

# ***ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION***



## ***783 (CALGARY) WING March/ April 2016 NEWSLETTER***

***Wing Meets every fourth Monday at 285 Legion – Horton Road 7PM***



## OUR TEAM

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<b>SICK &amp; WELFARE</b>	Edith McMinn
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<b>285 LEGION LIAISON</b>	Kenn Nixon
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	Bob Wade



Here we are with our next Newsletter, lots of things that have been going on at 783's Wing in the last couple of months

Enjoy and maybe reminisce. Bev



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, here we are finishing the second month of the year already, and our Wing has been very busy.

Feb. 13 found 12 wing members assisting with the Air Cadet Scholarship Boards in Red Deer. There were 226 boards, 192 cadets attending, and 111 volunteers including military and civilians and other RCAFA members involved. A great time to meet up with old friends, and enjoy the cadets. A huge thank you to all who participated in this outstanding event.

I attended the Alberta Group meeting in Red Deer on Feb. 27th and will have more on this at the wing meeting.

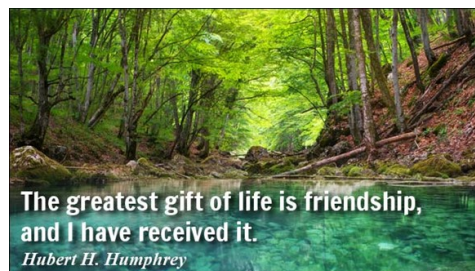
Again, we are looking for new members to join the wing, and to this end, Kenn Nixon has revamped our website with up to date information. Hopefully this will be another avenue we can use to foster interest and increase the membership. Thanks Kenn for getting this project done.

Mike and Daphne terKuile are involved in a project hiking up to Buller Mountain and Pass in June as part of the Summit for Mental Health. This is hosted by the PPCLI Foundation and we wish them all the best for this event. The main purpose of this climb is to raise money for mental health issues for the wounded and fallen members of our military community. Needless to say, the Wing is a strong advocate for this and will do its best to support this.

At the last meeting we presented a cheque for \$5000 to the Legacy Place, which provides a safe haven for members of the military, first responders and veterans. We are fortunate to be able to aid in this program, fulfilling one of our objectives of the Association. The representative gave all members in attendance one of their "Challenge Coins" in return.

Kenn Nixon represented the Wing at 83 Juno Beach Squadron RCAC as he presented the RCAFA/RCAF Commemorative coin to Cpl. Dayon, a deserving officer of the squadron. Job well done.

Sincerely submitted  
Pat Sulek



**RCAF 12<sup>TH</sup> AIRWOMEN REUNION – held at The Coast Hi Country Inn on the 5,6 & 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2015; in Whitehorse, Yukon.**

As we arrived at the “Land of the Midnight Sun”; for a once in a lifetime experience, we were greeted by the “welcoming committee”; seeing people greeting each other after years of separations, caused a few tears and lies (*How much we hadn’t changed*)! After settling in our rooms, we met in a large banquet room that was to be our *rendez-vous* for the next three days.

Some of us took a few side trips; that were offered at a nominal charge eg: The Yukon Wildlife Preserve, The Steamship, S.S. Klondike (*viewing only, as it is not opened to the public*), a DC-3, World’s Largest Weather Vane, Smallest Desert in the World, the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Center, and The McBride Museum. I am just naming a few of the many attractions. We toured the picturesque city of Whitehorse, set against the magnificent Yukon River. Some of us found our way to The Royal Canadian Legion, where the President, members and staff welcomed us royally.

Friday Night, we were entertained at “*The Guild Hall Theatre*”, reminiscent of the Klondike Era. We had high quality theatrical entertainment – featuring – Can Can Dancers, Banjo players, Barbershop Quartet singing “*Sweet Sixteen*” to our own Carney Henderson\*; the production ended with “*The Cremation of Sam McGee*”.

Saturday Night Banquet: In attendance were, City Hall Officials and Guests. Program included “*The Legion Pygmies*”, “*The Snowshoe Shufflers*” and “*Hank Karr and the Canucks Band*”. It was most enjoyable.

Sunday Morning – Church parade attended by a few hardy souls. Several of the Airwomen that had arrived earlier, and had taken advantage of tours that were offered earlier, were now in the process of departing.

Monday Morning – as per photo – Lorna Salter, Flo Putman, Aleane Johnson, Grace Clarke and myself, Edith McMinn; we boarded a bus then a train to Skagway, Alaska. The White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad is one of the few places in the world where one can take an authentic journey back in time. We had limited time to explore Skagway, as cruise ships arrived about the same time as we did, and the town was very crowded. Several hours later, our group was back on the bus for our return trip to Whitehorse, with some very tired women, and such great memories! The following day, we were “*on route*” back to Calgary.

