

SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL
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2009 – 25th ANNUAL INDUCTION

For the first time in all twenty-five years this day was very wet! This, however, did not dampen the events of the day. Fewer tickets were sold for this year’s celebration, so fewer people attended the luncheon, which was again sponsored by **SOBEYS**. *Thank you Ron and Grace* 300 people enjoyed the very delicious evening meal, prepared by **“CANDO CATERERS”**.
Thank you, Rosalyn!

David Dekker, North Battleford, again acted as the Master of Ceremonies. A great job, as usual!
Thank you, David!

Induction ceremonies were again handled by Paul Hack and Kevin Waugh. *Thank you, Paul!*
Thank you, Kevin!

Appreciation is extended to all that supported this, our largest fund-raising project. We hope you will continue with your support through attending the next induction, by giving a donation and by becoming a member.

To all the volunteers- “Thank you, thank you, thank you!”

FESTIVAL OF GARDENS – a successful event that will be continued next year, with plans to increase passport sales.

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IN ORDER TO HONOUR ALL THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO OUR GREAT SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HISTORY, AND TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR “BASEBALL HALL OF FAME”, YOU MUST HELP US OBTAIN NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING A SUBMISSION FOR NOMINATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE. THANK YOU.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH “JOE” ZEMAN - SASKATOON, SASK.-Born February 6, 1914, died July 2, 2009, at the age of 95! Joe contributed greatly to baseball in Saskatchewan. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005, and received the Hall of Fame “Special Merit Award” in 2003.

IRL FRANK FLANAGAN- MOOSE JAW, SASK.- died August 16, 2009, at the age of 78 years. Irl was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1994.

MYRNA HARRIS - LANDIS, SASK.- died August 28, 2009. She was 75 years old. Myrna was an artist and supporter of our organization. She was the wife of inductee Oliver Harris.

GARY CONRAD BRANDON- DAUPHIN, MANITOBA- died June 18, 2009, at 61 years of age. Gary was a member of the 1972 Unity Cardinals Baseball Team inducted into the “Team Category” in 1992.

DAVID DOUGLAS OGILVIE MEARNS-SASKATOON, SASK.- born in Scotland, August 8, 1921, died May 27, 2009. David played semi-pro baseball with the Regina Red Sox for 8 years.

LAWRENCE GROSS, SWIFT CURRENT, SASK.- Died August 24, 2009, at 96 years of age. He was scouted in the early 30's by the Canadian Major Baseball League but declined due to his commitment to his job.

NORMAN WOURMS- REGINA, SASK.- Died July 12, 2009. Norman was a member of a Fulda Flyers Baseball Team. The Fulda Flyers will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Team Category, on August 21, 2010.

HE’S JUST A LITTLE BOY

He stands at the plate with his heart pounding fast;
 The bases are loaded; the die has been cast.
 Mom and Dad cannot help him; he stands all alone.
 A hit at this moment would send the team home.
 The ball nears the plate; he swings and he misses.
 There’s a groan from the crowd, with some boos and hisses.
 A thoughtless voice cries, ”Strike out the bum!”
 Tears fill his eyes; the game’s no longer fun.
 Remember- he’s just a little boy who stands all alone;
 So open your heart, and give him a break,
 For it’s moments like this, a man you can make;
 Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget;
 He’s just a little boy, not a man, yet!
 Poem compliments –Valerie Flanagan, Kindersley, Sask.

MESSAGES FROM OUR READERS

“Theresa and I wish to extend our regards and thanks to you and your staff for your dedicated service to Saskatchewan Baseball. We are both keeping well.” **Ernie Franks, Melville, Sask.**

“Thanks for your part in making the induction weekend a truly memorable one for my family and myself. ...Thank you for asking me to speak on behalf of the 2009 inductees. I felt honoured to speak on their behalf...” **Gary McKechney, Bienfait, Sask.**

[Thank you, Gary and Bev, for your kind comments directed to us as well!]

“ I would like to thank you all for the great time and supper we all had. If there is anything I can do, please feel free to call me.” **Bob Burns, Estevan, Sask.**

[Thank you, Bob, I will!]

“Good job on organizing last nite’s induction and banquet...we certainly enjoyed celebrating Jim Baba’s induction with his family and friends....” **Valerie Flanagan, Kindersley, Sask.**

[Valerie also informed us that Irl had died early Sunday, August 16, 2009 in hospital in Regina. Both Jerry and Irl were inducted in 1994.]

“First of all, thank you for sending the “Hall of Fame” baseball newsletter I really enjoyed reading it. Thank you as well, for all your efforts to keep the baseball history in Saskatchewan alive and well. Again, thank you and all the people involved in this great organization.”

