

**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER**
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2010 INDUCTEES!

More than 400 attended the 26th Annual Induction held Saturday, August 21, 2010!

The atmosphere was electric!

So many friends reminiscing and making new memories!

Many wonderful comments have been received from individuals that attended from all over Saskatchewan, other provinces, and the USA!

The 2010 Induction Ceremony DVD is available for \$25.00 including shipping costs.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The DAVE SHURY CUP was presented to WAYNE HOFFMAN, NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK., for his dedication and support to our founder, Dave Shury, for many years.

The SPECIAL MERIT AWARD was presented to ED BRYANT, SASKATOON, SK., for his many years of dedication, commitment, support and the building of the association and museum.

HONOURARY INDUCTION

RON HAYTER, EDMONTON, AB.

DR. JOHN DEWAR, SASKATOON, SK.

JANE SHURY, BATTLEFORD, SK.

OUR 2010 "PLATINUM" SPONSOR--BATTLEFORD FURNITURE

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THANK YOU, EACH AND EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THIS HALL OF
FAME AND MUSEUM

THIS MUSEUM IS THE PROTECTOR AND CARETAKER OF OUR SASKATCHEWAN
BASEBALL HERITAGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 26th Annual Induction on August 21, 2010, was a wonderful celebration that was most enjoyable and successful.

It is the responsibility of the Directors of the Association, to make certain that the future of this Hall of Fame and Museum, remains secure.

In order to do this, we must continually pursue fund-raisers to provide the necessary operating costs.

Our means of funding include memberships, donations, sponsorships, fund-raising projects, and numerous volunteer hours.

This is a plea to all of you, and specifically to those that have been inducted into the individual, team or family category over the last 26 years.

This Hall of Fame and Museum contains YOUR baseball career history. Help us keep that baseball heritage alive and well!

This can be done by supporting our fund-raising projects, a donation and taking out a membership.

A regular annual membership fee is \$25.00. Our year is Jan.1 - Dec.31 each year.

A lifetime membership is \$200.00.

To our individual inductees, members of a team induction, or family induction-we encourage, solicit -AND NEED your membership fees to operate.

This is YOUR museum with YOUR baseball history.

Donations are always accepted, with your tax receipt mailed immediately.

To those that are not a member, please consider taking out a membership.

Contact us for information, as well as for our 2011 Sponsorship Program.

Those of you that are already members, donators and supporters of our projects, please accept "Special Appreciation and Thanks"! Keep it up!

We invite your comments and suggestions. As well, if you have an article that would be enjoyed by our readers, please forward it to us.

Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM GATENBY, SCEPTRE, SK. -died September, 2009, at the age of 83 years. This information was received this July. William Gatenby was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998.

EDWARD STEFUREAK , EDMONTON, AB. - born September 7, 1933, died August 9, 2010, at the age of 76. Ed was a member of the 1967 Yorkton Cardinals that was inducted into the "Team Category" of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, in 2009.

GERALD"GERRY"HERMAN STRUEBY, ENGLEFELD, SK. - born May 26, 1939, died July 30, 2010, at 71 years of age.. Gerry was a member of the FULDA FLYERS, inducted into the "Team Category" of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame on August 21, 2010.

ELMER KNUTSON, ELBOW, SK. - died in May, 2010. Elmer was a member of The 1948-1960 Elbow Cranes Baseball Team inducted into the Team Category in 2003.

GET WELL & KEEP WELL

Frank Spenrath-Lloydminster, SK. Suffered a stroke just prior to this year's induction, August 21st. Frank was a 2008 inductee.

FROM OUR READERS!

'---Thank you for the personal mini-tour of your lovely museum. Next time I'm in the Battleford area, I will definitely plan to stay longer. ---All the best to you and your kind

staff.” **Barb Bondarczuk, Edmonton, AB**

Barb donated the “Jake and the Kid” baseball jersey that was from the “Jake and the Kid” television series 1995-1997. It was used in “Season 1-Episode 3-Grand Plans.” Thank you, Barb!

“---Good luck for another successful year. Thank you for carrying on the work that Dave put in for so many years in developing a wonderful memory for all of us.” **Wally Footz, Secretary/Treasurer, WCBA, Edmonton, AB**

“On behalf of the MILLARD family, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you, Jane, the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, all the volunteers and workers for the very excellent ‘Induction Banquet’ held August 21st. The whole day was well organized from the noon luncheon through to the closing bars of ‘Take Me Out To The Ball Game’. Thanks to Kevin Waugh for his excellent introduction. It was indeed professionally delivered. We also enjoyed viewing the outside wall of the museum. ---Thank you for inducting the Millard family. I also enjoyed seeing many of my baseball friends and meeting new ones. Thanks for including Spencer.” **Neil Millard, Canwood, SK.**

“—What a wonderful induction dinner. My personal ‘Congratulations’ for all the hard work.” **Paul Hack, Saskatoon, SK.**

“The staff at the Hall of Fame and Museum are to be commended for their effort in adding to the museum. I had hoped to attend the celebrations in August, but find it difficult to work around. Have a great and successful celebration. My thoughts will be in Battleford on the 21st.” **Orvil Mything, Climax, SK.**

” ---August 21, 2010, will be with me, Annette and our family forever. —“
Doug and Annette Schultz, Watrous, SK.