Next Airwomen’s Reunion is June 2018 in Moncton, NB.

Respectively submitted by: *Edith McMinn*



President Dave from the Whitehorse Legion giving Lorna Slater\* & Edith McMinn\* a private tour of the city & area



Ex-Airwomen from Calgary leaving Whitehorse, Yukon and arriving at Skagway, Alaska on a tour, L to R... Flo Putman, Lorna Salter, Grace Clarke, Edith McMinn and Aleane Johnson (2015)

Saturday night Banquet held at Coast High Country Inn - L to R Edith McMinn, Lorna Salter, Carney Henderson, Jean Gregson, Wilma de Git and back row Elinor Lawrence



We are on Whitepassrailroad; built in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush, this narrow gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. front Lorna, Flo, Edith, Aleane & Grace.







***Vern Mckeague receiving his Life Membership  
From Pat Sulek and Steve MacDonnell***



***Bob Clarke receiving his Meritorious Service Award  
From Pat Sulek and Steve MacDonnell***



### **783 Wing Visits Lieutenant Governor**

January 1, 2016

Keith and Barb Mann, Brian and Anna Lewis, Kenn Nixon and Pat Sulek were up in Edmonton supporting the Alberta Provincial Committee working their Casino on New Year's Eve. We decided that we should attend the Lieutenant Governor's Levee. We joined Major Randy Fisher to bring in the New Year. President Pat presented Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, with the 90th Anniversary of RCAF and 65 Anniversary of RCAFA Coin on behalf of 783 (Calgary) Wing.

### **783 (Calgary) Wing Supports Veterans**

January 25, 2016, we present a cheque for \$5,000 to Diana Festjo the executive director of the Legacy Place Society in support of their programs.

This society exists to build family resiliency and legacies to withstand the unique challenges faced by Peace Officers, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Services, 911 Dispatchers and Military Personnel. Their objectives include Accommodations, Peer to Peer Support, Web Based Resources, Family Camps, Humanitarian Mission Trips, Education Bursaries, Benevolence and Legacy Tribute and Family Resiliency Workshops. Her presentation was an eyeopener for some of us as we weren't aware such support for our Front line responders was available.



# Alberta Group Assists Cadets

February 12 and 13, seventeen members of 700 Wing, 702 Wing, 703 Wing and 783 Wing report to Lindsay Thurber High School in Red Deer to assist the Alberta Provincial Committee with the annual Air Cadet scholarship selection boards. Our member played many roles from board members, officers, and administration. We were among 111 volunteers who interviewed 192 cadets in 226 selection boards in support of the Air Cadet program.

Our presence continue to provide support and leadership of these wonderful young people who will become the leaders and our future.



Pictured here Top Row: Bob Wade, Bruce Look, Florence Look and Randy Fisher  
Middle Row: Anna Lewis, Lorie Gordon, Barb Mann, Charlene MacLean, Joanna Howard and Stan Monkman  
Front Row: Brian Lewis, Keith Mann, Pat Sulek and Kenn Nixon  
Missing from Picture: Ray Elphick, Doug Eaglesham and Angele Mullins







## GROUP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 783 WING NEWSLETER – MAR 2016

I wish to extend greetings to the members of 783 Wing from the National Executive Council and Alberta Group. Both levels of the organization have been busy and it is wonderful to report that all five wings in Alberta Group are in good shape and under good leadership. Indeed, as of our last group meeting this past weekend the total membership in Alberta Group is closing in on 500 members. This completely defies the national trend over the last decade. Indeed that is only off by about 50 members from when I last held the group president's role in 2009. Principle highlights include:

- ◊ The next national AGM will be held Oct 14-16, 2016 in Ottawa.
- ◊ A national membership campaign is underway with 2017, Canada's 150th birthday, being our "end goal" timing. The on-line surveys many of you received are part of the initiation of this process.
- ◊ Renewed support and co-operation from the Commander of the RCAF
- ◊ Re-defined RCAFA awards criteria for our air force units and individuals.
- ◊ A new strategy for re-invigorating the RCAF Trust Fund.
- ◊ Evolving strategy for involving the RCAF in flypasts for our commemorative events in Alberta.
- ◊ New membership growth in 784 Cold Lake Wing.
- ◊ The appointment of Mike Roy of 784 as Alberta Group's representative to the RCAF Trust.
- ◊ The appointment of Walter Den Hoed of 702 Lethbridge Wing as Vice President – South, Alberta Group, replacing Ray Elphick of Red Deer who had to resign due to personal reasons.
- ◊ Our group AGM will be held in Lethbridge on the weekend of Apr 22-24, 2016, with BGen David Lothian, Deputy Commander, Force Generation, 1 Canadian Air Division, as Guest of Honour.

