



# The Progression

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## COVER STORY

### Keeping Your Club Strong

In 2004 /2005, Calgary Bow River had a very challenging year. We were, and are, a healthy club. We are able to raise significant resources for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary as well as the CPCF, we are active in the community and are able to have a lot of fun in the process. Still, we had a problem in that we were not keeping the entire club engaged in the work of Progress. Turnout for our social events was declining, we had a number of members on the roster that were somewhat less than “active”, and there were signs of decline within the club. Our challenge, therefore, was to arrest this decline and set the club back up for future success.

Our board approached the task in several different ways. Our president worked diligently on our club roster with the Membership Chair. Members were contacted and encouraged to commit themselves to the club. Mentoring tactics were introduced to encourage participation in our fundraising events and socials. When these efforts failed, tough decisions were made and

#### Calgary Bow River Boys At National Convention



our membership roster was trimmed down to reflect only those members who really were committed to Progress. Our numbers may have decreased, however it is important to note, we did not really have the benefit of the numbers we were showing the previous year.

Two new events didn't fly due to unforeseen circumstances; “Fins and Skins” which partnered with a fishing non-profit organization from Okotoks was cancelled in the eleventh hour, when our partner got cold feet and pulled the pin on the event. We were in the midst of advertising a “Mud Bog Racing” event in High River when our license was pulled by the Town of High River due to newly realized potential damage to the field where the race was to take place. Despite these setbacks, we hosted the new Com-

edy Fest Gala, which generated a modest profit in its first year. We are confident that this event can be grown into a successful event in future years.

Our Community Service Chair worked to resurrect a few events from the past. He ensured that the commitments that we had made were followed through with and were successful. Inter club participation, by the Bow River Boys, included attendance at events and club meetings of our brother and sister clubs in Calgary and beyond. Recognizing the importance of fellowship within the club, we held a number of club social events including a billiards tournament, St. Patty's poker tournament, a Back to Progress BBQ, Brewery tour, and a number of tailgate parties at our Stampedeers football

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### The Progression Guest Editor, Gary Nakamura

First off I would like to apologize for the delay in getting the Progression out. There have been technical difficulties over the past few months and we hope that we have sorted them out and can carry forward from here. Sharon Ward has set a very high bar for all to follow, but we will endeavor to do our best.

Our cover story is from Calgary Bow River about keeping your club strong. Many of their thoughts and methods can be applied to any club and its members. Progress and each club is only as strong as its members. Calgary Bow River must be doing something right as they were the winners of the National President's Award and member Grant Blakely was named Progression of the Year. Congratulations to Bow River.

Thanks to all of the submissions from clubs across the country. It is great to see how involved the clubs are in their communities raising monies and volunteering their time for charity.

Unfortunately, there is not a convention report from Saskatoon. It has either been misplaced or lost in the nether regions of the internet. We would ask that another report be submitted for inclusion into the next issue.

Speaking of the next issue, submissions can be sent to me, Gary Nakamura at "peripheralgroup@shaw.ca". I know there are a number of articles out there and we will attempt to get them published in due course. I would like to thank all of the clubs who have submitted and if there are any errors or omissions, please accept my apologies up front.

On a final note, I would like to take this time to wish all the members of Progress a belated but Happy and Prosperous New Year. I hope all of your endeavors are a success in 2006.

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# That Sinking Feeling



This year Greater Vancouver's Plywood cup was held in July – almost two months later than what has been typical for the previous 7 years. So why the change? Well, the club decided it was time to further expand the event – a larger venue with more space for boat-building, an opportunity to up the profile for the event, with more teams and sponsorship participation. Of course, when you tinker with something that's tried and true there are risks... sailing into uncharted waters one might say. Logic suggested that we should pin our event onto the Sea Vancouver Festival (thus the change in event timing); the mariner theme for this high-profile city event was a perfect fit! Now for the good news: In terms of participation and sponsorship, the event was a success – it met participation and fund raising expectations, and provided a good venue for the event to expand in subsequent years. We also took the opportunity to dispense \$44,000 to charities, including BC Special Olympics,

Big brothers and Big Sisters, and managed a short video spot on the TV news that evening! Even the visiting Tall Ships participated (a couple of their crews entered teams to build CPC Plywood cup boats!) Life was good. Until that is, the Sea Vancouver Festival ran into financial difficulties and



garnered some rather ugly publicity. There's a slim chance the Sea Vancouver Festival may return next year, and, if it does, the notoriety it earned in the public's eye means that CPC Greater Vancouver will give that event a wide berth, and go back to promoting the Plywood Cup as a stand-alone event. As they say, 'Nothing ventured...'

