Calgarian who was a strong advocate for both Calgary and for sound and innovative national policies.

Outside of politics, Jim earned his PhD in Research Psychology from Colorado State University, Jim taught in the Faculty of Social Work at the Uni-



*Leonard "Red" Kelly.*



*Jim Hawkes.*



*Benoît Serré.*

versity of Calgary, running their graduate program. Jim loved spending time with his spouse Joanne, a strong supporter of the arts and of archival work at numerous Alberta museums. Joanne was Jim's true love and partner in life, prior to her passing in 2013. Together they rejoiced and engaged in the growth and successes of their kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. Friends remember Jim's keen intellect, huge heart, sense of loyalty and gift of counsel. Colleagues and opponents alike regarded Jim as an honest, principled and compassionate public servant. Jim demonstrated tremendous resilience and most recently showed great strength and bravery in facing his journey with dementia, making the best of every day. James received the CAF's Distinguished Service Award (DSA) in 2011.

**Benoît Serré**  
**May 11, 2019**

Former Liberal MP Benoît Serré passed away on May 11th, 2019 at the age of 68 surrounded by his two daughters Ginette St Georges (Michel) and Julie Serre (Ken Elliott) and his grandchildren Stephanie (Sam), Melanie (Chris), Erik, Darren (Amy) and Miguel (Samantha). He leaves behind 3 great grandsons; Sawyer, Kaiden, Theodore and many brothers and sisters; Pauline (Ronald), Florence, Adrienne, Lucien (Jeanne), Bernard (Leticia), Gerry (Betty), Marcel, Eugene (Patricia), Daniel (Sylvie). Predeceased by Gaetan, Ubald, Andre, Claude, Lilianne and Therese. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

He served for the Liberal Party representing the constituents of Temiskaming French River and Temiskaming Cochrane from 1993 until his retire-

ment in 2004. He was the first francophone to be elected in that riding. His brother, Gaetan Serré, also served as MP for Nickel Belt from 1968 to 1972. His friends and family remember Benoît for his hard working demeanor and memorable sense of humour.

**Aideen Nicholson**  
**May 31, 2019**

Aideen Nicholson, former Member of Parliament for the Liberal Party, passed away at age 92 on May 31, 2019, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elliot Lake, ON. Nicholson served as the MP for the Trinity riding in Toronto between 1974 and 1988.

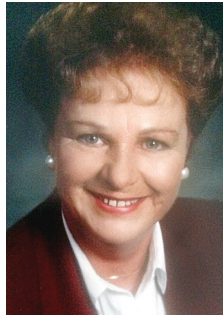
Nicholson is predeceased by her brothers Cathal and Sean (Kathleen), survived by her sisters Maeve (Bob Floyde) and Blathnaid (Michael Carmody), nephews, nieces and extended family in Ireland, Canada, UK, and USA. She is especially mourned by her loving friends, the Speed family.

Born in Ireland in 1927, Nicholson is admired for her valuable contributions in multiple political roles. She served as parliamentary secretary and chaired various committees including Public Accounts. She led delegations to the European Parliament, the O.E.C.D., Council of Europe and was a delegate to U.N General Assembly. In 1989, she was appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board where she served until moving to Elliot Lake to take up residence and become a Northerner. In 2003, she was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal and the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians' Distinguished Service Award. Tributes received testify to her legacy. In recognition of her contribution to the field of corrections in Ontario, she





Aideen Nicholson.



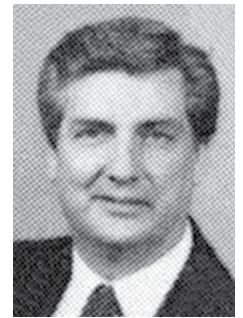
Éva Lachance-Côté.



Mark Warawa.



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was awarded the 1967 Centennial Medal. She was a founding member of the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women, a member of the Boards of the Hincks Treatment Centre, the Ontario Welfare Council, the Ontario Association for Corrections and Criminology, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the George Brown College Child Care Course.

She was a strong, capable, dynamic woman with a formidable intellect which, in a woman, wasn't as appreciated as it should have been at that time. She will live on in the many lives she has touched and changed.

