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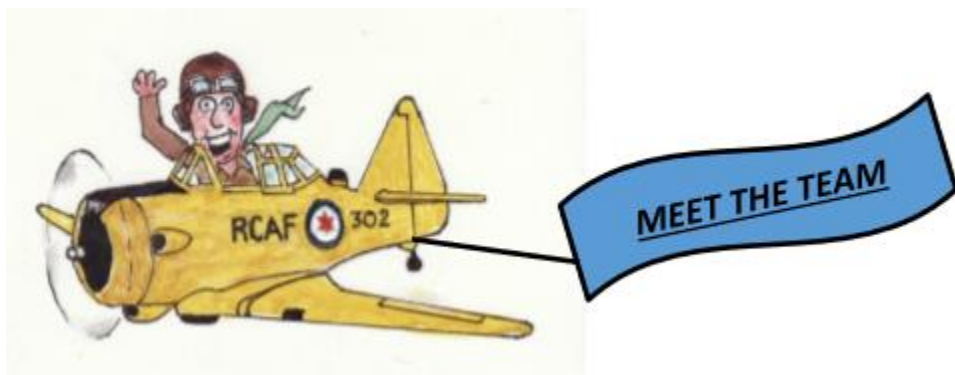
783 (Calgary) Wing Newsletter

**ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE
ASSOCIATION**



Nov/Dec, 2020

***Wing Meets every
4th Monday at 7pm
285 Legion Horton Road
(on hold due to COVID)***



Chairperson	Randy Fisher
Honorary Chairperson	Col (Retd) Don Matthews
Immediate Past Chairperson	Keith Mann
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Secretary	Cecilia Brugma
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Newsletter	Bev Spielman/Michelle Gerwing
Health and Wellness	Edith McMinn/Michele Henderson
Sergeant at Arms	Art Hill
Entertainment Chair	Muriel Mymko
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Webmaster/Social Media	Kent Anderson



Message from the Chairperson



Our Wing is resourceful and remarkable. A dedicated group of volunteers remain committed to the success of our Wing and to ensuring our members are kept informed. The Wing was in excellent shape, moving into our September meeting. The September meeting was held virtually, followed by our October Wing meeting and our Annual General Meeting.

Before moving on to the new year, it is vital to take for us to pause for a moment and extend our thanks to each member of our outgoing Wing Executive Council. We would not be where we are today if not for their combined efforts. Everything they did for the Wing in an extraordinary situation speaks to their commitment and them as a dedicated group of volunteers. Each of you has been wonderful to work with, and has helped keep our organization vibrant, connected in an excellent financial position. Together we have furthered the aims of our Association and our Wing. On behalf of all of us, we extend to each of you our sincerest thanks!

As previously mentioned our Wing had elected a new Wing Executive Council. That new council met last Thursday, and I am pleased to share with you the outcome of that meeting. Leading our Wing into the next year, and all of its challenges will be these individuals.

Chair Major Randy Fisher
Immediate Past Chair Mr. Keith Mann
First Vice-Chair Major Rob Caswell
Second Vice-Chair Maj (Ret'd) Michelle Gerwing
Treasurer Maj (Ret'd) Kenn Nixon
Secretary Mrs. Cecilia Brugma
Honourary Wing Chairman To be ratified at our next Wing meeting
Sergeant at Arms Maj (Ret'd) Art Hill
Directors
Membership Chair Mrs. Anna Lewis
Casino Chair Mrs. Lorie Gordon
Health and Wellness Chair Mrs. Michelle Henderson
Newsletter Chair Maj (Ret'd) Michelle Gerwing
Entertainment Chair Ms. Muriel Mymko
Webmaster/Social Media Mr. Kent Anderson
Director of Public Relations Maj (Ret'd) Bob Wade
Director for Advocacy Mr. Scott Deederly
Historian(A) Capt (Ret'd) Grant Whitson
Friends of Colonel Belcher (A) Ms. Pat Sulek
Cadet Liaison Chair Mr. Kevin Knight
Past Chairs Advisory Council Ms. Pat Sulek
Military Museums (A) Maj (Ret'd) Mike Ricketts

To our 2020-2021 members, I am looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish for the Wing as we continue to navigate these unusual circumstances. Thank you for allowing your name to stand and for your willingness to serve the members of our Wing. This coming year will be memorable, thanks in part to the many talents and skills you each bring with you. I can't wait to see where this year takes us.

This edition also falls just before Remembrance Day. For many, this year will be a challenge because we may not gather as we have in the past. We will not congregate as we have in the past to commemorate those who have given so much. We can, however, connect virtually, thanks in part to Veteran's Affairs and PSI Corp. Our virtual service will be available for viewing at 10:40 am on 11 November 2020. Please check our website (<https://783afacwingcalgary.ca/>) for all the details and a link to the video (information is also included on a last page of the newsletter).