Dennis Williams, Woodlake, California, USA

“ Due to a hectic schedule of moving and weddings, we are unable to attend the induction, but wish you continued success in the future.” **Hilton Hughes, on behalf of Lockwood community.**

“I regret not being able to attend the induction ceremonies this year-we have a family wedding at the same time. Good luck. Have fun!” **Adam Fetsch, Goodsoil, Sask.**

“My wife and I were at the Sask. Baseball Hall of Fame Museum on Friday, July 31, in mid afternoon...we were impressed to have our own personal tour, as she was very informative and up to date with information.” **John and Audrey Janex**

Messages were received from numerous past inductees and members, who were not able to attend, but extended their very best wishes for a successful celebration. Some of these individuals purchased tickets for the event, with permission to be used for someone that would appreciate attending. To these people,” Thank you for your kind gesture. This was greatly appreciated by the individuals and the association!” **Jane Shury, Battleford, Sask.**

To the Fulda Flyers- Team Induction 2010!!

Information sent to several of you from this office earlier this year, indicated the date of the 2010 induction as Saturday, August 14, 2010. This was NOT correct. I apologize for this mistake. The date for this event has always been the third [3rd] Saturday in August. My personal apology for any inconvenience this may have caused. I do not have an explanation as to how this happened. The editor, Jane.

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League newsletter, honoured our Founder, David Shury, with a two [2] page article on his accomplishments during his life.

Also, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, St. Marys, Ontario, acknowledged David’s contribution to baseball in CANADA.

Several other newsletters, other than baseball, also acknowledged his many and varied contributions during his life.

MEMBERSHIPS since last newsletter

LIFE

Ian J. Young- Calgary, Alta.
 John Zeeben- Yorkton, Sask.
 Dennis Williams- Woodlake, California USA
 Village of Dinsmore- Dinsmore, Sask.
 Wayne Thompson- Edmonton, Alta.

REGULAR

Lloyd Guenther- Vancouver, BC
 Clarence Proctor- Biggar, Sask.
 Lorne Harasen- Regina, Sask.
 Cando Catering- Cando, Sask.
 Eldene Schmidt- Radville, Sask.
 Michael Evans Smith- Swift Current, Sask.
 Ed Stefureak- Edmonton, Alta.
 Ray McTavish- Elbow, Sask.

JOIN “FRIENDS OF THE HALL”- GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

This Museum and Hall of Fame is the perfect place for generations of families and friends to share their memories and dreams about Saskatchewan history—BASEBALL!

BASIC REGULAR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES - \$25.00

Our year is January 1 to December 31 of each year!

*Membership card
 Voting privileges
 Recognition in newsletter
 Receive regular newsletter*

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES-\$200.00

*Basic plus:
 Laminated membership card
 Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Pin.*

YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT! THANK YOU!

DONATIONS

Earl and Donna Berard- Kindersley, Sask.
 Paul Ponak- Regina, Sask.
 Ernest and Theresa Franks- Melville, Sask.
 Wayne LeBere and Family- Moose Jaw, Sask.

DONATIONS “IN MEMORY”

Diane Johnston-Montmarte, Sask.- “.In Memory” of Reuben Jacob Erfle.
 Frank Spenrath-Lloydminster, Alta-“In Memory” of Olga Spenrath [2004]
 Lois Nuels- Grenfell, Sask.-“In Memory” of Ernie Mullen [Lois’ father]
 Dennis Williams- Woodlake, Cal.-“In Memory” of Bob Chapman
 Marilyn Liss [Enmark]-Elgin, Ont.-“In Memory” of Howard Enmark and Earl Godard

DONATIONS “IN MEMORY” OF DAVID SHURY

Fred Silzer- Saskatoon, Sask.
 Ben and Darcy Elias- Battleford, Sask.
 Lockwood Community [Hilton Hughes]-Lockwood, Sask.
 Ron and Yvonne Miller- Strasbourg, Sask.
 Oliver Harris- Landis, Sask.
 Lorna McLean- North Battleford, Sask.
 The Donison Family- Judy Gebhard- Liberty, Sask.

DONATIONS “IN MEMORY” OF JOE ZEMAN

Merle Belsher- Saskatoon, Sask.	Fred Silzer- Saskatoon, Sask.
Roger Doell- Saskatoon, Sask.	Morris Mott- Brandon, Man.
Ron Wallace- Saskatoon, Sask.	Doug Davis- Saskatoon, Sask.
Leo Wurtz- Lloydminster, Sask.	Darryl Senecal- Rosetown, Sask.
Earle Decoteau- Saskatoon, Sask.	John Dewar- Saskatoon, Sask.
Vern G. Reeve- Saskatoon, Sask.	Oliver Harris- Landis, Sask.

Elaine Webster- HAJT Farms- Saskatoon, Sask.
 Saskatoon Senior Baseball League- Saskatoon, Sask.

DONATION FOR DEVELOPEMNT OF MORE DISPLAY AREA!- A substantial donation was made by Earl and Donna Berard, Kindersley, Sask. to develop more display area.. As well, Earl donated a large collection of his baseball memorabilia which will be part of the display area to be located in the basement of the museum.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THIS MUSEUM

1 - **Membership**

2 - **Donations**

3 - Solicit ads from your area for our ‘**Calendar Project**.’ For only \$40.00, a business card size ad will be included in the annual calendar published and distributed throughout Saskatchewan and surrounding provinces.

4 - Donate an article to the ‘**Silent Auction**’ table held at the induction.

5 - **Nominate** an individual, a team, a family or a community for induction into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

6 - **Encourage visits** to the museum. We have become an interesting historical tourist attraction.

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