“ Thank you, Jane, for all your help coordinating people for us to interview about their gardens. The video is up on Sasktel Max-Channel 48. It is under “Home and Garden”. Click on Home and Garden and then scroll down and click on North Battleford-Festival of Gardens to watch!” **Juanita Tuntland, Media Group**

“You can put my picture on the cover anytime you want! What a nice surprise and what an honour to be grouped with such fine people. Congratulations on your success and best wishes for much more. Best wishes.” **Jim Shearon, Kanata, Ont.** [Jim is the author of “Over The Fence Is Out”, and a photo of him as guest speaker at the 1997 Annual Induction, was included on the cover of our 2011 calendar]

“—Everyone enjoyed the 26th Annual Induction August 21, 2011.” **Alice French, Delisle, Sk.**

“ On behalf of my Dad, T. Lowell Hansen, a heartfelt ‘Thank you’ is sent to you. He really loved the book and pictures. The stories of his family, too. It came in time for his 92nd birthday!” **C. Joanne Myinski, Calgary, AB.**

“ ---We were lucky and so happy to see the TV clip on CBC on the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and the 26th Annual Induction. It was so unexpected! We could not be there this year, and we really missed our annual history escapade! We missed this so much-truly one of the best things of our past. Regards to all.” **Rose and Reg Pendleton, Calgary, AB**

“ Your hard work on behalf of Saskatchewan Baseball is appreciated. Kind regards.” **Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs, Saskatoon, SK.**

“What an incredible job by you and the directors. Thank you very much. It was a memorable day and I wish I would have had a few more days to spend at the museum and meeting all the folks. Maybe next year!---Again, much thanks to all at the Hall for a fabulous time. Cheers.” **Jay-Dell Mah, Nakusp, BC**
[Jay was inducted August 21, 2010!]

“Jane, what a wonderful week-end. It is something I will treasure the rest of my life and think back on the fond memories. Again, a big thank you to yourself and and your staff for a job well done. I will definitely stay in touch and be a supporter of the Hall-of-Fame in the future. Thank you, and take care.” **Dennis Williams, Woodlake, California, USA**

“ Congratulations on your “Honourary” Induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. The time and effort that you give to the organization is very evident, and you deserve every bit of this wonderful recognition! I had a great time and sharing it with you meant so much to me.----” **Whitney Murdoch, Gold Eagle Lodge, North Battleford, SK.**

“Thank you to all that have emailed, phoned and offered kind remarks about the induction event. These are greatly appreciated by the Directors, the volunteers and staff. Remember us when you consider donating to a non-profit organization. Thank you.” **Jane Shury, President/CEO**

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE GREATEST!

***THANK YOU FROM THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM!***

MEMBERSHIPS – [SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER]

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS - Nil

2010 REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

Keith Davidson, Lloydminster, AB John Ford, Saskatoon, SK.
Gary Nordal, Bulyea, Sk. Garry Erfle, Warman, SK.

2011 REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

Jerry Deshaye, Regina, Sk.
Gary Nordal, Bulyea, Sk.
Clarence Proctor, Biggar, Sk.

A REMINDER

Regular annual membership fees are due at the end of the year. Our fiscal year is January 1 to December 31 of each year. If you have already paid, please disregard this. Thank You!
Life Members, please disregard this reminder as well. However, donations are welcomed throughout the year!!

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DONATIONS "IN MEMORY" [since last newsletter]

Ruth Knutson, Elbow – "In Memory" of Elmer Knutson (IT-2003—1948-1960 Elbow Cranes)
Lois Neuls, Grenfell, Sk.-"In Memory" of Ernie Mullen (Father)
Agnes Flanagan, Moose Jaw, Sk.-"In Memory" of Irl Flanagan (1994 Inductee)
Robert McLane, Liberty, Sk.-"In Memory" of Clayton McLane
Alice French & Family, Delisle, Sk.-"In Memory" of Norman French (2010 Inductee)

DONATIONS – OTHER [since last newsletter]

Edward W. Bearss, Assiniboia, Sk.	Ted Quist, Marwayne, AB
Joe Charabin, North Battleford, Sk.	Lem Boyd
Erna Lebsack, West Kelowna, BC	
Oliver Harris, Landis, Sk.	Jim Shearon, Kanata, Ont.
Brian Ingjaldson, Langenburg, Sk.	Lois Neuls, Grenfell, Sk.
Darwin Lackey, Weyburn, Sk. (IT1991)	Gil Bellavance, Battleford, Sk.
Don Orr, Kelowna, BC	Don Cousins, Saskatoon, Sk.
Wally Bayne, Battleford, Sk.	Bill Selnes, Melfort, Sk.
Joyce George, North Battleford, Sk.	Dr. John Dewar, Saskatoon, Sk.
Robert Colliar, Meota, Sk.	Bob Joyce, Dodsland, Sk.
Herb Sparrow, North Battleford, Sk.	Bill & Debbie Gergely, Richmond, Sk.
Garry & Claudia Shury, Yorkton, SK.	Rose Sinclair, Calgary, AB
Fred Gardiner, Gardiner Electric & Trenching, Battleford, Sk.	