Aideen served for many years on the Board of Directors of the CAFP and received the CAFP's Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

#### **Éva Lachance-Côté June 7, 2019**

Éva Lachance-Côté, former Member of Parliament for the Liberal Party, passed away on June 7 at the age of 85 years in Hôpital de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. She represented the Rimouski electoral district between 1980 and 1984. Subsequently, she was a municipal councillor from Rimouski from 1986 to 1998. She was known for being tenacious, having been involved in her community and running in numerous federal and municipal elections. She is survived by her daughter Élaïne and her son Bruno (Chantal); her grandchildren: Olivier, Audrey and Lydia; her brother and sisters: Claire, Noella, Lucie and Denis; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of the Lachance family; her nephews, nieces; cousins and many relatives and friends.

#### **Mark Warawa June 20, 2019**

After a brief but valiant battle with cancer, MP Mark Warawa died with his loving wife by his side at Langley Hospice on June 20, 2019. His obituary read that, "Mark's new address is in heaven, where he hopes to see you some day."

Mark was a devoted husband to his wife of 46 years, Diane, and father to their five children: Jonathan, Ryan, Eric, Nathan, and Kristen and grandfather to 10 grandchildren.

Mark served 14 years on Abbotsford City Council, and moved to federal politics in 2004. He served as a Member of Parliament for 15 years. It was with great joy that he represented Langley in Ottawa.

He made his health challenges public in April 2019, asking "for a miracle" from supporters as he awaited test results to determine whether he had pancreatic cancer, which he said during a farewell speech in early May had spread.

#### **John Rafferty June 30, 2019**

John Rafferty passed away on June 30 after a battle with cancer. The former NDP MP was 65 when he died. He was a funny, intelligent, cheeky guy. He was tall with a head of controversial hair. He cared about the little guy. He worked to make change. He persevered. He planted butterfly gardens. He travelled the world. He loved dogs. He had wonderful taste in theatre and appalling taste in movies. He loved classical music and was a master of dad jokes. He recommended naps, although, he seldom took them himself. An accomplished, well-travelled man with a lifetime of great experiences, John remained hum-

ble. He valued other people's stories, no matter their political stripe. He lived well, if not quite long enough.

The first two lines of his obituary can give you a sense of his wicked humor reading: "If you're reading this, John Rafferty is as dead as a doornail. Cancer didn't get him, it died with him."

John had big plans to write his own obituary, but never got past those first two lines. He was too busy spending his days with his beloved partner Pam, catching up on Y&R and Game of Thrones, tending to his plants, and keeping up with politics and the Jays. John is survived by a cast of characters who were near and dear to his heart, especially Russ and Susan, Jim and Cathy, Glenn, Howie, Richard, Ed and Uncle Normie.

#### **Raymond Skelly July 14, 2019**

It is with great sadness and with profound gratitude for his life that we announce the death of Raymond John Skelly on July 14, 2019 in Comox, BC. The former NDP MP was 78.

Raymond was born on July 1, 1941 in New Westminster, the first child of Robert Daniel and Dorothy Skelly. He was educated in New Westminster and received his bachelor's degree in psychology, and teaching degree, from SFU.

In 1963 he married Dorothy Lorraine Gray. Ray and Dorothy had three daughters; Christine Anna, Karen Geraldine, and Kathy Aline. In 1969 he moved his family to Comox, BC to take a teaching post at Robb Road Elementary School.

Throughout his teaching career he was active in the B.C. Teachers Federation. Political Passages continued on page 47.



Geoff Scott.

# Putting the Press in its place – 60s style!

By Geoff Scott

“Pleasure’s a sin, and sometimes sin’s a pleasure”  
– Lord Byron

A practical joke that happened in the late ‘60s still haunts me to this day, but, heaven help us, we found it hilarious at the time.

“We” consisted of former House Leader and Yukon MP Erik Nielsen, his twin brother and comic actor Leslie Nielsen; Nova Scotia Senator Finlay MacDonald, and your faithful correspondent, at the time a Parliamentary Press Gallery reporter.

It was known to the august but nefarious trio that I did a fairly accurate impression of our still-new Prime Minister, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, which turned out to be the *raison d’être* of their bizarre scheme. (From this point onward, I should mention that only the victim’s name and the location of his New Brunswick newspaper have been changed to protect the living, namely, me.)