## Catch it with the Net

What do you get when you bring together people of different age groups, diverse professions and retirements plans? You get an opportunity to improve the communications among that group! Along with the many elements that make a club

successful, one of them is the ability to exchange information between members outside of the regular club meetings, to/from our charities, sponsors, and Friends of Progress. Part of Greater Vancouver's three year strategic plan is to enhance information flow between the various groups. We determined that an enabler for this is the use Internet/Intranet. Over the last several months, and with the help of a well-priced web developer, we are designing a local web site as our main information repository. In a couple of weeks the website framework will be completed, followed by training for some of the members so that we can edit our content and not rely on third parties to maintain the site. Next comes the task of placing content into the appropriate pages. The challenge, of course, will be to keep the site current – this is where the commitment to our communications strategy will be tested! Currently you can find information for

CPC Greater Vancouver on the website

[www.PlywoodCup.com](http://www.PlywoodCup.com)

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games. A number of Bow River Boys even got together on a Saturday to paint our Big Bothers Big Sisters new office space.

Finally, we held a closed door meeting where our members were encouraged to speak their minds. Where is our club going? What is working and what is not? And where do we want our club to be in a year's time? Our Board took that feedback to heart, and is working to ensure that we stay the course that was identified in that closed door meeting. The Bow River club wants to grow its membership. To that end we have initiated a program with full club participation and time lines, and have made some changes to encourage mentorship and retention. I hope to report on our success in membership growth next year!

*Submitted by  
Trevor Schuttl*

### Lasting Friendships

It was our first convention and the first morning of meetings. I was there to learn what I could about workings of the Canadian Progress Club. I had just joined the previous year and felt a little out of place. I was just getting to know the other club members. It took awhile to feel like I was part of the group, so decided to go to the National Convention to see what the whole thing was all about. I had an early breakfast and had gone to the first meeting. Fran, my wife, came for breakfast a little later and was sitting by herself at a table looking a little lonely. Another late breakfaster saw Fran sitting by herself and came over to sit with her. What a nice thing to do. Her name was Marg. They struck up a conversation and as it turned out both were spouses of sole club attendees at the convention. Her husband's name was Earl. This was the start of a long lasting friendship that started in 1968. Both couples attended the past National Convention in Saskatoon and have attended almost every National Convention since their first meeting at Niagara Falls.

During that Niagara Falls convention, National President Jim McArthur put down a \$1,000 bill and challenged the attendees to match it and he would jump



Past National George Christie receives the Past National Presidents custom name badge from Outgoing National President Juanita

into the adjoining swimming pool wearing his tuxedo. The money was given, he got very wet, climbed out and continued to chair the meeting. Thus the Canadian Progress Charitable Foundation was born. The convention in Saskatoon saw that same magic occur as we hit the \$1,000,000 mark for CPCF.

The spouses of the two ladies meeting at breakfast in 1968 both became National Presidents and have continued their friendship to this day.

*Submitted by  
George Christie  
Past National President*

## Halloween in Hollywood

The stars came out in force for the Calgary Eves inaugural Halloween in Hollywood ball. Vying for the spotlight were Dolly Parton, Elvis, Cruella DaVille, Beetlejuice, Cleopatra, the Phantom of the Opera, Zoro, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Johnny Dep, both Count Dracula and his brother the Arch Duke, and the Crown Prince of Darkness himself. Lurking in the shadows many extras filled the roles of ghouls, goblins, vampires and witches. As if there weren't enough monsters in the room late in the evening— Michael Jackson himself burst onto the dance floor as the sound of his hit *Thriller* rang through the hall.

Although not written in stone, a Hollywood Ball has to include an awards ceremony. Competition was strong this year. The award for best couple went to Scarecrow and Tin Man, and The Good Fairy took Best Original Costume.

The biggest challenge to the judges was deciding Best Male and Best Female Costumes. Fortunately this year's judges came prepared with tie breakers for contestants to participate in. Can Can Girl and Dolly Parton (in her wet t-shirt attire) participated in a dance off to decide the winner of Best Female Costume. Even this did not help. They shared the prize!!