This year more than ever, we may be challenged to gather in person, and this year may be unlike no other. But it is no less vital that we take some time to pause in remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace"; particularly the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and all conflicts since then in which members of the Canadian Armed Forces have participated.

Lest we forget.

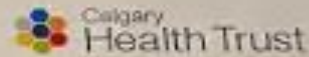
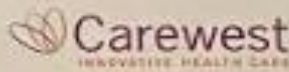
I know each of you will find a way to ensure the memories of those contributions will not go unnoticed.

Remember to wear a poppy, and stay safe!

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Randy Fisher
Chairman
783 (Calgary) Wing
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Note of thanks



281 - (Calgary) Wing RCAP
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Calgary, AB, T2W 6H1

September 16, 2020

Dear valued supporters,

The Covid pandemic has created many challenges for all of us but unfortunately, it's our most vulnerable, senior citizens living in long-term care facilities, who have bore the brunt of it. Thanks to your support however, our residents and staff at the Carewest Colonel Belcher have fared relatively well to date and are much more confident coping with any eventualities during these unprecedented times.

By giving to the Friends of Colonel Belcher Society, through the Calgary Health Trust, you have allowed the staff at Carewest Colonel Belcher to provide essential communications between residents and their loved ones, who have been restricted from entering the premises since early March.

Together, we've provided iPads so that veterans could maintain contact with their families while on "lock-down" status. We've also funded the purchase of two outdoor visitation tents for face-to-face visits when the conditions allow this option. These services are deemed essential to mitigate the detrimental effects of loneliness, isolation and depression.

While this is not how we anticipated celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the first Colonel Belcher Hospital, thanks to you, we've persevered and kept our mandate to provide amenities and enhancements that improve the quality of care, comfort, service and education at the Carewest Colonel Belcher Care Centre.

In recognition of your generosity, please accept this commemorative coin as a symbol of your commitment to the veterans who gave so much for your freedom.

For more information on how you are changing the lives of people in our community, please visit us at www.calgaryhealthtrust.ca.

Sincerely,

Col (Ret'd) Charles Hamel
Chair, (FOCBS)



Our Remembrance Day Ceremony



MC Don Matthews and Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother, Helen Keller

PSI Corp doing their microphone checks and taking.





Randy Fisher opening the ceremony

Paul Dunphy reading Flanders Fields



Anna Tremblay reads the Prayer of Remembrance



The Memorial Cross Mother reading the Act of Remembrance

Preparing to lay the wreaths





Happy birthday to you! (Nov/Dec)

Ruth Marion Mascaro	8 Nov
Betty Wonnacott	9 Nov
Gordon Hill	11 Nov
Cheryl Griffiths	13 Nov
Walter Wakula	15 Nov
Andrea Chant	16 Nov
Donald Ward	18 Nov
Dylaney Thompson	22 Nov
Don Matthews	24 Nov
Douglas Eaglesham	26 Nov
Lorne Fleming	27 Nov
Cyndy Guidinger	27 Nov
Mike Ricketts	28 Nov
Joan Embleton	30 Nov
Eugene Kushnir	2 Dec
Kenn Nixon	3 Dec
Adriano Fisico	4 Dec
David Leggo	5 Dec
Charlie-Mae Wilson	5 Dec
Mike Ter Kuile	6 Dec
Thom Gordon	9 Dec
Michele Henderson	13 Dec
John Ter Kuile	19 Dec
Art Hill	23 Dec
Arline Chartier	31 Dec



We will remember them



Victor Keller

Victor Keller of Calgary, AB passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the age of 97 years.

Born in Manyberries, AB on April 19, 1923, Victor worked in an aircraft plant in Fort William, ON from 1941 to early 1943. In May 1943, he joined the RCAF as an Instrument Mechanic and proceeded overseas to England in 1944. In early 1945, he remustered to Interpreter (German) and spent the next year in Germany. Upon his return to Canada, he decided to remain in the RCAF and found himself once again remustered, this time to Clerk Accountant. Post-war, Victor was stationed at various bases in Calgary, Trenton, Vancouver, Holberg, North Bay, England, Comox and finally to Cold Lake, AB where Victor served as a Base Comptroller.

Victor was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion #1 and the Wing Association for many years.

Victor is survived by his sons, Roy (Anna Roberta) and Vince; his wife Norma; granddaughter Heather (Roy); and great-grandchildren, Leah, James, and Max.

Victor was predeceased by his first wife Violet.

Funeral Services will be held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY (Chapel of the Bells, 2720 Centre Street North, Calgary, AB) on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Hospitality Centre at the Funeral Home. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on Victor's obituary at www.McInnisandHolloway.com.

The family would like to thank the Colonel Belcher and their staff, especially the Tecumseh wing, Ruth Wai Wai and her sister, Glen Cameron, Lorraine Swift for their care and compassion of Victor over the years.

In living memory of Victor Keller, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Chapel of the Bells, 2720 CENTRE STREET NORTH, CALGARY, AB T2E 2V6, Telephone: 403-243-8200.