Former Maritime broadcast executive, Finlay MacDonald, a fiendishly funny guy, had masterminded a plot to put one of Atlantic Canada’s most obnoxious newspaper editors in his place. Seems the U.K.-born assistant editor of a New Brunswick newspaper, The Saint John Valley Times, was openly campaigning for a Liberal government appointment as chairman of the then CRTC (Canadian Radio Telecommunications Commission). Senator Fin, along with most of Atlantic Canada’s broadcast industry, considered “Ferdie” Hinds pitifully incompetent to do the job, and so he picked an ingenious way to stop him.

## An insufferable braggart

As Senator Fin described him, the assistant editor was a self-delusional braggart, fond of telling everybody that “my very good friend, Mr. Trudeau, is due

to announce my appointment any day now.” And so, the wily Senator decided we should do just that: the “Prime Minister” would speak directly to Mr. Hinds, privately, and appoint him to the coveted post. But, as Sen. MacDonald briefed us in Erik Nielsen’s spacious East Block office, his fellow Maritimer is “a notorious gossip – he can’t possibly keep something like an appointment to the CRTC private for long, certainly not out of his own paper”. The Senator reminded us that “Ferdie” Hinds came from writing sleazy headlines in a muckraking British tabloid, “so you won’t keep him quiet for anything like 24 hours”.

My assignment, as Trudeau, was to offer Mr. Hinds the CRTC appointment, but only on condition that the call would remain absolutely confidential, and that not a word was to be leaked by “Ferdie” Hinds, not even to his wife, for the next 24 hours. At this point, Leslie Nielsen took over as “special assistant” to the Prime Minister. Putting on his best Det. Frank Drebin “Naked Gun” voice, he placed the call to New Brunswick, and announced, crisply and officiously, with all accompanying beeps, that the Prime Minister of Canada was ready to speak, very privately, with Mr. Hinds. (Suitable pause-and-a-half.) Then, Sen. MacDonald cued me.

By now, I swear I could have come on the phone as Mickey Mouse or Humphrey Bogart, and “Ferdie” Hinds would have believed it was Pierre Trudeau. However, from the muffled guffaws in the room, I must have nailed Mr. Trudeau’s slightly nasally, sing-song voice dead-on: “Well, hello, Mr. Hinds, nice to talk to you with some

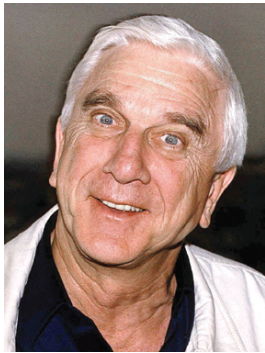
good news.” At which point, I could almost feel the assistant editor leaping through the Bell system: “Oh, my God! Mr. Prime Minister, I can’t believe it’s really you!” (If he only knew.) I carried on as the Prime Minister: “I don’t have much time, Mr. Hinds, only to ask if you would accept an appointment as chair or deputy chair at the CRTC.” There came a series of frantically ecstatic acceptances until my Trudeau voice, a little sterner now, intervened: “There is one very important condition, Mr. Hinds, not a word of this call must be mentioned by you or anyone else until late tomorrow afternoon, until the CRTC can announce the appointment. Or else the deal is off. Well, nice talking to you, Mr. Hinds, and we’ll see you in Ottawa.” With Leslie Nielsen orchestrating the necessary beeps, the call was ended.

## Let nature take its course

To this day, I will never forget the smugly satisfied Sen. Finlay MacDonald, leaning back in a big leather chair, and intoning: “Well now, gentlemen, we let nature take its course. If I’m right, we reconvene back here tomorrow, same time.”

Sure enough, within the next 12 to 15 hours, the Senator’s prescience was born out – splashed across the front page of next day’s Saint John Valley Times was the headline: “Valley Times Assistant Editor appointed to CRTC”. Coming as a weird and infuriating surprise in some circles, it immediately became Senator Fin MacDonald’s responsibility to put out some official fires, first in the Prime Minister’s Office; then came the CRTC; and finally, throughout Atlantic Canada’s broadcast community. With a few phone





*Prankster Leslie Nielsen.*

calls, the affable Sen. Fin quickly and quietly cleared up the shock and awe of affected parties by explaining it was all a practical joke. Everyone got the picture – everyone, that is, except “Ferdie” Hinds.