Michael Jackson, Elvis, Johnny Dep and Beetlejuice also had to participate in a dance off to decide Best Male Costume. This was another close competition. It appeared that the prize would be shared between Michael and Elvis when, in the dying seconds of the dance Elvis made a brilliant break dance type move that just can't be described in words (you just had to be there – shame on you if you weren't) and took the prize for best male costume.

An excellent event, which will be repeated next year!

*Submitted by  
Jeanette Fireman*

## Sweet Memories of Convention

My ten-year-old son informs me that “sweet” is the term used to describe something that is “the ultimate.” Then, “sweet” are definitely the memories of Saskatoon Convention.

While the Saskatoon Convention may actually be but a distant memory for some, I certainly hope that the successes of our members and clubs, as witnessed in the awards presentations, remain close to heart, serving as a source of inspiration and pride, for all who experienced five days of September here in Saskatchewan. The “winners” and “winning submissions” have been posted to MCS for member reference. As well, a communication summarizing thoughts and feedback from the Awards Workshop has gone out to all clubs and all submitting clubs have received a summary of their scoring relative to fellow club submissions for 2004-05.

By now, all clubs will also have received the request for the completion of a survey of your community service and fundraising activities. This information will be used by your National Board to produce a member supported strategic plan for Progress to the end of increasing the profile and awareness of Progress nationally, increasing membership, as well as, the retention of members. The time and energy put into this

exercise will greatly benefit the future of our organization.

Looking to the future, the “national scoring committee” has been working diligently since convention to develop the best



**2006 Hall of Fame Recipient  
Mary Kutarna-Toronto Trillium**

methods of scoring National awards submissions. Based on input from the membership, initiated at both the Western Region Convention and the Awards Seminar held in Saskatoon, a survey of recent awards judges, and the energies of Gary Nakamura, Sandy Tufts, Mary Kutarna and Val Rankin—the committee members, the results will be tabled for discussion at the National Board meeting in January.

So as we look forward to another year of award winning successes in Progress, I leave you with this parting thought. . . “An act of goodness is of itself an act of happiness. No reward coming

after the event can compare with the sweet reward that went with it”-*Maurice Maeterlinck*

*Submitted by  
Marci Brisbane  
Director of Member Services*

*A huge thank you to Janet Merrick, Bill Stampe, the convention committee and entire membership of the Saskatoon clubs for the sweetest of National Conventions.*



### 2006 National Awards

**Fellowship Award**  
Hailifax Cornwallis

**Publicity Award**  
Hallifax Cornwallis

**Communication Award**  
Greater Moncton

**Ways and Means Award**  
Calgary Downtown

**Attendance Award**  
Calgary City Centre

**Community Service Award**  
Greater Moncton

**Hall of Fame**  
Mary Kutarna - Toronto Trillium

**National Progression of the Year**  
Grant Blakely - Calgary Bow River

**National President's Award**  
Calgary Bow River

## A Class Act all the Way

### Moncton Club Inauguration Banquet wows all in attendance

The Grand Banquet Room at the Chateau Moncton provided an eloquent backdrop to a grand evening, as the Greater Moncton Progress Club, celebrated a number of special events. A night where nine new members being sworn in and receiving their plaques along side their mentors. Each new member, with spouse and/or significant other at their side, was proud to make the official transition into the club. A night where Mobile One Soup Bus organizers, received for the



Nine new Moncton Progress members get sworn in by Progress legend Gord Robinson

first year the special “Silver Ladle” award for keeping the club organized in this worthwhile project. A night where the President’s gavel was passed from Jamie McGloin to Jim Grant and where the club honored Troy Myers with the “Most Improved Progressian” and Scott Savoie

with ... for the second year in a row ... top award of the night “Progressian of the Year”.

An evening like this could not have been a better way to pay tribute to progress members in a year of significant community contributions. Throughout each year events come and go and often are not properly perceived and enjoyed by the active members, however, on this night the club in its entirety could sit back and absorb just exactly what they had helped to achieve. If the question to “Why do we do this?” ever came up, the answer was now crystal clear.

Master Chef Scott and his very poised and skilled assistants put on an outstanding banquet with every course being succulent and having its own unique



New President Jim Grant sits with his lovely wife Jane and friends



Jamie McGloin passing the President's gavel to Jim Grant

flavour. A Class Act evening, of proud moments shared with friends and family. We are proud Progressians and are certainly enhancing the quality of life of all Canadians, through community service, in the spirit of fellowship.

