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# The Progression On-Line

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## President's Page



### Message from President Al Gordon:

Wasn't the Halifax Convention just a super time? The hospitality that the Halifax and Halifax Cornwallis Clubs showed us was certainly "top drawer", a sincere note of appreciation goes to all the club members who worked tirelessly on the convention. My wife, son and I spent the following week touring Nova Scotia and seeing the wonderful autumn colors and enjoying the flavor of the province.

November saw me returning to Nova Scotia for the Women of Excellence Dinner hosted by Halifax Cornwallis and then to Charter our newest Canadian Progress Club, Pictou County. Pictou County is chartering on a great foundation of diverse and enthusiastic members and has the very strong support of their chartering club, Halifax Cornwallis. Thank you Cornwallis for starting my year as National President off in such an exciting way. The Women of Excellence Dinner honors the ladies who are the leaders of their community. Let's take a moment to think about the leaders we are. Not just our V.P.s, Zone Governors and Club Presidents. Think for a moment that each of us is a leader in our own right. Each of us already are members of a service club who provides a significant contribution to our communities, as this we have taken a leadership role to get involved, a step most people do not do. Take pride in knowing this. Take pride in it and find energy from it to go back to our friends and associates and invite them to join us. As I mentioned in my speech at the Convention, as a result of the events of September 11, we find more people wanting to get involved in helping their community and feeling that they are contributing to the betterment of the whole. We, being the leaders in the service club community, it is our responsibility to identify and welcome these people into the Canadian Progress Club. We cannot wait for them to source us out; we must be proactive and actively pursue them. I challenge each of us to bring one new guest out to our respective clubs by Christmas. By doing this we will continue to show our leadership in our local communities. As we enter the Christmas season, let's be sure to help those less fortunate around us as we enjoy our festivities.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Yours for Progress  
Al Gordon



Past President - Bill Sornberger

NATIONAL



President Elect - C.J. MacMullin

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

On November 02, **CPC Brampton** hosted its Charitable Fundraising Gala Evening. The evening consisted of dinner, silent auction, live auction, as well as the entertainment of three Yuk Yuk's comedians. Presentations were made to: The Canadian Marfan Association, \$3000.00, to assist with educational materials for Canadians, CPC Central Region Special Olympics, \$3,000.00, as well as The Brampton Pediatric Ward, \$7200.00 to purchase TVs, VCRs and beds for the ward. Special thanks to Immediate Past President Bill Sornberger and National Vice President Central Region Alwyn McAllen for assisting in our presentations.

Brampton President John Holman with a cheque presentation to the Pediatrics Ward.



## Christmas in The Pedway

The Santa Claus Parade was extra special this year for a group of children and their families in Moncton. **CPC Moncton** designed an event for children with compromised health to view the parade in an enclosed pedway complete with decorations, donated food and gifts. The event was sponsored by local businesses and promoted through the media. To date, \$7200.00 has been raised from this event, which will be used to provide Sony Play Stations, and TVs for the hospitals.



### Kudos to CPC Moncton:

November 26,2001

Dear Jim;

I'm still on a high over Saturday evening's Santa Claus Parade. When your group takes on a challenge you sure do things up right. The **Moncton Progress Club** really pulled out all the stops when making arrangements for this very rewarding Special Event.

I was very impressed by the thought, organizational talent and personal effort each of you and your club members committed to this project.

I spent a good deal of my morning with Mitchel today and he is still talking about his Grinch balloon and the marvelous time he and his sister had at Christmas in the Pedway. Mitchel's words were these; and I quote: "it was the best day of my life."

If these words are not enough, let me, on behalf of his parents and the numerous other children and families who were fortunate enough to be included in this extra-ordinary evening, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Christmas 2001 will hold a special place in the memories of these children and their families. I commend the **Moncton Progress Club** and it's many dedicated volunteers for making it all happen.

Merry Christmas.....Peggy Wheaton [Director of Child Life Services, Pediatrics, SEHCC]



On Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>, **CPC Brampton** led the Brampton Santa Claus Evening Parade. It was the 8<sup>th</sup> year the Canadian Progress Club has lead with it's "Spirit of Christmas" Food Drive. Over 3,500 pounds of food was collected during the parade route, which in turn is given to the Salvation Army Food Bank. To date, over 32,000 pounds of food has been collected along the parade route for distribution to the Brampton community. Thanks to the Brampton Rangers (Girl Guides) for their assistance, Winnie the Pooh, Simba, and our other volunteers.

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## FLASHBACK TO THE SUMMER.....