To ALL Inductees : Remember, this Hall of Fame and Museum acknowledges, displays and honours **your** contribution to our great baseball heritage. If you have never supported this organization with a membership, we would ask that you consider doing so, or giving a donation. It requires funding for operating, proper preservation of memorabilia and artifacts, proper displays, research, and taking on fund-raising projects. Your help is needed. We DO NOT receive any Government funding!

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Jane, at 306-446-1983.
Thank you.

Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

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OUR FUND-RAISING PROJECTS

THE ANNUAL INDUCTION-This demands year round preparation in order to obtain nominations for the "Selection Committee" to review and determine the inductees for the year. Nominations are the key to a successful event. This is where you, as a member of this association can assist by submitting a nomination for someone you feel strongly that should be considered for induction. You may contact the office for nomination guidelines and forms, as well as to any other questions you may have.

The 27th Annual Induction will be held Saturday, August 20, 2011.

This is the project that you can support and have a very enjoyable time as well.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF GARDENS-This project, held in the Battlefords, is becoming quite popular. However, the weather is a determining factor in the success of each event. The 5th Annual Festival of Gardens will be held Sunday, July 17, 2011.

DONATIONS- Our members must be commended for their dedication to this association for their financial support throughout the years. We are very proud of the accomplishments of this association, but we must ask for your support, as many of the past inductees are no longer with us, and it is now time for the rest of us to take over and keep the donations coming. The people of Saskatchewan are the greatest! Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP – Our mailing list is updated regularly, therefore, we ask those people on our complimentary list to consider taking out a membership. Of course, Life members need not be concerned about paying the annual fee, but a donation is always accepted with gratitude! Annual membership fees are for January 1 to December 31. That fee is

\$25.00. Lifetime membership is \$200.00.

SOUVENIR SALES- Most sales are made on Induction Day. We have souvenirs that are appropriate for gifts for anyone. Here is our souvenir list:

BB Caps with embroidered logo-\$20.00

Golf Shirts with embroidered logo-\$45.00

T-Shirts with logo-\$20.00

Hoodies [green] embroidered logo-\$65.00

Coffee Mugs with logo-\$7.00

Pens with logo-\$2.00

Pins-\$3.00

Key Chains with engraving-\$5.00

Swiss Army Knives-\$5.00

Baseball Holders-\$10.00

These prices include taxes, but you are responsible for shipping.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM- PLATINUM-\$2000.00 or more yearly.

- GOLD-\$500.00 yearly.

A TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN-SASKATOON, SK.

2010 was the first year that this contract was awarded to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Director Norm Bell, Saskatoon, was instrumental in accomplishing this. Several of the Directors of the Museum along with family members and friends volunteered for doing the necessary clean up as the contract required. Norm Bell is pleased to announce that our association has been granted the **2011** contract, with our Vice-President, Ed Bryant, Saskatoon, taking over from Norm, as the "Project Manager."

This is a project that requires many volunteers over the 6-day event. Would you consider volunteering several hours to help raise money for our Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum? Let us know.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS

After a drought year in 1961, as I was newly married with one young child and expanding my farming operation, I decided I didn't want us to starve on the farm, so I enrolled in North Dakota State University in an Engineering program.

I played freshman baseball the first year and the second year with the Varsity program. As I had played senior and semi-pro [in 1953], I had my programs a little reversed! As our school year ended June 1, we only played ball until exam time [about May 20]. We started workouts in the Field House and had to run to the airport after practice. As I was 29 years old [others were 17 to 20], I had trouble getting the arm into shape and was excused from the run. I can remember playing in St. Cloud, Minnesota on April 20 as the snow was falling!

My coach was a 26 year-old former semi-pro baseball player. He would call me to see who we should start on the mound. As I was one of the pitchers, I guess it was a little uncomfortable for both of us.

Until my wife and family arrived, I stayed with a railway employee and his family. He worked with the father of Roger and Rudy Maris, who I believe both had also attended NDSU in Fargo N Dakota. My son still has the autographed baseball that a friend got for him from Roger Maris!

After the second year, our crop situations improved so we came back to the farm. The experience was great for both my wife and I even though money was short.

However, since I was paying my own way, my marks were much better than in High School, even made the Honours group one semester! Not easy with one young child and a new baby in a tiny apartment. BUT, I was the only ballplayer with his own fan club...young kids in the stands calling "Hi Daddy!"

Just one more baseball experience!!

GARY McKECHNEY, BIENFAIT, SK. INDUCTEE 2009