*Submitted by  
Richard Daley*



Mobile One Soup Bus organizers receive “Silver Ladle” award from Past President Jamie McGloin. (missing from picture Dave McCormack)

## Your Board Working for You



Dear Fellow Progressions,

The most exciting and wonderful thing happened at convention this year. Our CPCF luncheon was a hit, as always, however, this year we went over the top. In an exciting 20 minutes, over \$60,000.00 was raised to take us to our Million Dollar goal. Our launch of “**Sprint to the Finish**” was barely introduced before the donations started rolling in.

My sincerest thanks to every one of you for your incredible generosity. Over the years you have supported the Foundation

through your mandatory assessment, banner and pin donations and, of course, through the silent auction items that you donated and then bid on. Congratulations on your great efforts, from coast to coast, to support individuals with an intellectual disability.

I am honored to have walked the walk of many of my fellow Progressions who have served on the Foundation Board. Congratulations to all past Governors on your efforts and hard work over the years. To the present members of the Board, my sincerest thanks for your help and support. There is still much to do and I look forward to working with you, in this, my last year on the Board.

My special thanks to the guys “on the bus – or rather in the field”.

We had a great time at your expense. Thanks for being such great sports. To those of you who missed convention, you will just have to get the story from your club members that were there.

Please know that the Governors will continue to visit your clubs. We will continue to work hard in our efforts to move forward ensuring the security of the funds raised and plans for future efforts.

Isaac Newton once said “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants”. Thank you for being my giants!

Yours for Progress,

Janey Davies  
CPCF Chair

## Upfront and Centre

### Come Out Swinging



A couple of weeks after the Plywood cup, we held the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Slow Pitch Ball tournament which has at least 12 teams participating over a full weekend at a ball park in North Vancouver. Rob Edwards, one of our newer members, chaired the event which now rivals the Plywood Cup in terms of generating charity funds! Cooperation and teamwork

among the members shifted into high gear to successfully accommodate the two major events almost back-to-back.

# Saskatoon Puts on a Rodeo

Saskatoon Downtown put on its second annual Dogie Do Rodeo (Saskatoon Style) on Saturday, October 1, at Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon.

This fun filled, mock rodeo had 4 separate events which 40 teams of four people each competed in over the course of the afternoon.

The first event was the “Horse and Egg Race”. Each team member was required to ride a horse, bareback, across the stadium floor holding an egg. At the end of the stadium, you had to change riders until all 4 team members rode the horse and did not break the egg.



The second event was the “Calf Scramble”. We released 20 calves at one end of the arena and all the team members started at the opposite end. The goal was to choose a calf and convince it to come with you to the other end of the stadium and allow one team member to ride it across the finish line. It sounds a lot easier than it is and this created a quite a few laughs.

Our third event was the “Pony



Express” where each team member got to ride a horse, bareback again. The goal was to deliver a “mail bag” to the post office at the end of each heat. Our final rodeo event was our “Calf Roping”. In this event each team had to tie three ribbons on a calf of their choice. One ribbon on the tail and two on any of the calf’s legs.

We ran 4 separate heats on each event until we got the teams narrowed down to the finals. The winner of each final event received our much-coveted “Dogie Do Rodeo Belt Buckles” for each team member.



It’s been a long time since I have seen so many “Urban Cowboys and Cowgirls!”

We also filled some time with a very fun event, our “Wrangler Wriggle”. We laid out about 200 pair of Wrangler jeans around the rodeo floor and invited contestants and spectators alike to meet at one end of the stadium. To compete in this event, all you needed to do was remove your pants and at the horn, run into the ring and find a pair of jeans that fit you. Here is where you separate the brave from the big talkers!

Some people really shouldn’t wear things!

Once you found a pair that fit, you were able to keep that pair of jeans. Also there were many pairs of extraordinarily large jeans that a group was able to fit into. These people received gift certificates for clothing that

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### Rodeo

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actually fit. If anybody is looking for some size 50+ jeans, please call me because we have some extras!

No event like this is complete until there is a great party, and our rodeo was no different. We held a western supper for everybody and then we were able to be spectators for the professional rodeo held that evening and watch the real cowboys compete. After that, everybody was invited to the Cowboy Cabaret dance where many of us stayed until the early hours of the morning.