### Saskatchewan Special Olympics Provincial 2001 Summer Games



Saskatoon Special Olympics Zone 6 was the host community for this year's provincial summer games, held June 8,9,and 10th. The **Saskatoon Meewasin Progress Club** members played a large role on the organizing committee for these games. The club areas of involvement were Finance Director, Special Services Director and all sub-committees under these directors. The sub-committees included Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Awards, VIP/Protocol, Entertainment/Hospitality, and Games Hostesses. All club members were involved on the games weekend. The event was a huge success in every detail and Saskatoon Meewasin members laughed, cried, celebrated and came home with a renewed sense of commitment and pride in our Special O athletes and friends.

-submitted by Brenda McBain

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## HONOR ROLL

### BRENT SMITH SASKATOON DOWNTOWN

Brent Smith of CPC Saskatoon Downtown has been recognized for his commitment to our community through his volunteer efforts by being awarded the 2001 Community Volunteer Award from the Royal Bank of Canada. A committee from Regina and Saskatoon reviewed all submissions from across the province and selected the recipient. Along with this award, Royal Bank of Canada will make a donation of \$1000 in Brent's name to the charity of his choice. He has chosen CPCF as his charity and will be presented with his award and cheque at a dinner being held on November 3, 2001 in Saskatoon.



#### **Brampton:**

Susan Clark May 2001  
Mechelle Kane May 2001  
Ed Pasmino May 2001  
Thom Brunet September 2001

### It's a Joy to Volunteer

I've been blessed with gifts and talents  
To be used some special way.  
To lend a hand or help someone  
Who's struggling day by day.  
All it costs is my commitment  
And a little extra caring.  
While making a priority  
Of reaching out and sharing.  
And it's a privilege working  
For the causes I hold dear.  
Just doing what I can to help  
Each time I volunteer.



-submitted by Janey Davies

**National Convention 2002 – CANMORE, AB – Don't Forget To Register!!!**

*Progress and you ...*



*Moving mountains in 2002!*

**(For more information, please see [www.cpcbowlriver.com](http://www.cpcbowlriver.com))**

# Canadian Progress Club Foundation

Wasn't that a party!! True enough, it was a huge success. Not only did Halifax come through by having a terrific convention, the members of Progress came through by once again showing their support of the Canadian Progress Charitable Foundation and Canadian Special Olympics to the tune of \$10,308.00. WOW!

This will help get just that much closer to our "Million Dollar Goal". As was mentioned at the AGM, the commitment to Canadian Special Olympics and the goal you set of a million dollars is close to being a reality. Also mentioned was the fact that you, the members of the Canadian Progress Club, will have the opportunity to decide where we go after this goal has been reached. I urge you to discuss this with all your club members and come back to convention in Canmore in September 2002 with some suggestions. Can we continue to support Canadian Special Olympics – you bet! Should we move on to another National Charity – the answer to that is yes! Both are possibilities. You, the members, will make that decision. The Board of CPCF looks forward to your input.

At this time I would like to thank the members of the Board for another outstanding year. I look forward to working with each and every one of you over the next year. A special thank you to Rosalie for her continuing support of the Foundation and her willingness to continue as our liaison with Canadian Special Olympics.

The CPCF component of convention was a huge success thanks to the hard work and dedication of John Nunn, Gary Haynes, Greg Porter, Bruce French, Margaret French, Bruce Mansour, and Tony Maisano. You did a spectacular job organizing the auction and manning it all weekend long, keeping everyone in the loop at the seminar and keeping the meetings interesting and fun. Thanks. Molly, as always, you keep us in line and informed. What would we do without you? Thanks for being there.

A very warm welcome to our newest Governors, Joan Gooder and Bob Lockhart and a special welcome to Brian Spilchen, our new treasurer. You are a wonderful enthusiastic addition to the Board and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Mary Kutarna – what is there to say about a lady that has dedicated herself for so many years to the good of Progress? Thank you for all you has done for us and please know that you will be missed, a lot. Just think, now you get to golf and party. Our best to you.

My sincerest thanks to the Board of the Canadian Progress Charitable Foundation for their trust and faith in me. I will try my best to live up to your expectations as Chair.

Last but not least, thanks to members of the Canadian Progress Clubs across Canada. You make this all possible. You are putting smiles on the faces of numerous Special Olympic athletes all across Canada. You are the success stories making success stories happen. If we could bottle just the enthusiasm and joy that Jackie Barrett exudes, because of you, we would make the world smile. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Yours for Progress,

Janey

Janey Davies - CPCF Chair

I am very happy to be able to present the final report on the National Awards as they were given out at the National Convention. A big thanks to Past National President Bill, and to Molly for their help in handing out the awards. I will have to see if there is a better procedure we can follow next year. I am hoping we won't have to change the procedure as the bottleneck in accepting the awards is an indication of the number of recipients. So, all club Presidents, Zone Governors, Club Membership and Awards Chairs, I hope you are all taking notes on the excellent projects that the clubs and individual members are undertaking. Your club deserves recognition. Take a look at the criteria for the awards on the National web page and start planning your submission. **Just remember, June 30, 2002 and 10 PAGES!!!!**