We four conspirators reconvened that afternoon in Erik Nielsen’s East Block office. Leslie Nielsen resumed his angry Prime Minister’s “special assistant” role, reaching a subdued Mr. Hinds in Saint John, warning the editor that his boss “was not happy.” That was my cue, after the requisite electronic beeps: “Hello, Mr. Hinds, I’m sorry to have to tell you that, in view of your violation of our secrecy agreement, the CRTC offer is cancelled. Sorry it didn’t work out. Au revoir.” A sputtering “Ferdie” was trying to explain to “special assistant” Leslie how he had slipped up and mentioned to a friend who promised . . .

The phone calls apparently shut down the assistant editor’s braggadocio routine for good. There was a small Our Mistake item at the bottom of Page Two of The Valley Times next day. I was never able to learn what happened to the hapless victim of our elaborate practical joke. For some reason, though, it doesn’t seem so doggone funny to me 50 years later. There are consequences to vengeful acts, no matter how amusing they may seem at the time.

Still, The Case of the Wanna-Be Chairman provided a fascinating learning experience of my life on Parliament Hill, and I enjoyed it.

Geoff Scott served as a Progressive Conservative MP in the riding of Hamilton—Wentworth, Ontario from 1978-1993.

Political Passages continued..



*Yves Forest.*

tion. He was also active in Comox community affairs. In 1979 he left teaching when he was elected as Member of Parliament for the riding of North Island-Powell River which he served for the next 14 years. During his time in Parliament, Ray became critic for Western economic development, fisheries, and mines and energy. He was delegated by Parliament to investigate conflict in El Salvador and was honoured to represent Canada at the funeral of Indira Gandhi.

He leaves behind; daughter Christine and husband Greg McElheran, and grandchildren Jack, Matthew, and Briana; daughter Karen, granddaughters Madeleine, Emma, Evangeline, and Anna and great-grandson Carter; daughter Katherine and husband Geoff Thomas, and grandchildren Hayden and Sadie.

Also left behind are brother Robert and wife Alex (Victoria), sister Gail and husband Randy (Seattle), sister Isabel (Riverside), sister Catherine, brother Graham (Abbotsford), and sister Patricia (Edmonton) as well as many nieces and nephews who were extremely fond of their Uncle Ray.

#### **Yves Forest July 18, 2019**

In Magog, on July 18, 2019, former Liberal MP, Yves Forest died at the age of 98.

Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Forest attended school at Saint-Charles Seminary in Sherbrooke, then earned a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at Université de Montréal.

He was first elected at the Stanstead riding in the 1963 general election then re-elected there in the 1965 election. In the 1968 election, he was elected to another Parliamentary term at Missisquoi riding. Forest left federal politics when

he was defeated in the 1972 federal election at Brome—Missisquoi.

Since January 2004, Forest became a director of the Historical Society of Magog and was honoured for his work in November 2009.

Yves was the beloved husband of the late Mrs. Elisabeth St-Martin, residing in Magog. He will be sadly missed by his children: Suzanne (Guy), Robert (Jayne), Barbara, Pierre and Jean (Sylvie); his grandchildren: Sarah, Alexandra and Kristina, Suzanne and Maxime, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

#### **Hon. Deepak Obhrai August 2, 2019**

On August 2, the Conservative party lost the longest-serving Conservative MP and the first Hindu elected to the House of Commons, to cancer. He was 69.

“We are still shocked by his sudden departure,” a Facebook post from his family reads. Obhrai was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer just a few weeks before his death.

The representative from Calgary Forest Lawn was an MP for 22 years, the Dean of the Conservative caucus and ran for the party’s leadership in 2017. He was the longest serving Conservative parliamentarian and the first person of colour to vie to lead the party.

Born and raised in Tanzania, Obhrai studied on three continents before settling in Calgary with his family in 1977.

Obhrai was known to stand up for people, especially immigrants — even occasionally to his own party members.

Those who knew him will always smile in recalling Deepak’s winsome sense of humour, which reflected his generosity of spirit.



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