I will be pleased to update the wing members going forward on this and other news in this nicely re-vamped newsletter 783 is publishing. It is a treat to be part of it!

Steve MacDonnell

Alberta Group President

Past President Grant Whitson and President Steve MacDonnell installing Walter DenHoed as Vice President South



## UP AND COMING

As those who are involved with Air Cadets (and who isn't) the Effective Speaking Competition for Southern Wing will be held March 12th – at the Mewata Amouries. Wing members are encouraged to attend this function and watch the making of some of the finest speakers to advance to the Provincial level.

RCAF Mess Dinner

March 18th @ Areospace Museum

RCAFA Alberta Annual General Meeting

April 23rd @ Lethbridge Wing

Wing Tea

April 10th @ Haysboro Community Centre

POT LUCK—no charge

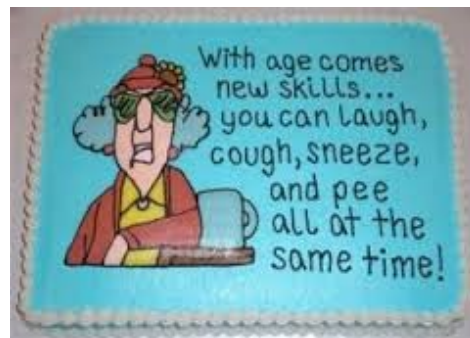



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RON	SPIELMAN			4-Mar
BRYNDIS	WHITSON			6-Mar
KEITH	MANN			8-Mar
SYLVIA	PULTZ			8-Mar
MURIEL	MYMKO			10-Mar
SCOTT	DEEDERLY			10-Mar
KENT	ANDERSON			13-Mar
GRACE	THIRD	H		22-Mar
ALLAN	COLLINS	ROBERT		27-Mar
JAMES	BRISTOWE	MALCOLM		5-Apr
BRIAN	LEWIS	JOHN		7-Apr
DOUGLAS	MORISON			11-Apr
GERALD	MORRISON	E		11-Apr
HELEN	HILL			12-Apr
(NICK)	KROEKER	K		13-Apr
RANDY	FISHER			17-Apr
VICTOR	KELLER	V		19-Apr
DAVID	DOWNS			23-Apr



**Happy Birthday**

**And Best Wishes**





**STOVE TOP Classic One-Dish Chicken**  
**Bake with Vegetables**



## What You Need

1 cup hot water

1 pkg. (120 g) *Stove Top* Lower Sodium Stuffing Mix for Chicken

1 lb. (450 g) boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces

1 can (10 fl oz/284 mL) condensed cream of chicken soup

1/3 cup sour cream

3 Add hot water to stuffing mix; stir just until moistened.

Combine remaining ingredients in 13x9-inch baking dish; top with stuffing.

Bake 30 min. or until casserole is heated through and chicken is done.

Or add

2 cups frozen mixed vegetables (carrots, corn, green beans add, peas, thawed, drained)

prepare as directed, stirring 1-1/2 cups *Kraft* Part Skim Mozzarella Shredded Cheese into chicken mixture before topping.

Heat oven to 400°Fg with stuffing.



## Quick and Easy Fried Egg Dessert

What you need:

1 package of Blamonge pudding mix or carton of Vanilla Yogurt

6 half apricots (canned)

Splash of Peach Schnapps

### Do this

Prepare pudding mix as per the package.

On individual dishes place large spoonful of Blamonge or Yogurt mix

Place a apricot in the middle of the Blamonge

Splash some Peach Schnapps on top and Wholla

PREVIOUSLY SERVED AT MANY WING FUNCTIONS.

Submitted by Bev





LAST POST In the last couple of months we  
have lost very valuable member

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

HUTCHINGS, Arthur (Art) July 2, 1920 – November 6, 2015 Arthur William Frank Hutchings, of Calgary, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 6, 2015 at the age of 95 years. Beloved Dad to Mavis Hutchings (Glenn Mettlewsky) of Calgary and Carol (Richard) Gwatkin of Lethbridge, Grandad of Willy Gwatkin of Lethbridge, nieces Laura Jones of Vancouver, Lois Petch of Kamloops and nephew Gordon Jones of Midway, B.C. He was predeceased by his wife Stella, parents William and Elizabeth Hutchings and his sister Eva. Art was born and raised in Weymouth, England. Upon leaving school he apprenticed with great Western Railway at Weymouth. He joined RAF in 1939 and came to Canada with the Commonwealth air training plan as a fitter then as aircrew, receiving wings and returning to England and the RAF in 1943. He and Stella were married in 1945 and daughter Carol was born in 1946. The family moved to Canada in 1948 and he began his days with CP Rail in Revelstoke, BC where Mavis was born, they transferred to Calgary in 1954 with Art retiring in 1983. He was busy in retirement, travelling with Stella, gardening, golfing, curling and spent many winters in Maui. Art was active with the Aircrew Association of Southern Alberta; the Royal Canadian Airforce Association – 783 Wing and the CP Pensioners Association. Art was known for his great sense of humour and for being a true gentleman. He will be greatly missed.