As a fundraiser, this event was extremely successful for our Progress Club. At the end of the day, this event netted our group close to \$15,000.00, which will be used to support the many charities our club holds close to our hearts.

We are already planning our third annual rodeo for next fall. Keep your Wranglers and hats close by and get ready to dust off your boots, because we can promise you that next year will be bigger and better than ever!

*Submitted by  
Glenn Wig*

### Beefin' up the Soup-Kitchen Ranks

“Ten...Hut! On the ladles men, cut those veggies, stir that soup!” If Scotty and his team of master chefs weren’t enough to head up “Makin’ Soup Night” there is another master apprentice in our midst. Regular Army Sgt. Major Keith Jones wannabe crew chef has enlisted to the ranks of the Greater Moncton Progress Club. In his first month of membership Keith has volunteered for every event he possibly could. Establishing a new location for the many Progress volunteers to cook up their hearty concoctions, he has stepped up to help out Chef Scott. He is not attending Scott’s well known Academy of Cooking, but he is getting private lessons once a month at the Veterans club on St George Street in Moncton as he and the rest of the club members cook up 2200 bowls of soup.

Keith has made an amazing first impression on the other members of the club. When asked “Who wants to ride the soup bus?”, his hand was up first with a resounding, “Put me on the bus every night” When the “Scotch tasting” fund raiser came up he was the first to say “Hey, I can get a few guys to come to that.”, and once again he volunteered to



Would you recognize the gentleman -  
Would it be Sgt Major Keith Jones?

be on the committee. Christmas in the Pedway, Antler Breakfast, Float committee... count him in on all events.

We can all learn from the actions of this one member. He has only just begun to get that proud Progressian feeling, and already he has made an impression that has inspired some of the older members to pick up the pace and get back in action.

Thank you Keith for your drive and enthusiasm. “At ease men.”

*Submitted by  
Richard Daley*

# Women of Excellence Sells Out

CPC Halifax Cornwallis' 16<sup>th</sup> annual 2005 Progress Women of Excellence Awards have turned out to be our most successful event in the history of the club! With 2 weeks to go before the event, we completely sold out! The ladies of Halifax Cornwallis didn't even have a table of their own this year.

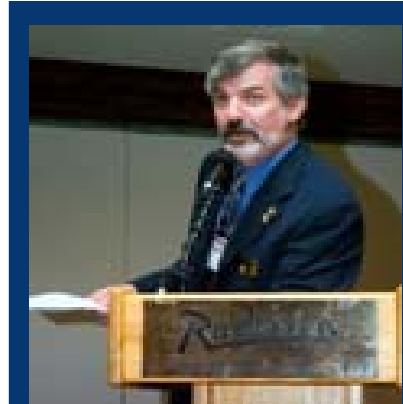
The WOE committee, led by Lorna MacMillan, made some drastic changes to our format and venue this year and, combined with a strong publicity campaign, was the major factor in the incredible success story. We moved the venue to the elegant Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, which offered more ambience than our previous location. We opened up the awards to 18 women in 6 categories this year, rather than one of three in each of six categories, sending home 18 deserving recipients, rather than 6 recipients and 12 finalists. We added a very successful silent auction, which added nearly \$5,000 additional dollars to the bottom line. A team from CPC Halifax, dressed in their natty tuxedos aided our raffle ticket sales, who "worked the room". Christina Millar, from Millar Productions, volunteered to produce a multimedia show for the awards, including a new video highlighting Phoenix Youth

Programs, the recipient of the proceeds from the event and our main charity. Our publicity campaign went over the top this year. Our TV coverage was broader; we had 2 large billboards in the city, a new sponsor printed up elegant posters and matching tickets and out radio and newspaper coverage filled in the rest. All of this publicity was donated. Last, but by no means least, the members of Halifax Cornwallis worked very hard and diligently to make this all happen.

A cheque for \$40,000 was presented to Phoenix Youth Programs at the end of the evening.

Now that our major event is behind us, the club will turn its attention to our Live Televised Auction to be held in late Spring. Another event is in the planning stages as well. More on that as the plans come together. In the meantime, we wish all our fellow members across the country a warm and wonderful Holiday Season, however you may celebrate it.

*Submitted by  
Sharon Ward*



## Whady'at

National Convention 2006  
September 13-17  
St. John's, NL

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## It's Party Time Again in Saskatoon!