**National Club of the Year**

Halifax

**Progression of the Year**

Janey Davies

**Hall of Fame**

Rosalie Courage

**Distinguished Club**

Halifax  
Regina Wascana

**Outstanding Club**

Calgary Bow River  
Calgary City Centre  
Halifax  
Regina Wascana

**Outstanding Zone Governor**

Joan Gooder – Alberta South Zone

**Outstanding President**

Robert Robertson – Calgary Bow River  
Dick Martin – Calgary Downtown  
Todd Barnard – Halifax  
Brenda McBain – Saskatoon  
Meewasin  
Brenda Mahoney – Calgary City Centre  
Caroline Krahn – Calgary Eves  
Karen Cooke – Halifax Cornwallis  
Barry Dawes – St John's

**Attendance Award**

Calgary Downtown

**Ways & Means Award**

Halifax

**Communication Award**

Halifax

**Publicity Award**

Calgary Bow River  
Halifax  
Halifax Cornwallis  
Regina Assiniboine  
Regina Wascana

**Community Service**

Calgary City Centre

**Fellowship Award**

Calgary Bow River

**Pride in Progress**

Durham Region Women – Margaret McAllen  
Halifax Cornwallis – Karen Cooke

**MENTOR AWARDS**

**Halifax**

Dave O'Connor  
Jonathon Hunter  
Greg Cole  
Dave Edgecombe  
Steve Murphy  
Lyle Rider  
Dave Stevenson  
Barry Gallant  
Jeff Milbury  
Bruce Mansour  
Bob Crozier  
Tony Mancini  
Doug Baker  
Todd Barnard  
James Farquhar  
Gunther Foerster  
Jamie Keating  
Ken Robinson  
Paul Griffin  
Rob Maingot  
Alex Rowe  
Brian Toole

**Calgary Bow River**

Terry Clarke  
Reg Ekiss  
Art Piercy  
Jim McNeil  
Tim Casey  
John Stoodley  
Stuart Duncan  
Gary McCowan  
Bill Koenig  
Anthony Brouwers  
Darrell Stelmack  
Tom Whitehead  
Tom Kohl  
Al Gordon  
Brian Spilchen  
Robert Robertson  
Ed Cooke

**Calgary City Centre**

Natasha McCulloch  
Karen Politsky  
Janet Chafe  
Therese Teichman  
Robin Maguire  
Barbara Ennis  
Brenda Mahoney

**Halifax Cornwallis**

Karen Cooke  
Carolyn Bragg  
Nancy Bussey  
Arlene MacMullin  
Cynthia Fox  
Robyn Waugh  
Adele Chiasson

**Edmonton Downtown**

Rita Conroy

Congratulations to all clubs on their submissions. I look forward to receiving reports from all the clubs! I would like to hear back from the National Vice-Presidents or the Zone Governors regarding putting the submissions on the web. E-mail address: [jean\\_scott@veritasdgc.com](mailto:jean_scott@veritasdgc.com) Have a great holiday season.

Regards,  
Jean Scott - National Awards Chair

## **Progressian of the Year Janey Davies**



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

I'm not sure if I even said that on Saturday, October 13 at National Convention. I really can only remember saying "Oh my God". Since I did lose my voice on the Friday of Convention (imagine not being able to talk at convention), I wanted to tell you how I feel.

How does one say thank you to a group of people, many that I have just met and many that I have grown to love over the last 9 years in Progress, after receiving the highest honor bestowed on a Progressian? Believe me, it's impossible. But I would like to try.

First of all, to those who had the task of choosing one person from a list of people who I believe are far more deserving than I, thank you. I feel so honored to be among that list.

To my fellow club members, who gave me the opportunity to work among them, support during my 3 years as President, and encouragement to move on to the CP Charitable Foundation, my love to you. Thank you for allowing me to do my heart's work.

To the Saskatoon Meewasin ladies, who I have the highest respect and regard for and who have taken me into their fold. I am proud to call you my sisters.

To my mentors on the Foundation and those whose shoes will be impossible to fill, Rosalie Courage, Janet Merrick, Al Gordon and all of the other Board members who make sitting on the Foundation a pleasure, thank you.

To Molly, with her ever-ready answers and her willingness to do whatever it takes, thanks. You are the best.

To the friends I have made all across Canada, from Penny in Vancouver to Jed and his mates in Newfoundland and all those in between, you are the best and have shown me what a true Progressian is.

And last but certainly not least, to all the Past National Presidents that I have had the pleasure of knowing, who each in their own way have left a lasting impression on me. You are the eternal torch that burns brightly for Progress.

**-Janey**





**Have a Wonderful Holiday  
Season**

**Full of Peace and Happiness!**

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