**Our Condolences to Marion Mascaro's family on the sudden passing  
of her son-in-law Fred Foster in February.**

Loss is life's non-negotiable side. It is the time  
When we learn, unconditionally, that we are  
Powerless over things we thought we had a  
Grip on. But it doesn't stop there, because  
Every ending brings a new beginning.

(Stephanie Ericsson)

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR



Q: What did the hamburger name his daughter?  
A: Patty!

Q: What kind of egg did the bad chicken lay?  
A: A deviled egg!

Q: What kind of key opens the door on Thanksgiving?  
A: A turkey!

Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?  
A: He felt crummy!

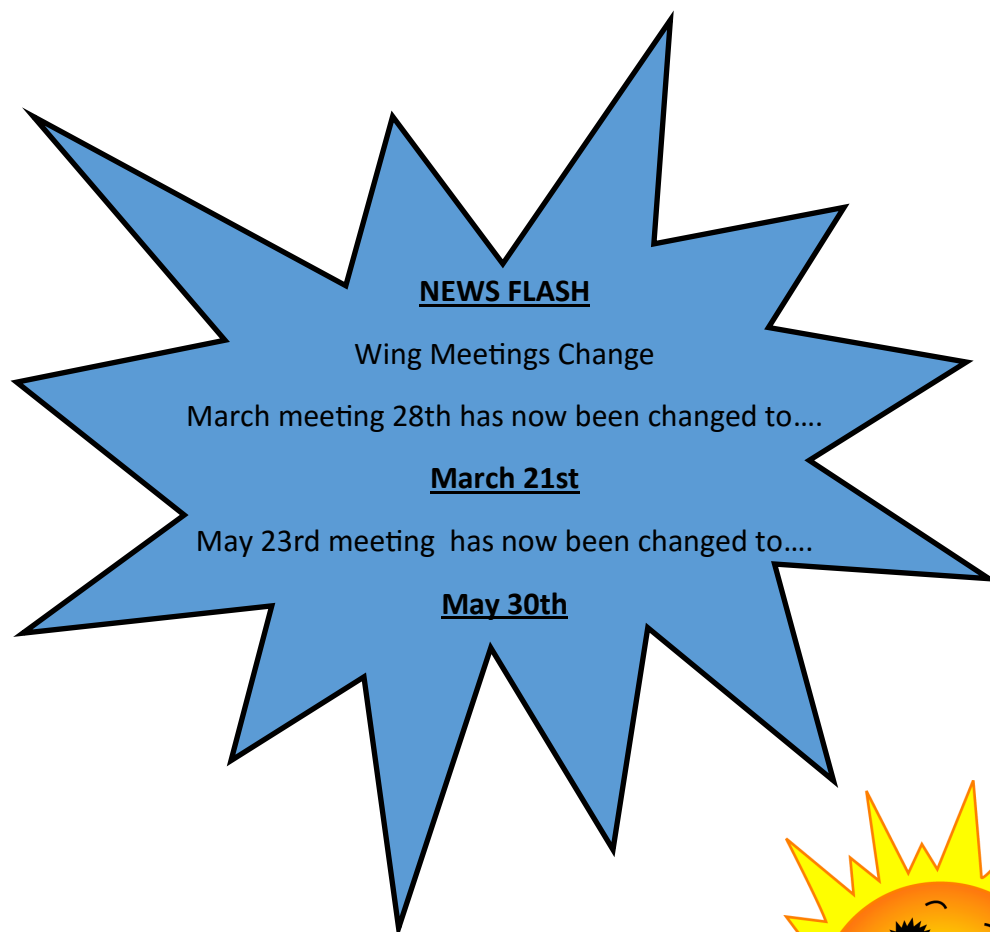
Q: Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?  
A: She couldn't control her pupils!

Readers comments – Let us know how we are doing. We will publish them next edition

Members are encouraged to send us “stuff”, pictures, jokes, recipes and comments (nice ones only) and we will do our best to make sure these are included.

We want to get to know our members better. So if you would kindly send Bev a little bit about yourself, like when you first joined our Wing, your hobbies, your family and maybe something nobody knows about you.

We will Showcase two of our members in each Newsletter.



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