In 2006, Saskatoon Meewasin celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their charter and Saskatoon Downtown will be celebrating 25 years in Progress. Both clubs are planning a joint celebration with a dinner and dance social, **Saturday, April 8**. If you would like to attend, please email either Brent Smith at [brent.smith@rbc.com](mailto:brent.smith@rbc.com) or Orpha Campbell at [ocampbell@sp.canwest.com](mailto:ocampbell@sp.canwest.com) so that we can plan for numbers.

Brent Smith – Saskatoon  
Downtown  
Orpha Campbell – Saskatoon  
Meewasin

# Roadtrip

## CPC Halifax Cornwallis takes a Roadtrip to Moncton

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, four members of the Halifax Cornwallis Club, Patty Baxter, Pat Bowes, Margo MacFarlane and Kathy Grose, took a road trip to Moncton.

The day was bright and sunny and there was much discussion along the way. The purpose was to show our support to the Greater Moncton Women who are having challenges retaining and attracting new members. We were also joined by Eastern Region Vice President, Doug Baker, Bruce Mansour from CPC Halifax, and Michele Russell and Karen Logan from CPC Pictou County.

There were 5-6 potential new members in attendance. The function was held at Chef Scott's Culinary Academy with the remaining three Moncton ladies in attendance. Several of the Greater Moncton men were also in attendance in support of their ladies' club. Heather Drummond, President of CPC Greater Moncton, gave a presentation and then the floor was turned over to each club president to tell a little bit about their club. Others joined in telling these potential members their feeling of what a Progressian is, what being part of

this club has done for them and why we are all proud to be part of this great service organization.

After the meeting concluded, all remained for beverages and hors d'oeuvres. The evening was spent dining and enjoying time with fellow Progressians.

Reports from Moncton indicate that 4 of these ladies have expressed interest in joining the club. Another roadtrip is in the planning stages as a follow up.

*Submitted by  
Patty Baxter*

## Do Not Pass Go Moncton...opoly comes alive

When it comes to fundraisers, members of service organizations like the Canadian Progress Club, are always looking for that one big fundraiser that will move them to the next level. They look for that elusive event that would provide an excellent advertising opportunity for the local businesses while concurrently allowing them to assist in helping the less fortunate citizens in their area.

Well, the members of the Greater Moncton Progress Club, have embarked on such a challenge. Troy Myers the "Project Manager", his hard working committee and the membership have invested a lot of time and money into a project that could potentially make a substantial difference in their city. The project, "Greater Moncton On Board". This will be an extremely exciting, one-of-a-kind fundraising program based on the famous "opoly" style real estate trading game. The game itself will be customized specifically for Greater Moncton and will showcase the businesses and attractions that make it so special. This will be a game Greater Moncton can truly call its own!

Things are going very well and expectations are high. This game has already proved itself a great success in a number of other cities and towns. The same or higher expectations are expected here in Moncton. If all goes well the proceeds will help the Moncton Lions Club Sick Children's Fund.

It will take the dedication and hard work of every member to make this work, and the

Greater Moncton Progress members are definitely up for the challenge.

*Submitted by  
Richard Daley*



# Message From the National President



Greetings fellow Progressians

The New Year is upon us, and we face another challenging year.

The past couple of years have been difficult for all service organizations in Canada, as we have all faced a downward trend.

Our major focus this year is membership.

The challenges continue to be:

- Concentrate on selective growth through the recruitment of quality members.
- Retain the good members we have through continual mentoring and training
- Help aging clubs rediscover their enthusiasm and excitement
- Succession planning at the club level with presidents and officers to develop the future leaders of the organization.

Our goal for 2005-2006 is to increase membership by 60 to 70 members.

Many clubs have held new member recruitment nights, and more are planned.

A number of areas across the country have been identified to charter new clubs.

I would like to thank all the club presidents, zone governors and regional executives for all of their passion and diligence. And most of all, to you, the members, who have worked so hard this past year.

Your continued commitment, dedication and involvement, is vital to the future prosperity of our organization.

Yours for Progress  
Bob Lockhart

## Upfront and Centre



CPC Halifax Cornwallis President-Elect Sharon Ward presents a cheque for \$20,000 to Nova Scotia Special Olympics at their Annual General Meeting in Halifax. The cheque represents proceeds from a Live TV Auction held in late May. The auction is broadcast across the province of Nova Scotia, and in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, almost doubled the revenue brought in. The club designated Special Olympics Nova Scotia as the recipient of proceeds from this event.