**April 19, 1923 - Manyberries, Alberta
October 15, 2020 – Calgary, Alberta**



Member Profile

Beverley Graeme Patricia Spielman (nee Maguire)

Bev was born in Calgary June 29, 1940 in Calgary General Hospital. She is a second-generation Calgarian. She attended Western Canada High School and then joined the workforce, at Eaton's. Married in 1957 to Allen Spielman, she had three children, Kendall (1958) Karen (1960) and Keith (1963).

Her first exposure to the Air Force was when she joined the Air Cadets 538 Buffalo Squadron, Calgary in 1954. This Squadron eventually became part of #15 Wing, RCAC, including 52 and 604 Squadrons.

Bev joined 701 Wing Ladies Auxiliary in 1970. The Wing funded an all-female Air Cadet Squadron of which she was the Commanding Officer for three years. She then became a member of the Civilian Sponsoring Committee for #15 Wing and was secretary for seven years. She still remains a volunteer for the Effective Speaking Competitions.

Bev became a regular member of 701/767 Wing and was the chairperson for the 1980 National AGM Spousal Committee, held in Calgary. She has served in this position for the AGM National in Red Deer 2005 and 2018 again in Calgary. As an active organizer in all Group AGM's for several years, Bev has either chaired the spousal programs or been on the organizing committees.

Over the last 34 years, Bev has demonstrated her dedication to the Wing serving in every directorship and chair including two terms as President of the 783 Wing and then Group VP, and two terms as Alberta Group President. She has been a member of Alberta Group Executive since 1978. Being a trailblazer, she was the first female Wing President in Alberta and the first female Group President nationally. She continues to be an integral part of the organization: serving as secretary since 2006 for Alberta Group, organizing all the group awards and certificates since 1995, heading up the catering committee, entertainment, fundraising and chaired the Past President's for 10 years.

Bev has been a squadron representative for 26 years with 185 Olds, 187 Foothills, 538 (11 years) and was Southern Zone Chair for three years.

Bev has many awards for all the great work she has done – Canada 125 medal, Side Hill Gouger, Bar to the Gouger, Member of the year Group, DSA, MSA Life in 2002, Great Alberta, Life Member of the Southern Alberta Air Cadet League, Award of Merit, Award of Distinction and Alberta Medallion. She continues to be a volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis Society, Canada Transplant Association, The

Air Force Museum Cold War Exhibit and work fund raising casinos for different groups (since 1974).

Bev's family now includes 3 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Your Christmas Quiz

1. What was the first company to use Santa Claus in advertising?
2. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", what was the first name of Scrooge?
3. Which country did eggnog come from?
4. Which real life person is Santa Claus based on?
5. What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie A Christmas Story?
6. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
7. How many ghosts show up in "A Christmas Carol"?
8. What is the name of the last ghost that visits Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"?
9. Visions of which food danced in children's heads as they slept in the poem "Twas The Night Before Christmas)?
10. What was the real name of the character Tim Allen plays in The Santa Clause?
11. What department store was featured in the movie Miracle of 34th Street?
12. What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
13. In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
14. With what three words was the Grinch described in How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
15. In the movie It's a Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?
16. What Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver?
17. What played George Bailey in the Christmas classic It's a Wonderful Life?
18. What was the name of the animatronic cassette-playing bear toy every kid wanted for Christmas in the mid-80's?
19. What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of A Charlie Brown Christmas?
20. Per a recent Holiday fad, what "spy" hides around the house reporting back to Santa on who has been naughty and nice?
21. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
22. In which fairy tale were the first gingerbread houses inspired?
23. Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?
24. Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with "d". What are they?
25. What was the highest grossing Christmas movie of all time/
25. In the movie Elf, how does Buddy get to the North Pole?

Answers are on the next page

The Answers

1. Coca-Cola
2. Ebenezer
3. England
4. The Christian bishop St Nicholas
5. Randy
6. Germany
7. Four
8. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come
9. Sugar plums
10. Scott Calvin
11. Macy's
12. Kris Kringle and Saint Nick
13. Paris
14. Stink, Stank, Stunk
15. An angel got wings
16. Tinsel
17. Jimmy Stewart
18. Teddy Ruxpin
19. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
20. The Elf on the Shelf
21. Tom Hanks
22. Hansel and Gretel
23. Dr Seuss
24. Dancer, Dasher, and Donner
25. Home Alone
26. He hides in Santa's sack



- ✚ The Rosebud Theatre trip will be postponed till next spring
- ✚ The Air Cadet Squadron cheque presentation will occur in person, but not until it is safe to do so

783 'Calgary' Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association invites you to join us on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 10:45 am for a Virtual Remembrance Day Service.

Our Guest of Honour this year is Commodore M.T.J. (Josée) Kurtz Commander, Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers.

The site is: <https://783afacwingcalgary.ca/>

